



On hearing Jesus' call to follow him, from the Gospel this week, the disciples listened to Jesus, trusted in him and followed. We have reflected on how we might show that we want to do this. The students gave many examples which can be summarised as: We can listen to the Word from the Bible, trust in Jesus by making right choices, pray and treat others kindly.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

**"Dear young people, Jesus wants to be your friend, and wants you to spread the joy of this friendship everywhere."**

- Pope Francis

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

Year R - Elsie

Year 1 - Cliyon

Year 2 - Chae

Year 5 - Allister

Year 3 - Milosz

Year 4 - Donald

Year 6 - Danika



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

**St Bernadette** – 138 points

**St Francis** – 151 points

**St Paul** – 134 points

**St Theresa** – 176 points

**St Thomas More** – 184 points

**St Anne Line** – 154 points



**Children's Mental Health Week** As part of this week it has been a further opportunity to talk to children about worries, growth mindset and the things we need from ourselves and from the adults around us to ensure we grow, and most importantly, about what to do if they don't feel okay.

**Synod:** In October the Pope opened a special SYNOD (meeting) with the theme: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission." He is eager to know the views of all Catholics and their experience within their catholic communities. In doing this he hopes to develop the church of the future. Here at the trust the children have been asked important questions about their experience of faith both at school and in their parish. We will be sharing our thoughts with other Catholic schools in Harlow and then with Bishop Alan.



**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that when we return after Half Term (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February) we will be on Week 2.

**Farewell:** St Alban's sends good wishes to Mrs Copsey (Finance Manager) who leaves today after 11 1/2 years of working at our school. We thank her for helping so many pupils during this time and for her work as part of a Team and wish her all the best for her future.

**PE Kit day is changing:** PE kit day will be a **Thursday** from after half term. Those students who attend after-school football on a Tuesday should bring in kit to change into.

**Clubs:** Staff run clubs will resume on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 however please note there will be no Staff run clubs on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**.

**Library Visit:** Do take the time to visit the library over the half term holiday. Also see attached details on an upcoming Love Your Library event.

*"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."* – Walt Disney

**Safer Internet Day 2022:** The students had lessons and workshops for safer internet day. Some posters they produced are attached. We do continue e-safety lessons throughout the year as part of our curriculum. There is some useful information for parents on the [NSPCC website on Safer Internet Day](#). The following link has particular information on checking content, who could have contact, is the game affecting behaviour and in-app purchasing aspects to be aware of. [NSPCC - online games](#)

**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.

**Appointments and Illness:** Parents must inform the school office of any appointments or illness of your child/ren. If you have passed a message onto another staff member or teacher, please ensure that you have additionally informed the office directly. This can be via email, phone, or voicemail.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:** has several charity places for **The Vitality London 10K** run taking place on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**. All information can be found at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/vitality-london-10k>

**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.

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:**

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:**

**Thursdays** KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd)

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

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**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Children return to school**

Year 5 visit to St Mark's

**PE Kit day**

**Year 4 Swimming Lesson**

Y2 Class Assembly

School Photo's

*Wishing you all a wonderful and restful  
Half Term break*

