



The Gospel this week invited us to reflect on Faith: to trust in God and to believe in God.

We explored how we can show our Faith in our actions by choosing to follow God's ways and doing things we know we should do – not just for reward – but because we know it is the right thing to do – (like our school value of Integrity).

Year 5 led the first whole School Rosary of the new academic year beautifully. They shared some lovely prayers too as shown above. During October we say a decade of the rosary every week together on Wednesday at 9am. Parents are welcome to join us – please go to the school office straight after drop off.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength!"

Pope Francis

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

- Year R – Elizabeth and William
- Year 1 – Claude and Elsie
- Year 2 – Nathan and Lyla
- Year 3 – Oskar and Sophia S
- Year 4 – Kiera and Lilly
- Year 5 – Whole Class and Bernise
- Year 6 – Whole Class



Special Double House Points:

Well done to **St Paul!**

St Bernadette – 178 points

St Francis – 138 points

St Paul – 227 points

St Theresa – 181 points

St Thomas More – 226 points

St Anne Line – 192 points



Parent Consultations: Please ensure you book your Face to Face or Virtual Parent Consultation in through Arbor before Monday 17th October. Additionally, there are also a limited number of Inclusion Lead appointments available. Please see check details on your email received.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon will be held at **2.45-3.10pm on Monday 10th October** we invite you to join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the school hall before school pick-up. All donations raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Our Mini Vinnies have been helping to prepare for this. **Donations of cakes (not nuts please) on the day are most welcomed.**

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](#).

Harvest Foodbank Collection: The Mini Vinnies and CAFOD Club have also been helping to prepare for our Foodbank collection. They have made posters for the classroom doors, Churches and attached to the newsletter here.

If you wish to make a donation of food, please hand it in at the school gate or Office. We are collecting until Thursday 20th October.

Uniform: All Blue School Jumpers Look the same! Please label all uniform clearly and each half term check to see if a written name is still clear or a label is still on. Please check all the uniform that comes home to you too and if you find that an item does not belong in your collection, return it to the class teacher. You may wish to use a small coloured thread or ribbon on the label to help your pupil identify theirs. **School shoes should be worn to school everyday.**



Parking: Please be respectful of our neighbours and the children when parking your car, before and after school. Please park and drive with consideration for others around you. Do not park on corners, double yellow lines or on private property.

Bishop Alan Williams sm has recorded a video inviting all to come and pray with the relics of St Bernadette at the Cathedral on Sunday 16th/Monday 17th October or at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead on 18th/19th October. He will celebrate Mass at 11.30am on 16th at Brentwood Cathedral and at 7.30pm on 18th at Wanstead. There will be a youth Mass at 6.30pm on Sunday 16th in Brentwood Cathedral. The Bishop's video message can be found here: [A personal invitation from Bishop Alan to visit the relics of St Bernadette - Brentwood Diocese](#)
Note: Places must be booked in advance.

Ali Barbers Group are offering every male pupil in the school a **Free haircut** at one of their barber shops. Vouchers have been sent home with children today.

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.

Money Navigator Tool is available for those in financial difficulty to access money and debt guidance based upon individual circumstances for free and help find local support. There is information on:

- what issues individuals need to deal with first
 - ways of staying on top of bills
 - how to find extra support
 - where to get extra help
- More information is available [here](#).

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on Week 1 (Monday 10th October).

Term Dates: 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](#)

