



Welcome back to everyone for the Summer Term. The students shared lovely greetings with each other on Monday in assembly as we shared the sign of peace, learning about Divine Mercy and the Good News that Jesus is Risen.

We thought about kindness and gentleness too – and how we can share such actions with others to allow peace to spread.

Some of the students have been sharing with me their excitement for their new topics and class reading books – it is lovely to see how enthusiastic they are about their learning. I hope they share this with you too.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

“How beautiful is a Church that can run through the streets of our world with the desire to bear the joy of the Gospel to everyone. That is what we are called to do....”

Pope Francis

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

Year R – Makhaya
Year 1 – Izu
Year 2 – Elizabeth
Year 3 – Ryan
Year 4 – Isabelle
Year 5 – Lara
Year 6 – Rianne



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

St Bernadette – 108 points

St Francis – 128 points

St Paul – 207 points

St Theresa – 107 points

St Thomas More – 232 points

St Anne Line – 138 points



Tech Tips

Online Access Session: Mrs Black will be available on **Wednesday 26th April at 2.45pm** to assist with any tech issues for accessing students Teams or Active Learn. Please come to the school office.

UK Safer Internet Centre: Please take a moment to have a look at their [safer internet social media guide](#) which provides advice about key social media platforms and apps.

Latest

School Meals: The prices for pupil school dinners have now increased and are charged at £2.35 a day. Please ensure Arbor accounts are topped up accordingly in line with the new pricing.

Reports: Please do complete the response that was enclosed with your child's school report. Your feedback is really important to us.

Staff Led Clubs: Clubs are due to restart for children in KS2. You will have received an email this week on options available. Confirmations if your child secured a club place will be sent out on Monday 24th April, **please read all emails in full.**

Karate Club restarts Monday 24th April (Yrs 2 & 3) and Thursday 27th April (Yrs 4, 5 & 6).

Coronation Preparations: We are busy preparing our own way of celebrating for this special event. We will be having a special lunch on Friday 5th May and Coronation themed activities. Pupils are invited to wear non-uniform this day in Red, White and Blue for a donation of £1.00 towards this event.

Please see attached menu for this day and complete your child's selection [here](#) before 10am on Wednesday 26th April. School Meals are £2.35 a day.

Breakfast & Afterschool Club: Please ensure all children attending are booked and paid for in advance otherwise entry will be refused. If the date is not appearing for booking then it means the capacity for that day has been reached.



Bike to School Day: Thursday 4th May
Students are encouraged to cycle or scooter to school on Thursday to support Bike to School Day. It is a good form of exercise and eco-friendly. We will keep a tally and hope to beat last year's percentage. Of course, students are welcome to cycle or scooter on other school days too!

RE Newsletter: Please find as attached.

Catholic Community

'The Priests' Charity Concert: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold a second charity concert on Friday 30th June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through [Eventbrite](#).

Community

Cost of Living Pop Up: Taking place Friday 28th April 10.30am – 12.30pm at Harlow Library community tea with stalls from local organisations to offer advice and support. To book a free place and further information [here](#).

Afterschool Welcomes Harlow Homework Club: Taking place at **Harlow Library on Wednesday 26th April 3.30-5.15pm** this is a free tutor led session the whole family can get involved in. For more information and to book [click here](#).

Multiply offers free maths courses for adults. Local providers are hosting specific sessions to help individuals be able to help children with their homework and feel confident with bills and money management. There are a range of course types and lengths available, helping adults to fit learning around life, work and parenting. Further details and information is on [Essex Opportunities Website](#).

School Life

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on the website. Next week we will be on week 2 (Monday 24th April).

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.

3.05pm – 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/>

