



The Baptism of the Lord was the Gospel for this week. We listened to the Gospel from St Luke when John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan. Together we reflected on how water gives life and how blessed holy water is used in the sacrament of Baptism. In prayer, we gave thanks to God for the life it bring.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"We are God's beloved children. This is our deepest identity." - Pope Francis

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

Year R - Jeremy
Year 1 - Nathaneal
Year 2 - Rebecca
Year 3 - Jason
Year 4 - Isla
Year 5 - Daniel
Year 6 - James



House Points: Well done to **St Thomas More!**

St Bernadette - 120 points
St Francis - 119 points
St Paul - 128 points
St Theresa - 139 points
St Thomas More - 142 points
St Anne Line - 107 points



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.**

New Reception: Applications for Reception class next year **close tomorrow on 15th January 2022**, you need to have applied via: [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#). **All applications to St Alban's will additionally require a SIF to be completed which can be found [here](#) on our website or requested from the school office.**

Attached you can find a school readiness programme with free activities to help your child become ready for school.

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service will be attending the school next week to deliver some vital safety lessons in line with the children's current learning topics to some of our classes. Please remember to check your child's class page on our [website](#) to see what they have been up to.

Scooters & Bikes: Please dismount from scooters and bikes when on school grounds, this applies to both children and adults.

Punctuality: It is important that your child attends school on time every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances, every school day counts. Children's learning starts at 8.55am, please ensure you allow plenty of time for your morning school journeys to ensure your child arrives on time.

Twice weekly LFT: With the rise in COVID-19 infections in primary school age children, we encourage you to help limit the spread of the infection by testing your child twice-weekly. You can collect Lateral Flow Test kits from your local pharmacy using one of the codes provided [Here](#)

With the change in rules can we ask that if your child has a positive Lateral Flow Test you log it immediately on the GOV website found [Here](#) and send the result to the school.

Princess Alexander Hospital: We received a lovely thank you for the messages and readings the children created, please have a look at the attached.

Spring Dinner Day! There will be a change to the dinner menu for next **Thursday 20th January**. A popular dinner choice with our students has been selected to encourage all children to try a school dinner on this day.

Meatballs in a Sweet Tomato Sauce served with Seasoned Wedges and Sweetcorn or Jacket Potato (Baked Beans & Salad Bar available) Chocolate Crispy Cakes

Lego Magazine: If your child is between the ages of 5 and 9 you can get them a FREE subscription [here](#) to the LEGO Life Magazine. The magazine is delivered directly to your home four times a year. Even shipping is free!

Cathedral Chorister invite: Please see attached poster for 8yrs+

Rare Productions: Please see attached poster regarding open auditions for **8yrs +**

Recycle your Old Stamps: Thank you to all for the used stamps we have been receiving. It's not too late if you have a few extra at home, just hand in at the school gate to help raise vital funds for [Support Dogs](#). Ensure you **leave a 1cm border around** your used stamp.

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 17th January) we will be on Week 1 and there is a change to the menu on Thursday 20th January for our Spring Dinner Day!



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 Sunday 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 17 th Jan	KS2 Clubs Start
Mon 17 th Jan	Y2 & Y6 ECFRS Lesson
Weds 19 th Jan	Y6 & Y1 ECFRS Lesson
Thurs 20 th Jan	Y4 Swimming lessons
Thurs 20 th Jan	YR Library Visit
Fri 25 th Feb	Y2 Class Assembly
Thurs 27 th Jan	YR Library Visit
Mon 28 th Feb	School Photo's

Attached:

- Thanks, from PAH
- Cathedral Chorister
- Rare ACL Family Learning
- Productions Poster
- School Readiness Poster

