



The students had noticed that the Priests wore rose coloured vestments to celebrate this 4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. We shared how this shows that this is 21 days before Easter and it encourages us during our Lenten sacrifices.

CAFOD Club lead our Stations of the Cross this week very well as we prayed together outside on an unusually warm morning in March. They continue to encourage each class to collect for their penny drive too.

Year 1 shared a lovely class assembly on their topic 'Inside the Castle Walls' with us this morning and are clearly enjoying their learning. They sang so well and are gaining confidence in speaking to an audience. Well done Year 1 and thank you to the Year 1 Class Team.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"We are unique, free and alive, called to live a love story with God, to make bold and firm decisions, to accept the marvellous risk of loving." Pope Francis

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

Year R – Adorer

Year 1 – Whole Class Year 4 - Jason

Year 2 – Amelia Year 5 – David

Year 3 - Briana Year 6 – Kyle



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

St Bernadette – 146 points

St Francis – 167 points

St Paul – 127 points

St Theresa – 125 points

St Thomas More – 101 points

St Anne Line – 122 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.

Latest

School Finish: Please note that school finishes at **1pm On Friday 31st March** for the Easter break and **Pre-School closes at 11.45am.**

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.

School Arrival: Please ensure your child/ren are supervised by an adult up to entering the classroom. The students should not walk in through the gate on their own. (Except y6 who have permission). The gate to the school opens before the classroom doors; the doors to the classroom open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am.

School Clubs: Teacher led school clubs have now finished on a Tuesday afterschool. Please ensure children are collected at the end of the school day.

Karate Club: Please note that Karate club has now finished for this term.

Let's Play Football Club: Last sessions for the term will be on Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March. Information for joining next terms sessions be available next week.

Tech Tips

Cyber Safety Tips: Six top tips attached from LGfL to help keep your children safe online.

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.

Medical

Illness: In regard 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. 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](https://www.nhs.uk).

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 details of event at Harlow Hotel on Wednesday 19th April.

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.**

School Life

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on week 2 (Monday 27th 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: Do check the upcoming dates in this link 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** Masses - 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/>

