



The Chaplaincy Team brought the Gospel to life this week as they shared 'God's Glory on the Mountain' (The Transfiguration) with all the school in Assembly, with the message 'let your good actions be like a light shining from you onto all'.

We were pleased to welcome Mr Birkbeck – our CAFOD link person – who delivered a mid-week assembly to show more of the work of CAFOD helping around the world. We are supporting CAFOD this term through our penny drive, too.

A science week celebration had students active in making connections and Reception class enjoyed a lovely visit to Pets corner – meeting lots of animals. It was lovely to see their smiles.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Lent is a journey of healing, to live each day with renewed spirit, a different "style"." **Pope Francis**

Pupils of the Week: Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:
Year R – Harley
Year 1 – Mia
Year 2 – Daniel T
Year 3 – Rebecca
Year 4 – Izabel
Year 5 – Mia
Year 6 – Deajay



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

St Bernadette – 188 points

St Francis – 142 points

St Paul – 106 points

St Theresa – 127 points

St Thomas More – 191 points

St Anne Line – 173 points



Catholic Community

Ash Wednesday and Lent: As we begin the journey of Lent together do see this link to the CAFOD [website](#), which has some beautiful ideas for prayer within the home.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: If the weather is dry, please do join us for the Stations of the Cross which are said outside each Tuesday. Please come to the School Office for 9am. For other times to join the Stations of the Cross at our local Parishes, please do see the websites on the right of this newsletter.

Latest

Digi-Concern Boxes: In a time when children are spending an increasingly large amount of time online we have introduced new Digi-Concern boxes. Delivered by our Tech prefect this week. These are designed to take any questions, concerns or worries in a safe way to a responsible adult so that we can address them swiftly. In addition to this we would always encourage children to talk to a responsible trusted adult if they were concerned.



School Photographs: Order direct online with YEP before **Monday 13th March** for free delivery back to the school. *NB. Class photo proofs will be available next term.*

Comic Relief: On **Friday 17th March**, students are invited to wear non-uniform with something red (no football kits please) for the Red Nose Day fundraiser. Donation pots will be available on the gate (£1 suggested donation)

Helping your child at home: We are very lucky to have a visiting author (Ann Staimand) who has produced some excellent materials to help support parents with teaching their child to read. Workshop date is **Monday 27th March at 2pm**. Do come along and find out more.

Science week 2023 This year British science week was all about connections. The children heard and explored all about the birth of the world wide web, looked at our connections with the earth, how we are all connected to food chains, how electrical circuits connect and how we can all connect together to create science. We also looked at how scientific careers are open to all. The children have shown amazing enthusiasm and curiosity with all their explorations this week and it has been fantastic to see their reactions to the science around us.

Charity News

CAFOD Club has launched a Penny Drive to raise pennies for the projects that CAFOD are involved in to support our global Catholic family. Each class has a basket and throughout Lent children are allowed to bring in 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p for their class baskets.

Community

The church kindly allows our parents to use their carpark at the start and end of the school day. They also have an overflow carpark that can be accessed just before the exit of the main carpark by the Parish hall. **Please be respectful of our school neighbours when parking; do not park inappropriately, blocking driveways or school entrances.**

After School Welcomes at Harlow Library: The next session is **Wednesday 15th March**. Information and bookings available [here](#).

Medical

Illness: If your child has a sickness bug (vomiting/diarrhoea), please ensure they have a period of 48hrs without an episode before returning to school. More guidance can be found here on the [NHS website](#).

There has been a recent increase throughout England of the Norovirus, more information on this can be found [here](#).

Tech Tips

Life Online: Please see attached 3 top tips from the NSPCC on talking with your child about online safety and behaviour.

School Life

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on week 3 (Monday 13th March).

Term Dates: School term 2022-2023 dates are available on the [school website](#).

Key Dates: Please remember to keep check of the upcoming dates link in this newsletter which advises dates for all the key events we have planned for this academic year.

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

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/>

