



What a celebratory week! Year 5 lead the Rosary with the whole school as we start May, traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. We heard about Jesus the Good Shepherd who takes care of us and who came so that we 'may have life to the full'. We have also offered special prayers for year 6 as they approach their SATs next week.

Then, today we have begun our Coronation celebrations for King Charles III. The students have been learning about the coronation traditions, sharing a prayer sent from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, making their own crowns, enjoying a special lunch and a themed skills-based treat in the hall this afternoon. The children had many smiles and I hope the joy continues over the weekend for them.

*Mrs A M Black, Head of School*

*"In the Heart of the Good Shepherd, the Father's love shines forth"*

**Pope Francis**

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

Year R – Abby-Lorraine  
Year 1 – Gianni  
Year 2 – William  
Year 3 – Leon  
Year 4 – Telcie  
Year 5 – Stephanie  
Year 6 – Lyann



**House Points:** Well done to [St Anne Line](#) this week's winners!

[St Bernadette](#) – 124 points  
[St Francis](#) – 122 points  
[St Paul](#) – 114 points  
[St Theresa](#) – 119 points  
[St Thomas More](#) – 104 points  
[St Anne Line](#) – 125 points



**Catholic Community**

**Bishop Alan** is seeking to hear from as many Catholics as possible in our Diocese who no longer come to Church for whatever reason. Please see the attached leaflet and follow the link if you wish to respond. You may also invite others you know to respond too. Thank you.

**'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](#).

**Charity News**

**CAFOD Club** are busy counting all the Pennies from their Penny Drive and are looking forward to updating on their total soon.

**Tech Tips** 

**SMART Rules:** Please see attached guide from the UK safer internet centre on smart rules for children online

**Latest**

**Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day:** We will be celebrating this day in school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May with a school assembly and celebrational cake for every child.

**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.

**Class Photos:** Order direct online with YEP before **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** for free delivery back to school.

**Water Bottles:** All children should have a suitable water bottle from home with them each day to be used at school. Please note that advertisement bottles (e.g. Prime) are not permitted.

**School Website:** Please do remember to regularly check your [child's class page](#) and the [school website](#) for all the latest news on what our children have been up to.

**Parent Handbook:** Our Parent Handbook can be found [here](#) on the school website; an essential tool in clarifying our shared expectations to ensure that "together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be."

**RSE Parent Meeting:** If you would like to find out further information on how and what we teach we are holding a virtual parent session on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm. Links to the virtual meeting can be found in the e-mail sent to parents on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

**Community**

**After School Welcomes at Harlow Library:** The next session is **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 15:30-17:15**. Information and bookings available [here](#).

**Community Hub Pop Up:** The Community Hub offers a range of services for all Harlow residents affected by crisis situations, as well as information on community and social activities and access to volunteering. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11am-1pm at Harlow Library

**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](mailto: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 1 (w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May).

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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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/>

