



The disciples were on the road to Emmaus, in the Gospel this week, and did not recognise Jesus with them at first. Through sharing God's word and the breaking of bread, the disciples 'eyes were opened'. We thought about how we can know Jesus too through the sharing of the Eucharist at Mass.

Representatives from the Mini Vinnie group attended Mass on Monday to celebrate the birthday of St Vincent de Paul. Like St Vincent, our group want to help others in our local community and have lots of ideas on small things they can do. Well done to you all.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms."

Pope Francis

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

Year R – Grayson
Year 1 – Kuba
Year 2 – Willow
Year 3 - Kamsi
Year 4 – Anthony
Year 5 – Marcel
Year 6 – Adam D



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

St Bernadette – 146 points

St Francis – 107 points

St Paul – 80 points

St Theresa – 147 points

St Thomas More – 85 points

St Anne Line – 114 points



Tech Tips

SWGfL Online Safety & Gaming: Please see attached Poster.

Latest

Coronation Celebrations Friday 5th May: We will be having Coronation themed activities and pupils are invited to wear non-uniform this day in Red, White and Blue for a donation of £1.00 towards this event. If you did not pre order your child's lunch for this day please ensure they have a packed lunch from home with them.



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!

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.

School Finish: If someone else is collecting your child please ensure the office have been informed of this in advance. Please ensure you keep the office updated of any exceptional circumstances. All children must be collected promptly at the end of the school day at 3.15pm; late collection may incur charges.

Bake Sale: There will be a Bake Sale Fundraiser in the **school playground at 3.15pm on Friday 5th May**. Cake donations for this are most welcome – please hand to Mrs Black in the morning on the gate. Remember to bring some change along and start the Coronation weekend with a delicious treat!

Essex Year of Reading: A countrywide campaign to help children and young people discover a lifelong love of reading and ensure every Essex child can read at their age level or better. Visit their [website](#) to see how they can help you to Start your year of reading.

Medical

Chickenpox Guidance: We currently have chickenpox within our school community. Any child with chickenpox needs to remain at home until all the spots have formed a scab. Further information and guidance can be found [here](#).

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

Multiply: Don't think you're a numbers person? If you're anxious about your maths skills, or would like to gain qualifications get support to feel more confident using numbers at work or in everyday life. [Multiply - ACL Essex](#)

Multi Agency Centre: Please see attached poster with information on free advice available. Next session is on 9th May at Harlow Jobcentre from 9.30am-11.30am.

Cost of Living: Potter Street Health and Wellbeing Hub are running a Warm Space at Moot House, The Stow, Harlow from 9am-1pm on a Monday to Thursday. For more information contact Colin Thorpe on 07767783482 or email: colin-thorpe@btconnect.com.

School Life

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on the website. Next week we will be on week 3 (w/c Monday 1st May).

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

Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed to pupils on this day.

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/>

