

Together



St Alban's  
Catholic Academy  
Newsletter

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Assemblies this week have been packed with sharing the Good News and celebrations. We heard in this week's Gospel how Jesus showed us how to follow God's way, rather than the easier way – having integrity throughout. We considered how we could strive to make the right choices this week.

Year 6 prefects were celebrated in our assemblies, as well as our new members of the Junior Mission Team comprised of Mini Vinnies, CAFOD club and the Chaplaincy Team. The first House Assemblies of the term took place this week and today we celebrated our Trust Mass – taking time to give thanks for being 'together', the theme of our Mass.

*Mrs A M Black, Head of School*

***"As believers, we do not look at the world from without but from within, conscious of the bonds with which the Father has linked us to all beings."***

- Pope Francis

**Pupil of the Week:** Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Year R - Poppy

Year 1 - Willow

Year 2 - Sophia MC

Year 3 - Tommy

Year 4 - Sandra

Year 5 - Phoebe

Year 6 - Mason



**House Points:** Well done to St Theresa!

St Bernadette – 131 points

St Francis – 159 points

St Paul – 133 points

St Theresa – 161 points

St Thomas More – 110 points

St Anne Line – 153 points



**Flu Immunisations:** Children elected to have the Nasal Spray will have received their immunisation today and be bringing home a certificate. If you elected for your child to receive the Flu Injection the nurses will be returning at a later date which we will keep you updated on.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning:** On Thursday 23rd Sept we will hold a coffee morning outside if dry. Please join us by the rear hall doors for a cup of tea or coffee. Cake donations are welcomed on the day (no nuts). Nearly New uniform will be available too. If it is wet, the coffee morning will not be on but we would encourage all to have a tea or coffee back home and consider donating to Macmillan on the gate.

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September) we will be on Week 2.

**Clubs:** Clubs are due to restart for children in KS2. You will now have received an email confirmation if your child secured a club place, please read all emails in full.

**Advanced Notice: there are no clubs on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Year 6 Trip to St Mark's:** On Wednesday Year 6 visited our local Catholic secondary St Mark's to get an idea of what life at secondary school is like. They had a fabulous day. Parents were then given an opportunity to meet Mrs Long (Senior Assistant Head - Pastoral) to find out more about the application process for next year. If you would like further information, see the school's [website](#). If parents wish to make an appointment to see the school, parents can contact St Mark's main office. Remember applications for year 7 must be completed by: 31<sup>st</sup> October follow this link to apply: [Admissions - Essex County Council](#)

**The Two Johns:** On Wednesday children in Key Stage 2 all received a talk about e-safety from the Two Johns. Thank you to all the parents who then joined us for the parent meeting in the evening. The message they give is direct, informative and essential for parents today. If you missed this do look at their [website](#) for further information and guidance on this. Do speak with your child about the talk and their online experience, a leaflet to assist with this is attached.

**Trust Mass:** On Friday we celebrated the start of the year with a Trust Mass at Our Lady of Fatima church. The chaplaincy teams from both schools represented us at the church by reading and presenting some symbols of unity. All classes were able to join virtually. Thank you to our priests (Fr Bogdan, Fr Leszek, Fr John, Fr Bernard, Deacon Michael and Deacon Tony), for their support to all our families and schools.

**Bishop Alan's Parish visit:** Bishop Alan visited Our Lady of Fatima Parish for Confirmations last weekend. It was lovely to see many past-pupils receiving this sacrament. Altar servers from our school served at this Mass and two had the special responsibility of holding Bishop Alan's Staff and Mitre during Mass. Well done to Adam, Nicholas, Kyra and Deajay.

**Head Lice:** Its that time of year again where we are asking you to be vigilant for head lice. Please regularly check your child's hair. Advice for treatment can be located [here](#).

**Mass Times:**

A Special Children's Mass is being held at The Assumption of Our Lady on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, at 12 noon.

Usual Sunday Mass times are 10am and 6pm

<http://www.catholicchurchoftheassumption.co.uk/>

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Mass times are STM Church 8.30am

OLF Church: Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish)

<https://olfstm.weebly.com/>

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesdays** KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Flu immunisations (YR-Y6)

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept Year 5 Library Visit

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept MacMillan Coffee Morning

**Also Attached:**

RE Autumn Newsletter

MacMillan Coffee Poster

Let's Talk About Life Online

*Through God's love we learn together, grow together and achieve together.*

