



**Our St Therese House Captain and Vice Captain – Sandra and Chima – lead part of this week's assembly to invite all the students to share small acts of kindness to others as St Therese did. This was in celebration of her Feast Day on 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

**In our Gospel Assembly we reflected how actions speak louder than words and how the Bible can guide us. We can Listen and Believe and Listen and Do.**

**Year 5 led the Rosary this Wednesday for the whole school and above are two prayers they wrote.**

**Mrs A M Black, Head of School**

"May Mary, mirror of holiness, help us be sincere Christians."  
**Pope Francis**

**House Points:** Well done **St Bernadette!**

**St Bernadette** – 156 points

**St Francis** – 116 points

**St Paul** – 132 points

**St Theresa** – 130 points

**St Thomas More** – 108 points

**St Anne Line** – 110 points



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

Year R – Eliza

Year 1 – Gabriel

Year 2 – Alexandru

Year 3 – Hayden

Year 5 – Tommy

Year 4 – Eric

Year 6 – Lois



#### Latest

**Rosary:** As we start the month of October we have begun the Rosary. The rosary is dedicated to Mary and whilst we pray this we remember times in Mary's life as the mother of Jesus. If your child has a set of rosary beads, do bring them in so they can share their prayer in class.

**E-Safety Parent Meeting:** On Wednesday we were very pleased to have the Two John's once more to talk to our children in key Stage Two. The children asked excellent questions, but it was clear to us all that the children know a huge amount of information from what they see on the internet. We hope that the evening session was also really helpful for you, so that you feel more knowledgeable in understanding how important it is to know and understand how to monitor your child's experience of the internet. Do remember if you have any concerns the CEOP button on our website can help you make reports. If you were unable to attend or would like to refresh a link of the recorded meeting will be sent out to all parents. **Please note the link will only be live until the end of October 2023.**

**Parent Consultations:** Bookings are available to be made through your Arbor account until 7pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. If you require any assistance, please contact the school office.

**Scooters & Bikes:** Please dismount from scooters and bikes when on school grounds, this applied to both children and adults.

#### Secondary Admission for September 2024:

Applications for secondary places are open for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024. Applications can be made at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) and will close on 31st October 2023.

**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.

#### Tech Tips

**E-Safety:** Snapchat have a guidance page for reporting concerning content: [How to Report Abuse or Illegal Content on Snapchat – Snapchat Support](#)

#### Parking

**Please be respectful of our school neighbours when parking; do not park inappropriately, blocking driveways or school entrances.**

The Church kindly allows our parents to use their carpark at the start and end of the school day. They also have an overflow carpark that can be accessed just before the exit of the main carpark by the Parish hall.

#### Catholic Community

**Church Welcome:** Fr Bogdan invites the children and their families to come into Church, on any morning, when the door is unlocked. You may want to say a prayer or simply sit quietly for a moment on your journey towards school. You are most welcome.

#### Medical

**Flu Immunisations:** If your child didn't receive the immunisation in school and you would like them to be vaccinated, please contact the main immunisation hub on 0300 7900597 to book into a clinic session.

#### Community

**Free After-School Coding Club Taster:** Harlow College are pleased to announce the return of their Free After-School Taster Sessions in Coding running on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The opportunity is available for children in years 5-6 and places are limited. Please email [kherbert@harlow-college.ac.uk](mailto:kherbert@harlow-college.ac.uk) for further information.

**Essex Activate Holiday Activity and Food (HAF)** programme is run by Active Essex. The October Half Term holiday is funded by Essex County Council. This programme supports the delivery of FREE holiday activity and food clubs for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and working families. The October provision is now LIVE to book.

#### 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 9<sup>th</sup> October).

**Facebook:** [St Alban's Catholic Academy](#) now has its own official Facebook page. This will be updated weekly with events and school news including children's school activities and photos.

**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 23-24](#)

#### 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

