



Pope Francis prayer intentions for May are for young people. This week we have shared the Pope's video message to our students, to encourage and inspire them:

When I think of a model with whom young people can identify with, our Mother, Mary, always comes to mind: her courage, the way she knew how to listen, and her dedication to service.

She was courageous and determined to say "yes" to the Lord.

You young people, who want to build something new, a better world, follow her example, take risks! Don't forget that in order to follow Mary you need to discern and discover what Jesus wants from you, not what you might think you can do. And in this discernment, it's a great help to listen to the words of grandparents. In those words of grandparents, you will find a wisdom that will take you beyond the issues of the moment.

They will provide an overview of your concerns.

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, so that all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may discover in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage of faith, and dedication to service.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"The Rosary is a school of Prayer. The Rosary is a school of Faith."

- Pope Francis

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

Year R - Lia

Year 1 – Justina

Year 2 – Aleks

Year 3 - Joe

Year 4 – Ashley

Year 5 – Wiktoria

Year 6 – Nicholas



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

St Bernadette – 80 points

St Francis – 73 points

St Paul – 116 points

St Theresa – 110 points

St Thomas More – 54 points

St Anne Line – 84 points



Rosary in May

We will be praying the Rosary together in May on Wednesday mornings. Parents are welcome to join us – please come to the main office at 8.55am.

Students are encouraged to bring a rosary in on Wednesdays.

The Essex Year of Reading app: The Essex Year of Reading is a countywide campaign created to help children and young people discover a lifelong love of reading and ensure every Essex child can read at their age level or better. There is a FREE app available (please see QR code on attached poster) designed to inspire you or your child to read with confidence. Use the free digital library to enjoy immersive audio readings, animations, quizzes and download texts to read offline anytime, anywhere.

For more information please [click here](#).

Guidance for Hot Weather: Shaded areas are available for pupils on the playground. Staff are mindful about the length of time children will be exposed to direct sunshine. Hats are recommended for sunny days, and it is the parent's responsibility to provide these for children (please label these). Any sun cream should be applied by parents before school. Sun cream is not to be brought into school. No sunglasses are allowed unless required by doctor's recommendation.



Scooter Safety: On Wednesday students were encouraged to cycle or scooter to school to support Bike to School Day. It was wonderful to see so many children participating in this, 62% of the whole school - incredible, we do hope the bike shed continues to remain so full! Please have a look at [Cbeebies top scooter safety tips](#).

Harlow Playhouse & Harlow Council have teamed up with High Street Safari to run a free story-trail in Harlow Town Centre from April 30th until June 12th, as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This innovative experience let's family choose what happens in the story and is completely contactless, with anyone with a smartphone being able to take part for free. Players will not only discover cute characters along the route, but they also get to see them burst to life in augmented reality and take selfies and record videos with them! Please find attached colouring sheets where children can enter a competition to have their works displayed on the trail, with £20 gift voucher being awarded to ten lucky national winners, as well as their winning entry printed as a specially designed commemorative poster. Once the pack has been completed please submit before June 12th 2022, via highstreetsafari.com/jubilee-comp.

Dinner Menu: Our Summer Term dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website and next week we'll be on Week 1 (w/c Monday 9th May).

Vaccination of 5–11-year-olds: Parents and carers of all 5 to 11 year olds are now able to book a COVID-19 vaccination for their child. The national booking service opened on **Saturday 2 April 2022**. To book a COVID vaccination for all eligible age groups please visit the [NHS national booking service](#) or dial 119.

COVID-19 continues to be a virus that [we learn to live with](#) and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

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 EYFS, KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd)

Fri 13th May

Fri 20th May

Tues 24th May

Thurs 26th May

Fri 27th May

Weds 8th June

Fri 10th June

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day
Year 3 Class Assembly 9.10am
(Year 3 parents welcome)
The Queens Platinum Jubilee
School Celebration (non
uniform; red/white/blue)
Sports Day (details attached)
3.15pm finish for half term
All children return to school
Year 5 Gibberd Garden Trip

