



We have been concentrating on how we can help make people feel welcome this week, following the Gospel reading of St Luke where Jesus was not so welcome in his hometown of Nazareth.

A simple smile can help others feel welcome, as well as listening well and making room for them, were ideas that were shared.

It has been lovely to listen to the students many aspirations and wonderful to have parents share information about their careers too, as part of our Aspirations week. From farmers, chefs and police to vets, the future roles of our students may be very varied indeed – Good Luck everyone in achieving your aspirations

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

“God is a compassionate Father who always takes care of us.”

- Pope Francis

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

Year R - Freddy
Year 1 - Jaxon
Year 2 - Kamsi
Year 3 – Isabelle
Year 4 – James
Year 5 – Rianne
Year 6 – Ephraim



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

St Bernadette – 111 points
St Francis – 171 points
St Paul – 136 points
St Theresa – 169 points
St Thomas More – 144 points
St Anne Line – 147 points



Aspirations Week: Thank you to all the parents who have given their time to talk or write to the children about their wonderful jobs. Those students who had 'take over' roles performed their duties very well, too. There has been much talk from the children all week about different roles they would do in the future. They enjoyed the dressing up day, with so many varied career ideas. Well done to all!

Two of our students dressed up as Police Officers and were spotted by real PCs as they headed home. Those real PCs came over to them and gave our students stickers!

ACL: FREE sessions that may be of interest from ACL Essex Community and Family Learning are attached. You can view their Events page on Facebook for direct links to all sessions, or visit the website: www.aclessex.com/community-family-learning/

Attendance: The Academy is continuously focusing on attendance and punctuality. It is important that your child attends school on time every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances, every school day counts. We expect children's attendance to be above 97% for the academic year and need your support to ensure we hit this important mark. Please note that as a school we have a COVID risk assessment in place to help us prevent the spread with the school. We have maintained regular hand washing as well as ventilating the class rooms and regular cleaning of materials.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society: has several charity places for **The Vitality London 10K** run taking place on **Monday 2nd May 2022**. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of **£250** before Gift Aid is asked which will go towards supporting children's mental health and wellbeing services in schools throughout Essex and East London. All information can be found at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/vitality-london-10k>

School Website: Please do remember to regularly check your [child's class page](#) and the [school website](#) for all the latest news on what our children have been up to.

Meals Accounts: Please check your child's meals account to ensure it is in a credit or zero balance. School dinners are charged at £2.20 per day for children in KS2.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 7th February) we will be on Week 1.

COVID-19: If your child tests positive on an LFD test, they should isolate immediately and for the next 10 days, they do not require a PCR test. **Please log the result immediately on the GOV website found [Here](#) and send the result to the school.** If they get a negative LFD test on day 5 and 6 (24 hours apart) they can then return to school on day 6. The day symptoms started, or the test was taken if no symptoms is counted as day 0.

Please see attached an isolation flow chart that shows when to end self-isolation.

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

Gate Opening Times:

8:40am – 8.55am - after this time your child will be marked as late.
3.15pm – End of the school day

Mass Times:

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/>

Old Harlow Church: Usual Sunday Mass times are 10am and 6pm

<http://www.catholicchurchoftheassumption.co.uk/>

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesdays KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd)

Fri 11th Feb	3.15pm Finish - Half Term
Mon 21 st Feb	Children return to school
Fri 25 th Feb	Y2 Class Assembly
Tues 22 nd Feb	Year 5 visit to St Mark's
Mon 28 th Feb	School Photo's

Attached:

- Isolation Flow Chart
- ACL Courses WB 07.02.22

