



By RB

St Mark's Gospel this week, about Jesus calming the storm, reminded us that in times of trouble in our lives, we can turn to Jesus and ask for his help. We considered too how we can ask Jesus for help in working to our school values. A pupil in year 5 wrote this prayer:

Dear God, Thank you for all our school values. Not just about ourselves but about others. Help me to be curious. Help me to challenge myself. Help me to be resilient. Help me to have integrity. Help me to be positive. Help me to be kind, be respectful, forgiving, encouraging and giving. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to live a life, Amen.

Several of our students will celebrate their First Holy Communion this Sunday – we hope their day will be very special for them as they receive this sacrament.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

“We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we flounder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives ”

- Pope Francis

In March last year, at the start of the first lockdown, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel of Jesus calming the storm in his [Urbi et Orbi speech](#) (to the city and to the world). I include here a link to this reflection if any parents wish to read this as it fits so well with this week's Gospel.

Mass: This Tuesday is the Feast of St Peter and Paul – Mass will be available to the students virtually.

Masses are available to attend at both Our Lady of Fatima Parish and The Church of the Assumption in Old Harlow. If you haven't been to Church for a while and are wondering how the services are running during these times, do speak to Mrs Black on the gate who is happy to answer any questions.

The Mass times are:

Saturday	6.00pm	OLF
Sunday	8.30am	STM
	10.00am	AOL
	10.30am	OLF
	12.15pm	OLF (Polish)
	6.00pm	AOL

OLF Our Lady of Fatima Church CM20 2NS
STM St Thomas More Church CM20 1NW
AOL The Assumption of our Lady CM17 OHA

School Site: Please note no children should be on the school site before 8.40am unless they are booked into breakfast club.

Farewell: This week we said goodbye to Mrs Constable who is moving out of the County. We thank her for all her work at both schools and wish her good luck in her new role.

Pupil of the Week: Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:
Reception – Willow & Liam
Year 1 – Carrol
Year 2 – Benjamin
Year 3 – James & Marcel
Year 4 – Rose
Year 5 – Oscar & Mason
Year 6 – Oscar



House Points: Well done to St Francis!
St Bernadette – 271 points
St Francis – 366 points
St Paul – 280 points
St Theresa – 347 points
St Thomas More – 299 points
St Anne Line – 315 points



Nearly New uniform: On one afternoon in the last week or so of term, we would like to have a Nearly New Uniform sale. If you have any nearly New uniform you would like to donate for this, please hand it items to **Mrs Black on the gate before Friday 2nd July**. We can accept PE wear, coats, trainers, plimsolls and bags too!

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society
Details on the 'Relay 100' summer community event can be found [here](#).

Breakfast at Home: Family Action are pleased to share their new [breakfast at home](#) area on their website which provides parents with tools to support providing a low cost, nutritious daily breakfast

Online Safety: Did you know ... there is an iplayer kids! It is a new free app where you can find favourite CBBC and CBeebies shows in a safe and easy to use app. Follow this link to download the app: [BBC iPlayer - iPlayer Kids](#)

Holiday Clubs: A new [film](#) featuring Marcus Rashford MBE has been launched which calls parents to sign up their children to the Government's Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

Upcoming Dates:

29th June St Peter and Paul Mass (virtual)

1st July Transition Day (whole school)

14th July Last day for Pre-School

16th July Last Day of Term for YR – Y6

1pm finish

Other Dates: Due to the delay in easing restrictions across the country we are unable to hold the Strawberry Teas that we had planned and some of our transition events. More details will follow over the coming weeks.

Term Dates: 2021-2022 available [here](#)

