



This week we celebrated Christ the King and considered how Jesus was not a usual King as he had no wealth, no palaces or servants. Jesus' Kingdom is the sharing of God's love with each of us.

The students have been showing in their actions such love through kindness to each other, helping and sharing.

This weekend, Advent begins and the Travelling Crib begins. Do book a slot with me on the gate if you wish.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"The Lord is always there waiting to give us his love: it is an amazing thing, one which never ceases to surprise us!"

Pope Francis

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

Year R – Nathan
Year 1 – Kishan
Year 2 – Ella
Year 3 – Sophia
Year 4 – Shakyra
Year 5 – Sandra
Year 6 – Phoebe



House Points:

Well done to **St Bernadette** this week!

St Bernadette – 176 points
St Francis – 145 points
St Paul – 157 points
St Theresa – 151 points
St Thomas More – 121 points
St Anne Line – 131 points



Advent: This Sunday marks the first Sunday in Advent. Children will bring home a prayer card we wish to share for each family to use during Advent.

Diocese of Brentwood: The Diocese have shared a free Jesse Tree package, available for download from the [Diocesan Website](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.org.uk). Please do share your pictures of these to the office email if you do make a Jesse tree.

Travelling Crib: Please advise on the gate if you would like to take part in our Travelling Crib and your name will be added to the list.



Children in Need: Thank-you all for your support with our Strictly Theme non uniform day last Friday, together we raised **£101.86**.

Flu Immunisations: Local clinics are now available for any pupils who missed their vaccination when the immunisation team visited the school. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Christmas Pantomime: We would like to arrange Hurricane Productions to perform "Dick Whittington" as special treat for the children this Christmas. Suggested voluntary contribution of £3 is available on your child's Arbor account. **Should there not be sufficient contributions we may not be able to go ahead.**

The Winter Reading Challenge is being launched this **Saturday 26th November** by Essex Libraries and this year is themed around the journey of Lyra the penguin. Make sure to visit the local library and sign up, the aim is to complete 6 of the 12 challenges in their interactive booklet. There are prizes to all who finish, and an extra special prize to those who finish early! **Children should also share their completed challenges with their class teacher at school to earn house points!**

Is my child too ill for school? Please find attached poster and [NHS website guidance](http://www.nhs.uk). In regards to temperatures 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 38c or more.

CAFOD World Gifts: Can't think of what to buy someone this Christmas? CAFOD has a wonderful range of gifts from £10 to teach someone to read to providing water for a family for £33 you will be doing a wonderful service to others and sharing it with a friend. Follow the [link](#) to find out 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.**

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 28th 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](#)