



The Gospel this week of the Woman at the Well reminds us how Jesus welcomes everyone. Even though the Jews and the Samaritans of the time were known to not get on, Jesus spoke with the woman from Samaria and told her about the 'living water'. We reflected how we can share friendship with others just by a smile or kind word.

Year 1 and Year 4 were very excited about their trips this week. On return they have all told me they had a lovely time. Thank you to the students who represented the school so well and the staff who looked after them.

Today the school has been supporting Comic Relief and I thank you for all your generous donations to this charity.

We are also continuing to collect pennies, all through Lent, for CAFOD who have been particularly busy supporting in Syria

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"To give hope to others, sometimes it is simply enough to be kind, to put aside your own worries and priorities in order to show interest, give the gift of a smile, speak an encouraging word, create a space for listening amid so much indifference."

Pope Francis

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

Year R – Corrine

Year 1 – Alicia

Year 2 – Justina

Year 3 – Jake

Year 4 – Oliver

Year 5 – Krupa

Year 6 – Daniel P



House Points: Well done to St Anne Line this week's winners!

St Bernadette – 93 points

St Francis – 61 points

St Paul – 55 points

St Theresa – 71 points

St Thomas More – 58 points

St Anne Line – 94 points



Catholic Community

On Saturday 25th March at St Thomas More Church join our Parish Retreat morning on 'Sacrifice' with praise in song 10.30am-11.00am, Presentation and Holy Mass 11am (Feast of the Annunciation). Then on **28th March 7pm in OLF Hall** join for a presentation on the Real Presence with Benediction in the Church, Adoration and Taizé Prayer in music.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Please do join us for the Stations of the Cross which are said outside each Tuesday at 9am (if dry). Please come to the School Office for 9am.

Tech Tips

Online Gaming: Advice for keeping safe on online gaming from Childline.

Latest

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.

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.

Parking 🚗

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.**

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](#).

Community

Bikeability: Bikeability Level 1 & 2 and 3 plus Learn to ride courses are available to book for the Easter break. Please see attached poster.

SEND Roadshow: Please see attached poster for full details of event being held Wednesday 19th April at The Harlow Hotel.

Free Meal Plans: Limited time offer for FREE lifetime membership to FiveDinners.com to try and help save money on food shopping and reduce the mental load of deciding what to eat every night. Access meal plans to make your dinnertimes a little easier and cheaper. Head to FiveDinners and click green Join button.

School Life

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on week 1 (Monday 20th March) of the Winter 2022 menu.

Please note the new Summer Term 2023 menu which will commence after the Easter break is also now available to view on the website.

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

Please note Pre-School closes after the am session on the last day (Friday 31st March) at 11.45am (no lunch).

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.

3.05pm – Pre School sessions finish

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/>

