



We all attended Mass on Thursday to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. Fr Bogdan shared with the students and Parish the Good News that Jesus has not left us and is always with us, helping us and guiding us. The students were so respectful during the Mass. Many parishioners came to see afterwards to pass on how impressed and pleased they were to see the students all knowing what to do during the Mass and following so well and for the readers delivering so well. They were particularly pleased ('overwhelmed' said one) to hear their singing of the hymns so well and beautifully. It is always wonderful when we get such lovely feedback. Well done to St Alban's.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Let us always look at young people with a smile. They carry on what we have sown." **Pope Francis**

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

- Year R – Corinne Year 1 – Jeremy
- Year 2 – Katherine Year 3 – Whole Class
- Year 4 – Jesse
- Year 5 – Summer and Mia
- Year 6 – Daniel P



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

St Bernadette – 177 points

St Francis – 174 points

St Paul – 172 points

St Theresa – 171 points

St Thomas More – 150 points

St Anne Line – 120 points



Latest

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 25th May at 5pm**. Links to the virtual meeting can be found in the e-mail sent to parents on 2nd May 2023.

Great Open Doors are visiting on Wednesday to deliver a special Christian themed assembly for the students.

Hot Weather: With next week set to be a warmer and sunnier week please can we remind that any sun cream should be applied by parents before school and is not to be brought in. Hats are recommended for sunny days and children to bring water bottle. Shaded areas are available for pupils on the playground.

International Week

Thank you to all our staff and families who have supported International Week this week and particularly today with the Celebration event after school. The students have enjoyed their learning and will be sharing this further with students from other classes during next.



Sports Day

Thursday is our sports day (weather permitting).

All students may come to school in **PE kit for Thursday**. Staff will send PE kits home on Wednesday to enable this.

Please check separate message sent to parents on arrangements.

Catholic Community

Holy Communion: Many Congratulations to Barbara, Anthony, Rebecca, Oliver, Bartosz, Oskar, Patryk, Leon, Nick, Wiktorija, Jason, Chloe, Franciszek, Lilly and Eliza who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday at Our Lady of Fatima Church. They all looked beautiful, and the sun shone on them too.

'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](#).



Tech Tips

Screen Time: Find out about setting screen-time limits and helping children moderate their own habits and finding the right balance for your family's needs from The Two Johns. [Screen Time - eSafety Training](#)

Community

After School Welcomes at Harlow Library: The next session is **Wednesday 24th May 15:30-17:15**. Information and bookings available [here](#).

ACL Community & Family Learning: The latest **free** courses to support parents, grandparents, carers and anyone supporting young people in Essex can be found [here](#).

Love Your Library Day

Love Your Library is back! Returning on **Saturday 27 May**, with a theme of Local and Community History. Essex Libraries would love you to come and join them and find out more about the history of your local area. Or share a fact or two. Let's all learn together!

Did you know some libraries have historical maps of the area? You'll have to pop in and see them for yourself, as these are for in-library use only! For all the latest on Love Your Library Day, make sure you're following @EssexLibraries on Instagram and Twitter, and search 'Essex Library Service' to find us on Facebook.

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 22nd May).

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/>

