



The secret to happiness was shared in the Gospel this week. Not through possessions but through goodness in our hearts that true happiness may be found as set out in the Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12. The students gave lots of examples of how they can be kind and how happiness can also come from noticing our beautiful world. A year 3 student shared how she particularly likes to hear the birds and year 2 helped me by making different types of birds to add to our office Tree of Values.

The students enjoyed aspirations week and reflected many careers in their dressing up on Thursday – from artists and authors to vets and vets. Our visitors commented on the student's good manners.  
**Mrs A M Black, Head of School**

*"St John Bosco, father and teacher of the young, did not shut himself up in the sacristy. He went out into the streets to look for young people, with the creativity that was his hallmark."*

**Pope Francis**

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

Year R – Grayson  
Year 1 – Dylan  
Year 2 – Onyeka  
Year 3 – Tyrone  
Year 4 – Mia  
Year 5 – Soraia  
Year 6 – Kadya



**House Points:** Well done to **St Francis** this week's winners!

**St Bernadette** – 110 points

**St Francis** – 196 points

**St Paul** – 115 points

**St Theresa** – 76 points

**St Thomas More** – 120 points

**St Anne Line** – 87 points



**Aspirations Week:** Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came in and talked to the children about their careers this week. We also had some special visitors to our school in person as well as virtually and the children have enjoyed special assemblies as part of Aspirations week. We were so proud of all the children on take over day and well done to those who did a wonderful take over job of roles within the school.

**Headteacher** – Kuba and Melina

**Office** – Rose and Kamsi

**Caretaker** – Jessica

**School Website:** Please do remember to regularly check your [child's class page](#) and the [school website](#) for all the latest news on what our children have been up to.

**Parent meeting:** All parents interested in exploring a Summer Term community event for our school are invited to a meeting at school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm. Please let Mrs Black or the office know if you would like to attend (including if you are interested but cannot make this time)

**Meals Accounts:** Please check your child's meals account to ensure it is in a credit or zero balance. School dinners are charged at £2.20 per day for children in KS2.

**Illness:** If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether they should attend school, please find attached "Is my child too ill for School" poster. Please note for a sickness bug (vomiting/diarrhoea) ensure they have a period of 48hrs without an episode before sending them back to school. Further guidance can also be found [here](#) on the NHS website.

**Kanopy Kids:** Stream thousands of films and series for free with your Essex library card on Kanopy Kids! From TV shows to read-along stories and language learning videos, you can enjoy unlimited watching with your kids on Kanopy. Plus, Parental Controls allow safe and monitored watching, find out more on the [Essex Libraries website](#).

**After School Welcomes at Harlow Library:** The next session will be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. The sessions are to support current homework your child may have, or to engage them in learning and recapping on learning they have been doing in a fun and engaging way with parents assistance. These sessions are designed for parents/guardians to support their children in KS1/KS2 (Year 1-6). Further information or free booking can be made [here](#).

**ACL:** Please see attached poster with information on upcoming free sessions for families.

**Essex Fire Museum:** Please see attached poster regarding upcoming open days. The museum is free entry but visits are by appointment only due to being on site of operational fire station. There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, craft activities and a chance to sit on the fire engines (and squirt water)!

**National Storytelling Week:** Why not enjoy an online Storytime from the Essex Library website with their [Story of the Month](#) for National Storytelling week which runs from 30<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**Help with the cost of living:** We know it is a difficult time for everyone with the rise in the cost of living. Find information [here](#) on useful websites, organisations and advice to help you with rising costs. Please see attached details of Warm Spaces.

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on week 2 (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February).

**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](#)