



Through the Gospel of Matthew 22:1-10 this week, we looked for how God invite's us to be with him. The children recognised this in going to Mass, helping others, being a good friend and through prayer. The whole school joined again for the Rosary led by year 5 on Wednesday too.

This week the students from Reception and Year 5 have been learning about road safety and were very respectful to our visitors leading on this. Thank you to all our Reception parents who were able to join for this event and the Gruffalo event too.

Mrs A-M Black

"Let us make room for God in our lives so that we may enter into everlasting joy and communion with Him"

Pope Francis

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

St Bernadette – 189 points

St Francis – 152 points

St Paul – 173 points

St Theresa – 119 points

St Thomas More – 107 points

St Anne Line – 129 points



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

Year R – Amira

Year 1 – Clesin

Year 2 – Melina

Year 3 – Tre

Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 4 – Chloe

Year 6 – Whole Class



Parking

We have received complaints from our school neighbours that our school community are blocking driveways when dropping/collecting children at school. Please be respectful 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.

Latest

Secondary Admission for September 2024:

Applications for secondary places for parents of current Year 6 children will close on **31st October 2023**. Please make a Local Authority Application at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

If you are applying for St Mark's their Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed in addition to the Local Authority Application and returned direct to the school by 31st October 2023.

Clubs: For KS2 children in a staff led club this term, they will resume on Tuesday 31st October.

Sports Savvy: Will be providing the school with some lunchtime football clubs for KS2 children and a multisports for KS1 starting after the half term break. Students do not need to sign up for these which are just for this Autumn half term. Coming soon: They will also be providing afterschool Football sessions for KS1 along with Football and Dodgeball for KS2. These will need to be signed up for and paid directly to the club. Please check your emails for further communication on this shortly.

Mini Vinnies: Our Mini Vinnies will be leading Harvest collections after the half term break and will share details on this after our return.

CPG Books: CPG produce some easy to use books to help support your child at home. These are now available to buy at a reduced cost via Arbor. Do follow the link under clubs to order your copies by Thursday 2nd November. Please request on the gate if you would like to view any books.

Arbor: Please do not reply to any SMS messages sent from the school or contact via SMS as these are not received directly. Please ensure all communication with the school office is through email, phone, or voicemail.

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](#).

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.



Tech Tips

E-Safety: NSPCC also have resources to help children directly. Do see this link for more information [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online/)



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: When we return on Monday 30th October we will be on Week 1 of the new **Winter Menu** which can be located [here](#) on the school website.

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

We hope you have a wonderful
Autumn half term break

