



In the Gospel this week Jesus is reminding us that buildings and 'things' don't last forever, however, love and goodness will never be destroyed. In response, the children shared kind words they wanted to remember to share love and goodness with others. Our Tech Prefects recorded the students' words to help them remember these.

There were also special assemblies this week for Anti-bullying week, Open Doors and Children in Need – thank you for supporting the Children in Need Fundraiser.

This Sunday is the feast of Christ the King – the last week of the Church's year. Advent starts on Sunday 27th November. Mass times are given below and if you wish to find out more about attending Mass, please do speak with me.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns ... it is a love story for people in love!"

Pope Francis

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

Year R – Logan
Year 1 – Melina
Year 2 – Hayden
Year 3 – Michael Year 4 – Eliza
Year 5 – Tate Year 6 – Nina



House Points: Well done to St Paul for last week and St Anne Line this week!

St Bernadette – 149 points, 241 points
St Francis – 139 points, 84 points
St Paul – 170 points, 104 points
St Theresa – 136 points, 83 points
St Thomas More – 83 points, 97 points
St Anne Line – 120 points, 246 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.

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**.

Sports Cool: We are looking forward to welcoming Sports Cool to the school on Thursday 24th November who will be delivering Fencing and Ultimate Frisbee sessions for the children.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service celebrates this weekend World Youth Sunday; a chance to celebrate the young people in our global church. You can read more about this event on their [website](#) and also find lots of wonderful resources [here](#).

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Please see the attached poster regarding Child and Family Counselling Service that can offer support to children, young people, families/parents direct. Further information can also be found on their [website](#).

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.

Treehouse Family Hub: Please see attached information on their Open Day **Wednesday 23rd November**; a great chance to find out more about their service and what's available to you and your family to access.

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.

Term Time Leave: Children should not be removed from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence in writing. Forms can be obtained from the Office and need to be completed in advance.

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.**

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 1 (Monday 21st 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](#)

Flu Immunisations: For those who completed the electronic consent form children will be receiving these on Monday 21st November.