



We considered the importance of having good manners this week. Guided by St. Luke's Gospel we thought about how important it was to also say 'thank you' to God. The students thought about what they would like to say thank you for too.

I would like to say 'Thank you' to all our parents and families for supporting the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, whether through baking cakes (they were delicious!) or attending the event. A special thank you too, to our Mini Vinnies who helped prepare for the event. Thank you all.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"May we learn to say "Thank you" to God and to one another"

Pope Francis

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

Year R – Harley
Year 1 – Admirer
Year 2 – Julia
Year 3 – Jake
Year 4 – Edith
Year 5 – Dereck
Year 6 – J



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

St Bernadette – 218 points
St Francis – 143 points
St Paul – 204 points
St Theresa – 152 points
St Thomas More – 144 points
St Anne Line – 135 points



Staff Led Clubs: Please note there are no Staff Led clubs on **Tuesday 18th October** due to Parent Consultations.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Thank-you for the donations of cakes received for our coffee afternoon and for all those that were able to attend. Our Mini Vinnies have informed this event raised **£81.34**. **Thank you for your support.**

Presentation of Children: Please can we remind that extreme or unorthodox hair styles are not permitted. Longer hair must be tied back, and hair bands must reflect the school colours. Shaven patterns, designs and lines are not appropriate. Please refer to our [Parent Handbook](#) for guidance.

Parent Helpers: If you would be interested in supporting the school by volunteering some time to help with our Nearly New Uniform sales or Friday Tuck Shop, please register your interest with Mrs Black or the school office.

Harvest Foodbank Collection: The Mini Vinnies and CAFOD Club have 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**

Contact Details: Please check your contact details on your child's Arbor account and contact the school office if they require updating. This is to ensure we have the correct contact details in case your child is taken ill. It is also so we can contact you regarding school events via email. If you are having problems accessing Arbor please contact the school office.

Secondary School Admissions All applications for Year 7 places for September 2023 must be completed by **31st October 2022**. Applications can be made online via [Secondary school places - Essex County Council](#). For St. Mark's Secondary School a SIF will also need to be completed found [here](#).

Class Pages: Please do remember to regularly check your [child's class page](#) for all the latest news on what our children have been up to.

ACL Family Learning are running a free session for families living in and around Harlow on low or no cost activities/fun as a family. This is taking place virtually on Tuesday 18th October 9.30-11.30am. You can find more information and book your free place [here](#).

Harlow College If you are 19+ and living or working in Harlow, you can claim a £1000 training voucher to contribute towards the cost of an eligible part-time course. Applications for 2023/24 open on 20th October after their first Open Evening. More information can be found at [Harlow College - Part-time & Adult Courses \(harlow-college.ac.uk\)](#)

Family Learning Festival is taking part this October run by Essex libraries with free family events that will inspire curiosity. Learning as a family helps children and adults to become confident, lifelong learners. It helps children develop essential skills and achieve at school. [Howard the Average Gecko The Chemistry of Colours Virtual Event Wednesday 19 October 10am](#)
[Family Story-time and Craft activity Harlow Library Tuesday 25th October 10am-12noon](#)
[The Gingerbread Man The Chemistry of Cooking Virtual Event Tuesday 25th October 10am](#)

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on Week 2 (Monday 17th October).

Term Dates: School term 2022-2023 dates are available on the [school website](#). **A reminder we will finish at 3.15pm on Friday 21st October for the Autumn half term and pupils will return back to school on Tuesday 1st November.**

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](#)

Also Attached:

- Be Bright & Be Seen Poster
- Foodbank Posters

