



Our year 6 lead us in a respectful and poignant class assembly for Remembrance Day today. Their interest in their topic of Peace was clear to see as they shared reflections, work, songs and prayers from their learning journey this term – Thank you year 6, year 6 staff class team and our families.

Advent is soon approaching and our Chaplaincy Team have prepared the travelling cribs. Please do sign up if you would like to welcome this to your house for a night. The Chaplaincy have decided to include a book that each family can contribute too and will be part of our Assembly.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

“Peace is a precious gift which must be protected and promoted.”

Pope Francis

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

Year R – J

Year 1 – Josiah

Year 2 – Mark

Year 3 – Whole Class

Year 4 – Jesse

Year 5 – Lois

Year 6 – Whole Class



House Points will be shared next week due to special class assembly today.

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.

Christmas Dinner Day: This year we require you to pre-order your child's Christmas Dinner Day choice. Please complete [this form](#) by **Thursday 24th November**.

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.

Children in Need: In order to support children in need next Friday, we will be holding a Strictly Theme glitter and sparkles non-uniform day in school on **Friday 18th November**. Children are invited to make a suggested donation of £1 for this worthy cause. School lunch this day will be

**Strictly Battered Fish with
Cha cha cha chips
Served with baked beans or peas**

**Jumping Jacket Potatoes
with baked beans, cheese, or tuna**

Glitter Ball Ice Cream

Temperatures: We have had some enquiries recently about what to do if your child has a temperature. The NHS advise “If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away” With a high temperature being given as 38°C or more.

Reception School Admissions: Applications for Reception 2023 school places opened on 7th November 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.**

Packed Lunches: While encouraging our students to make healthy choices we expect children who have packed lunches to reflect this. Therefore, chocolate bars, sweets and fizzy drinks must not be brought into school for lunch or as a snack. Please remember we are a nut-free school, (peanut butter and Nutella contact nut extract). Please find [here](#) NHS guide to Healthier lunchboxes.

Punctuality: It is important that your child attends school on time every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances, every school day counts. Children's learning starts at 8.55am, please ensure you allow plenty of time for your morning school journeys to ensure your child arrives on time.

E-Scooters: Essex Police have asked us to share the attached poster regarding the legislation and usage of Electric Scooters. Thus it follows that e-scooters should not be being brought to school.

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](#).

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 3 (Monday 14th 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](#)

