



***Our Gospel assembly this week gave us an opportunity to consider how we can help people feel most welcome. The students suggested many ways from being friendly, smiling, being kind – and if an adult is with us, saying hello or shaking hands. In this way we can follow Jesus' teaching: Anyone who makes you feel welcome in their homes, is welcoming me, for I am with you always. Matthew 10:40***

***Reception class shared a beautiful assembly with us this week. They spoke about their learning, being superheroes and saving Mrs Galloway, how to be a good friend and look after our world. Well done Reception class and thank you to their Class Team for all their work.***  
***Mrs A M Black, Head of School***

*"Each of us shines like a star in the heart of God, but we are called to form constellations that can guide the path of humanity."*

**Pope Francis**

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

Year R – Gabriel  
Year 1 – Freddy  
Year 2 – (next week)  
Year 3 – Oskar  
Year 4 – Myleene  
Year 5 – Adaobi  
Year 6 – (next week)



**House Points will be shared next week with double points!**

#### Latest

**Parent Handbook:** Do see the NEW [Parent Handbook](#) posted on our website here so that you can be ready for the new year.

**Term Dates:** School term 2023-2024 dates are available on the [school website](#).

**Non-Uniform Day:** A total of **£152.37** was raised for St Clare's Hospice through our Jump into Colour Day. Thank you to everyone for all your support. Do remember they are holding a Summer Fayre Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 11am – 4pm.

**Nearly New Uniform:** Please do continue to donate any items of nearly new uniform to us via the office. We will be hosting a Nearly New Uniform sale after school next **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July** on the school playground near the library.

**PC Sheppard:** The school welcomed PC Sheppard this week who gave an assembly to KS2 children and visited with our Year 6 class.

**Free School Meals:** Automatic entitlement to free school meals finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3. An application for your child to receive a free school meal must be made [here](#) or by calling 0345 603 2200.

**Summer Reading Challenge 2023:** Ready, Set, Read! Running from 15<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> September and open to children of all ages. This year children will be helping a superstar team and their mascots complete an obstacle course. They will earn stickers for every book they read and a medal and certificate if they complete the challenge by reading 6 books. A free book for every child aged 7+ who signs up (while stocks last). Visit the [website](#) for further details.

**Gibberd Gallery:** Children at St Alban's participated in workshops as part of the 'Our Community Our Environment' programme with Harlow Creates. **Work is now on exhibition at the gallery until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Open Monday-Saturday 11am-4pm.** Admission is Free, please do go along and visit. Additionally, there will be further free events on below dates:

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July; 11.30am-1pm & 2-3.30pm**  
Join artist Suman Gujral to make origami boats to add to a special installation in the Gallery.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 1.00pm**  
Performance by Harlow Fields School and College and Razed Roof.  
Venue: The Water Gardens (Outside)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm**  
Performance by St Katherine's Primary and Matipo Arts  
Venue: The Water Gardens (Outside)

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 11.30am-1pm & 2-3.30pm**  
Join artist Sarah Bracey to create your own mini artworks inspired by the sculpture 'Chiron'.

#### Tech Tips

**Roblox:** PC Sheppard also shared that he was very concerned about children playing Roblox without parental overview. Does your child play Roblox? If so, please be vigilant about their settings and play. Do check they are not using another app to communicate during game play as this could expose them to unsafe practices. There is more information [available at this link](#) from Safer Internet and in the leaflet attached.

#### Medical

**Illness & Related Absences:** We have many vulnerable members within our school community and ask parents to ensure they appropriately keep children who are unwell at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please ensure that the office is kept up to date with accurate details of any symptoms when leaving messages on the absence line (only advising unwell is not enough information).

**Child Health Matters:** Our local NHS has created a free [Children's Health Matters guide](#) for parents and carers. It explains how to treat children at home, when to see a GP or call 111, and when you should seek emergency help.

#### Community

**After School Welcomes at Harlow Library:** The next session is **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 15:30-17:15**. Information and bookings available [here](#).

#### 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 10<sup>th</sup> July).

**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/>

