

# St Alban's **Catholic Academy** Newsletter

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St Peter and St Paul's Feast Day was celebrated this week with the whole school attending Mass. It was lovely to see so many of our families at this Mass too. Our year 6 students wrote and read the bidding prayers and all sang so well. Fr Leszek led us to reflect on how the apostles, St Peter, as the first Pope and St Paul as the writer of many letters, spread the Good News to so many people. The students considered how we can do this through kind actions to others.

## Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Proceed calmly in life." - Pope Francis

Pupil of the Week: Pupils who gained a certificate this week are: Year R - Elsie

Year 1 – William

Year 2 – Oskar & Sophia



Year 3 – Benjamin

Year 4 – Bernise

Year 5 – Serena & Michael Year 6 – Danika

House Points: Well done to St Anne Line!

St Bernadette – 102 points St Francis – 126 points St Paul - 67 points St Theresa – 102 points St Thomas More – 57 points St Anne Line – 170 points



Chickenpox Guidance: Chickenpox remains within our school community. Any child with chickenpox needs to remain at home until all the spots have formed a scab. Further information and guidance can be found here.

Dinner Menu: Our Summer Term dinner menu can be located here on our website and next week we will be on Week 2 (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July).

Free School Meals: Automatic entitlement to free school meals finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3. An application for your child to receive a free school meal must be made here or by calling 0345 603 2200.

PE Kits: In September we will be returning to having PE Kits kept in school and children will change whilst at school for their relevant PE lessons. Parents will need to ensure their children have a full labelled PE kit in a blue kit bag in school at the start of the term. These will be sent home half termly for washing. The Parent Handbook has the PE kit list. Tracksuits need to be plain navy blue. Children should have plimsolls in school for indoor PE and children may wish to have trainers in school. These need to be black or white and it may help the children to change quickly for playtime if they have velcro.

Clubs: All staff run clubs have now finished for the Summer Term.

Parent Consultations: These are on Monday and Tuesday this week – please ensure you have booked your session.

Open Classroom: After school on Monday 11th July parents are invited into class with their child/ren to see displays and work from this year. Next year's classroom may also be visited to see the next step in learning.

Green Day: The School Council have been working on celebrating Essex Green Day – On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July students may wear non-uniform with a green theme or an item of green e.g. jeans and a green t-shirt / socks etc. We will have a donation pot on the gate for split funds between St Francis Charity (Catholic concern for animals) and CAFOD support of initiatives supporting communities to grow food.

Harlow Library/ACL Launch Event: You are invited to the launch celebrations on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10am-4pm in the new refurbished Harlow Town Library. Please find more information here about what's on!

Summer Reading Challenge This year Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge theme is Gadgeteers! Follow this link for more information and to join in all the reading fun! Children can also take part in the reading challenge online on the Gadgeteers website.

Online Safety Awareness - The 2 John are running a parent/carer online safety session that will look at the online world and how young people are using it. It will explore how they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without parents' knowledge. The session will be via zoom on 11th July at 7.30pm, <u>click here to join</u>.

Essex Year of Reading have shared that they are launching The Reading in Unusual Places challenge starting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The challenge is calling for residents to share a photo of themselves or a family member, reading in weird and wonderful places across the county and is open to children, young people and adults. To enter, simply share your picture to Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #ReadingInUnusualPlaces, or tag @EssexCountyCouncil on Facebook.

Term Dates: New school term 2022-2023 dates are available on the school website.

Harlow Holiday Lunch Club: Provide food, fun, fitness and friendship to some families (not just children but parents/carers too) in the school holidays at FREE family lunch clubs based in 3 churches across Harlow (St Paul's, St Mary at Latton and St Stephen's). See www.harlowlunch.org.uk for more information.

Arbor Accounts: Please can you ensure that all payments on your Arbor accounts are up to date. All accounts should be in either a clear or positive balance.

Essential Living Fund: With a surge in fuel, food and energy prices many of us are facing tough decisions and challenges right now. If you are facing hardship, you can get help with your essential household costs. More information can details on applying can be found 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	EYFS, KS1	and KS2	PE	(PE	kit	rqd	)
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Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Start of Y6 Activity Week
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Virtual Parent Consultations
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Face to Face Parent
	Consultations
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Green Day
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year R Class Assembly 9.05am
	(Year R parents welcome)
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer Day
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Last club session with Shinseikyu
	Karate Academy
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Open classroom 3.15-4.15pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5&6 Production
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 St Mark's Day Visit
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Mass & Awards
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Summer Term –
	All children finish 1pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Year R to Y6 return to school
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Pre-School return to school



