



Welcome back to you all!

We celebrated All Saints Mass on our first day back. Fr Bogdan shared with us that he plays for the Team All Saints and invites us to join, adding to the children that God's most important Saints are us. The students conducted themselves excellently and respectfully throughout Mass and several Parishioners came to see me afterwards to comment on this. Well done St. Alban's!

Pope Francis' prayer intention for November is for children around the world – particularly those who need help, which I share with you if you wish to join this with your own intentions.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"The saints lived normal lives with joys and sorrows, struggles and hopes... When they recognised God's love they followed it with all their heart... They spent their lives serving others, they endured suffering, spreading joy and peace. This is the life of a Saint.

The saints are friends with whom we can grow in friendship. We all need friends who can help us deal with life. This is the trust which enlivens us when we turn to the saints in the decisive moments of our lives."

Pope Francis

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

- Year R – Lily-Jade
- Year 1 – Alexandru
- Year 2 – Cliyon
- Year 3 – Rayvon Year 5 – Ashley
- Year 4 – Davina Year 6 – Noah



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

- St Bernadette** – 116 points
- St Francis** – 133 points
- St Paul** – 117 points
- St Theresa** – 118 points
- St Thomas More** – 104 points
- St Anne Line** – 108 points



Travelling Crib: We are pleased to be able to invite you again to take our nativity crib into your home for one night. As a family, you can unpack the box and set up the crib scene. There will be a candle, song, prayer and a book of the Nativity story, which can be read to the children, telling the Christmas story. The children can also draw a picture or write a prayer inspired by the night your family had the travelling crib (these may be displayed in our school too). The crib scene will then need to be carefully packed away and taken back to the school office the next day so that it can visit another family's house. If you would like to take part, please email the school office and your name will be added to the list.

Flu Immunisations: Please remember to complete the electronic consent form sent prior to the half term break for your child's flu immunisation. Please ensure that consent forms are completed before **17th November** if you would like your child to receive this in school.

Poppies: We are selling poppies on the gate afterschool until the 11th November. Do support us in raising money for this worthy cause. Please see attached items available alongside the poppies.

Remembrance Day: On 11th November for Remembrance Day, members of uniformed groups i.e. Rainbows, Brownies and Scouts are invited to attend school in their Division uniform.

Girl Guiding Volunteers needed! Many units have had to close within the Division due to leaders not returning after the covid pandemic. If you, any adult or girl are interested in volunteering Church Langley Guiding would love to hear from you. Please contact them directly on churchlangleyguiding@hotmail.co.uk.

Reception School Admissions: From 7th November applications for Reception 2023 school places opens and must be completed by **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made online via [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#). **All applications to St Alban's will additionally require a SIF form to be completed which can be found [here](#) on our website or requested from the school office.**

Chickenpox Guidance: We currently have chickenpox 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](#).

Headlice: It's that time of year again where we are asking you to be vigilant for head lice. Please regularly check your child's hair. Advice for treatment can be located [here](#).

ECC Parent Survey: Essex County Council want to hear from parents on their experience of childcare in Essex. If you are a parent in Essex, please share your views by completing their [early years and childcare parent survey](#). This questionnaire is for parents of children aged 0 – 19 years living in Essex.

Christmas Card Competition: Robert Halfon has opened a competition for all children and young people in Harlow which closes on **Friday 18th November**. The winner and runners up will be invited to meet Mr Halfon and see the Houses of Parliament in the New Year. Please see attached poster for more information.

Essex County Council have produced a summary of their services which may be able to help with cost of living crisis during this difficult time. See what support you could be eligible for at [Helping you with the cost of living - Essex County Council](#)

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on week 2 (Monday 7th November).

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

