



The Parable of the Tenants from the Gospel of St Luke reminded us that Jesus is the cornerstone. The first stone laid – come to him and he will hold you and make you strong.

Our Year 6 have been away at PGL this week and I have been hearing about how 'truly marvellous they have been'. They have been exceptionally well behaved, respectful and supportive to each other. There has been lots of positive feedback. I hope you have had a great time, year 6, and look forward to you being back with us next week. Well done.

In addition our Year 5 shared with us a wonderful class assembly on their topic Into Africa. It was lovely to hear so much about all the work they have done so far and they presented so well. They also shared a selection of home learning from the topic as shown above. Well Done Year 5

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Do not forget your life and faith are a gift from God."
Pope Francis

House Points and Pupils of the Week: There will be double pupils of the week and house points next week.



Parking

The Church carpark will be unavailable for parents to use from **2pm onwards on Tuesday 17th October 2023**. Please ensure you plan your journey this day and allow plenty of time for parking elsewhere on the afternoon school run. Please be respectful of our school neighbours when parking; do not park inappropriately, blocking driveways or school entrances.

Latest

Inset Day: Please be reminded that **Friday 20th October 2023** is an inset day and therefore the school will not be open for pupils. School will finish for on Thursday 19th October at 3.15pm and commence after the half term break on Monday 30th October 2023.

Clubs: Please be advised that there will be no staff led afterschool clubs running on Tuesday 17th October due to Parent Consultations.

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: Do remember that the recording link from the Two John's meeting emailed out is available to be viewed until the end of October 2023.

Parent Consultations: All parents should use the front entrance when attending the face to face parent consultations on Wednesday 18th October. Please do not try and enter via the external classroom doors.

CGP Books and IT Troubleshooting: Mrs Black will be available in the school hall on **Wednesday 18th October from 3.30pm** for any troubleshooting queries with the online platforms (Teams, Abacus, TTRS). A selection of CGP books available for parents to purchase on Arbor will also be on display.

Year 6 Residential: This week our year 6 have visited PGL at Bawdsey Manor, Suffolk. The children have had the opportunity to take part in lots of outdoor activities, including zip wires, abseiling, fencing and orienteering. They really have had a fantastic time, developing skills in team work, resilience and self-discovery! Current year 5 children will be having information very soon about their residential. Watch out for this coming soon.

Tours for Reception Intake 2024: If your child will be Reception age for September 2024, we are running a selection of school tours. Do contact the office on 01279 425383 if you would like to book a place.

Pre-School Applications: Applications for the Pre-School can be made at anytime with places being offered the term after the child's 3rd birthday. Please find our Pre-School application form [here](#).

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 and will close on 31st October 2023.



Tech Tips

E-Safety: NSPCC have a good guidance page all about keeping online times positive for children. Do have click on this link as it could be useful. [Positively online: top tips for online wellbeing | NSPCC](#)



Medical

Flu Immunisations: Please see attached details of upcoming catch up clinics.



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.

Community

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 2 (w/c Monday 16th 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