



The Gospel this week invited us to reflect on avoid the desire to have more – particularly money – but rather to want to do more to help each other.

Tomorrow is the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham – also known as Our Lady of England. I wanted to share a prayer for her from Brentwood Diocese you may wish to say as a family:

O Mary, teach us to accept God's will, in the spirit of the Annunciation. Visit us in our need as you visited Elizabeth. Bring us forth in grace as you brought forth Jesus in the flesh. Present us in the temple of the Father and help us find Jesus in the midst of us.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"The Gospel calls individual Christians to live lives of honesty. Integrity and concern for the common good." - **Pope Francis**

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

Year R - Wiktorina and Aiden

Year 1 – Kate and Lia

Year 2 – Violet-Rose and Finley

Year 3 – Rhys and Sophia S

Year 4 – Louis and Mason

Year 5 – Chima and Isla

Year 6 – Oscar and Julia

Special Double House Points:

Well done to **St Theresa!**

St Bernadette – 184 points

St Francis – 206 points

St Paul – 155 points

St Theresa – 218 points

St Thomas More – 157 points

St Anne Line – 165 points

Reading Surveys

Reading is an essential skill for children to have so that they are able to learn. Our curriculum is filled with lots of exciting books for the children to experience. Each topic starts with a Hook with a Book. See the list here for all our hooks this term!

Year 1 - The [Lighthouse](#) Keeper's Lunch

Year 2 - [Henry](#) the Explorer

Year 3 - Pebble in my [Pocket](#)

Year 4 - Bill's [New](#) Frock

Year 5 - [Secrets](#) of a Sun King

Year 6 - [Goodnight](#) Mr Tom

We would really like to know what books you enjoy to help us support your children in becoming life long readers. Please take a few minutes to [complete our survey](#) as it will really help us to support your child in school.

Come and See - As part of our distinctive Catholic Curriculum we use a scheme called Come and See to teach Religious Education. The newsletter for the term is attached today for you to see the topics and themes we cover as well as the special feast days we celebrate over this term.

Jigsaw Theme -Being Me in my World

Each half term in our Personal Social and Health education lessons we have a set theme. The current topic is: Being Me in my World. Each week all the children throughout the school reflect on an area that they can see in their everyday behaviours. Our focus this week we are celebrating people who: Think about everyone's right to learn.

School Governor: Our school is seeking to appoint a Local Governor to support the ongoing improvement in our school. We are particularly looking for people with skills in strategic leadership and business support. If you feel you can help, please speak with our Head of School, who can give you a little more information and who will then arrange a meeting with Mr Kendal.

Tours for Reception Intake 2023:

If your child will be Reception age for September 2023, we are running tours of the school on the following dates and times.

Thursday 6th October at 2pm

Thursday 10th November at 9.10am

Monday 21st November at 3.30pm

Do contact the office on 01279 425383 if you would like to book a place.

Headlice: We are asking parents to be vigilant regarding head lice. Please regularly check your child's hair. Advice for treatment can be located [here](#).

Secondary Admission for September 2023:

Applications for secondary places opened on Monday 12th September. This is for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2023. Applications can be made at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions and close on 31st October 2022.

Free School Meals: Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3. If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application if you want your child to receive a free school meal from September. Applications can be made at www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by calling 0345 603 2200

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on Week 2 (Monday 26th Sept).

Term Dates: New school term 2022-2023 dates are available on the [school website](#).

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:

Old Harlow - 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:

Tuesday 1st Nov: All Saints Day Mass

[Click here for St Alban's Key Dates 22-23](#)

