



We gathered in assembly to hear the Gospel for the Feast of Christ the King. The students shared world leaders they knew of and considered their role – especially the role of Pope Francis. We considered Jesus' example of leadership from the Gospel "I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me." John 18: 37 May God help us hear his Living Word speak to us.

The Chaplaincy Team have been speaking to the students about the Travelling Crib, which you are invited to host for a night.

Mini Vinnies are also hosting a cake sale to raise funds for the homeless – please see the attached poster.

CAFOD club have been keeping the momentum for Care of our Common World following COP26 and have chosen 3 things to focus on over the year which they will share soon.

I wish you all a good weekend as we celebrate the start of Advent.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"God does not love you because you behave well. He loves you, plain and simple. His love is unconditional; it does not depend on you." – Pope Francis

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

Year R – Olivia Year 1 – Mark
Year 2 – Sophia C Year 3 – Jesse
Year 4 – Tate Year 5 – Onyi & Nina
Year 6 – Kyra



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

St Bernadette – 145 points

St Francis – 201 points

St Paul – 148 points

St Theresa – 198 points

St Thomas More – 188 points

St Anne Line – 199 points



Travelling Crib: We are pleased to be able to invite you again to take our nativity crib into your home for one night. As a family, you can unpack the box and set up the crib scene. There will be a candle, song, prayer and a book of the Nativity story, which can be read to the children, telling the Christmas story. The children can also draw a picture or write a prayer inspired by the night your family had the travelling crib (these may be displayed in our school too). The crib scene will then need to be carefully packed away and taken back to the school office the next day so that it can visit another family's house. **If you would like to take part, please email the school office and your name will be added to the list.**

Christmas Pantomime: As a special treat for the children, we have arranged for Hurricane Productions to perform "Aladdin" in school on Friday 3rd December. The performance will be for the whole school, and we are asking to help cover the cost a voluntary contribution of £3.60 per child which can be made online through Arbor.

Christmas Dinner: Please see attached the menu for our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 8th December. Children will be able to order in class on the day. Please ensure their Arbor meals account is in credit for their dinner cost. Christmas Dinner will be charged at the normal school meal price of £2.20.

Clubs: The last session for staff led clubs this term will be on Monday 29th November. Karate club last session will be 2nd December. Let's Play Football last session is 8th December.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week (w/c 29th November) we will be on Week 2, **please note there will be an amendment on Tuesday 30th November to Pizza.**

Children in Need: Thank-you all for your support with our non-uniform day, together we have raised an amazing **£191.65**.

Winter Reading Challenge: Essex Libraries Services are launching their [Winter Reading Challenge](#) on Saturday 27 November 2021 and we would love our children and their families to take part. Visit the local library, sign up and collect one of their exclusive giant bookmarks, which will be stamped with a special woodland creature stamp for each book read. The aim is to read six books over the winter period and receive a large golden star on completion of the challenge. Everyone who signs up will also be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win some fantastic prizes.

Recycle your Old Stamps: We will be collecting used stamps over Christmas to donate and help raise vital funds for [Support Dogs](#). Start collecting your used stamps from letters, parcels and postcards ensuring you **leave a 1cm border around them**. These can be handed in at the gate.



New Reception: Applications for Reception class next year need to be applied for via: [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#) by the 15th January 2022. **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.**

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/>

HARLOW CATHOLIC CHURCH' CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Church	Location	24th December		25th December
		First Mass of Christmas: For Family / Children	Early-Midnight Mass	Christmas Day
St Thomas More	CM20 1TN		10.30pm	8.30am
Our Lady of Fatima	CM20 2NS	6pm	11.30pm in Polish	10.30am - 12.15pm in Polish
The Assumption of Our Lady	CM17 0HA	5pm	10pm	10am
Holy Cross	CM18 6JJ	6.30pm	11pm	11am

Attending larger school events: We would like to ask that all parents who attend a school event show/provide proof of a negative LFT test.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesdays KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd)

Weds 1st Dec Reception craft afternoon
Thurs 2nd Dec Year 1 Library visit
Thurs 2nd Dec Mini Vinnies Cake Sale
Thurs 2nd Dec Last swimming lesson for Year 5
Fri 3rd Dec School Panto - Aladdin
Weds 8th Dec Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Thurs 9th Dec Year 1 Library visit
Mon 13th Dec KS2 Carols & Reading Service (OLOF Church, parents welcome)

Weds 15th Dec Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
Fri 17th Dec EYFS Nativity
1pm Finish for End of Term

