



"Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all" This was the message we heard from the Gospel this week. Our school values encourage us to think of others. The students can give many examples of ways they can show respect, kindness, giving and encouragement.

Our Junior Mission Teams focus on thinking of others. The Chaplaincy Team supported the liturgy very well at our Trust Mass last week. Fr Leszek and Fr Bernard offered a very special blessing for our schools. CAFOD Club met for the first time in the new term this week and our Mini Vinnies, with a motto of "See, think, do" celebrate their Patrons Feast Day on Monday. The Mini Vinnies have made a card to send to our local SVP group on this Feast Day.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"We celebrate the memorial of St Vincent de Paul Patron of charitable organisations. May St Vincent's example lead all of us to joyful and disinterested service to the most in need and open us to hospitality and the gift of life."

- Pope Francis

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

Year R - Param
Year 1 - Hayden
Year 2 - Chloe
Year 3 - Jude
Year 4 - Anwen
Year 5 - Julia



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

St Bernadette – 92 points

St Francis – 105 points

St Paul – 95 points

St Theresa – 103 points


St Thomas More – 78 points

St Anne Line – 88 points



Free School Meals: Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from **low income families** are eligible from **Year 3**. If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application if you want your child to receive a free school meal from September.

Applications can be made at www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by calling 0345 603 2200.

 **MacMillan Coffee Morning:** Thank you to all parents who have donated to this cause. Donations can still be received this coming week from the gate.


Year 6 Residential: This week our Year 6 children have been having great fun and wonderful weather on their residential at Gilwell Scout Grounds. They have shown brilliant teamwork and resilience over their week and attempted lots of new challenges. I know you will look forward to having them home with you this evening; they will certainly sleep well!

Parents in year 5: We will be evaluating and looking into booking a residential for next year. Do take this opportunity to talk with parents about the experience. It really is a worthwhile experience for your children.



Dr Bike! We have been fortunate to have gained a free visit from the Dr Bike team on Thursday 7th October. Bikes can be registered prior to the day. Pupils cycling to school can then leave their bike with the Dr. Bike in the morning who will then run a check on the bike and leave a note of work done and any advisory follow up work. Please see the attached letter for more details and how to register.

Bike to School Week: 27th Sep – 1st Oct
Bike to School Week is a week-long event across the UK to encourage families to cycle and scoot to school. It's a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings. All families that fill in our [short online form](#) to tell the Harlow Sustrans Team their children will take part will automatically be entered into a free prize draw to **win a Frog bike**.

 **Uniform:** Please remember that should you wish to purchase any items from our Nearly New uniform supplies to contact the school office with your requirements adminstalbands@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk to check availability as supplies are regularly restocked.

Do refer to the parent handbook for uniform details. Please remember hair ties are to be in school colours.

Gate Opening Times:

8:40am – 8:55am - after this time your child will be marked as late.
3.15pm – End of the school day

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 27th September) we will be on Week 3.

Mass Times:

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)
Mon 27th-Fri 1st Oct Bike to School Week

Thurs 30th Sept Year 6 Library Visit
Weds 6th Oct Multiplication
Check virtual meeting for y3 and 4 parents
(details to follow next week)

Thurs 7th Oct Dr Bike morning
Thurs 7th Oct Year 6 Library Visit