



This weekend we celebrate Pentecost – the end of the Eastertide 50 day celebration. We learnt this week how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples by giving them gifts. The gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit were shared and we considered how we can use our gifts to follow in Jesus' way.

Well done to all the pupils for a great Sports Day. Thank you to our families who were able to join and support on the day and a special thank you to all the staff who worked hard in preparing and leading on the day.

Thank you also to Year 3 for sharing their learning through their class Assembly last Friday. It was lovely to see how they are growing in confidence and to hear their lovely singing. Thank you to the year 3 Class Team for working together to prepare the assembly.

As part of the Harlow Art Trust's 70th celebrations, we have been given the opportunity to join with artists to prepare for an exhibition at the Civic Centre. Year 6 have enjoyed the first of these sessions on wax resist art today with artist Jane Glynn, joining with St Luke's for a joint project with themes on community and the environment which link with our Caritas Curriculum theme for this term: The Common Good.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable half term and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday 5th June.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

*"Every time we open our hearts to
Jesus, God's blessing enters our lives."*

Pope Francis

Pupils of the Week: There will be double pupils of the week on our return after half term.

Sports Day: Well done to **St Francis** – the overall Sports Day winners!

- 1st Place **St Francis** 1294 points
- 2nd Place **St Bernadette** 1264 points
- 3rd Place **St Paul** 1182 points
- 4th Place **St Thomas More** 1111 points
- 5th Place **St Theresa** 1063 points
- 6th Place **St Anne Line** 956 points



Tech Tips

Digital Wellbeing: Please see attached guidance to support digital wellbeing.

Latest

ActivAte May half term: May half term is funded by Essex County and is different to the HAF Essex ActivAte programme which is funded by the Department of Education and supported by Essex County Council. This means that the criteria for funded places differs with 50% of places offered to Children on Free School Meals and 50% to low income families. **NO WONDER CODES ARE NEEDED FOR THIS HOLIDAY.** More information is available [here](#) and bookings can be made [here](#).

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.

Community

Gibberd Gallery: As part of the 'Our Community Our Environment' programme with Harlow Creates there will be 2 days of FREE family workshops happening in the Gibberd Gallery. All materials provided, no experience needed, suitable for ages 4 plus. Parents and carers must stay with their children. See attached poster.

After School Welcomes at Harlow Library: The next session is **Wednesday 31st May 15:30-17:15**. Information and bookings available [here](#).

Love Your Library Day

Love Your Library is back! Returning on **Saturday 27th 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 them on Facebook.

Free Meal Plans: FiveDinners.com are an online meal planning service who have decided to give away FREE lifetime memberships to try and help you save money on food shopping and reduce the mental load of deciding what to eat every night. Full access to their meal plans to make dinnertimes a little easier and cheaper.

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

School Life

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on the website. We will return on week 1 (w/c Monday 5th June).

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/>

*Wishing you all a wonderful
Half Term break*

Through God's love we learn together, grow together and achieve together.

