

With the dawn  
of redeeming  
grace



St Alban's  
Catholic Academy  
Newsletter

[www.st-albans.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-albans.essex.sch.uk)



@stalbandsHarlow

[adminstalbands@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk](mailto:adminstalbands@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk)

**During this last week of term, the Christmas Story has been retold by the students through Carols, readings and Nativities. The students have done so well with beautiful singing, acting and reading. And the Christmas Spirit has been evident all round school this week with many house points given out for kind actions to each other. On the third week of advent where we have focussed on Joy, it has been so lovely to have so much joy around.**

**We wish all our families a very happy and Holy Christmas.**

**Mrs A M Black, Head of School**

**"Accompanied by the Mother of Jesus on the journey towards Christmas...let us make an effort to rediscover the great hope and joy brought to us by the coming of the Son of God into the world."** - Pope Francis

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

Year R – Kaira  
Year 1 – Whole class  
Year 2 – Whole class  
Year 3 – Oliver  
Year 4 – Mia  
Year 5 – Kacper  
Year 6 – Samuel



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

**St Bernadette** – 299 points

**St Francis** – 268 points

**St Paul** – 288 points

**St Theresa** – 184 points

**St Thomas More** – 188 points

**St Anne Line** – 249 points



**Christmas Masses:**

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

**A reconciliation service is offered this Sunday at 5pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church**



**Thank you**

Thank you, parents, for all your kind gifts and messages. The staffroom certainly has been full of lovely treats this week.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly this term to ensure your children receive the best experience at school.

**Princess Alexandra Hospital:** Currently when once more the NHS is working incredibly hard our children have risen to the challenge. Earlier this month all the classes have recorded carols for the hospital radio. These will be shared with the patients over the Christmas holiday. Each class have also created a large, laminated card with "Postcards to Patients", sharing messages to cheer up all those who will be in hospital over the Christmas period. I know they will be gratefully received.

**Christmas Carol Services and Nativities**

Thank you so much for joining us this week for our beautiful services and plays. The children were so excited to have an audience once more. They all performed confidently and re-told the Christmas story with such enthusiasm. We are all very proud of them.

**Dinner Menu:** Our dinner menu can be located [here](#). On our return in January (w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> January) we will be on Week 2.

Please note there is a change to the menu for our first day back on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to

**Pepperoni Pizza**

OR

**Cheese & Tomato Pizza**

Also available

**Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese, Baked Beans**

**Winter Reading Challenge:** Essex Libraries Services have launched their [Winter Reading Challenge](#). Don't forget to visit the local library and sign up, the aim is to read six books.

**Flu Immunisations:** Local clinics are now available for any pupils who missed their vaccination when the immunisation team visited the school. Please see the attached flyer for details.

**Email Addresses:** If you have any work or pictures completed at home that you would like to send to the class teacher, please use Teams for KS2 or your child's class email address for KS1 (*class email addresses can be confirmed with the class teacher or school office*).

**Recycle your Old Stamps:** Remember we are collecting your used stamps in at the school gate to help raise vital funds for [Support Dogs](#). Ensure you leave **a 1cm border around** your used stamp.



**Community Embrace:** Based at The GPCA Playbarn in Staple Tye (CM18 6YJ), the Pantry is open to all local residents. Annual membership scheme and weekly session costs apply. For more information, including membership registration, volunteering or donations, you can contact them via email [communityembraceuk@gmail.com](mailto:communityembraceuk@gmail.com).

**Rainbow Services:** Rainbow Services recently opened a new Community Hub in Harlow, available to all Harlow residents which runs until April 2022. They offer a range of services for residents affected by crisis situations, as well as information on community and social activities, access to volunteering and regular workshops. You can visit their [website](#) and contact on telephone 01279 210404 or email [harlowcommunityhub@rainbowservices.org.uk](mailto:harlowcommunityhub@rainbowservices.org.uk)

**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)

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Jan Inset Day - no school for pupils

**Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan All pupils return**

Also Attached:

- SCH Christmas Tree Recycling
- Barrington's Jingle Bell Sleigh Route
- Flu Clinics
- Covid vaccination walk in clinic
- Winter Families Wellbeing
- Essex Libraries Winter Reading Challenge

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

