



We celebrated Mass for All Saints this week with Fr Bogdan letting us know we are all on God's Team – the best team – with all the saints. The children were once again so respectful and prayerful and praised by parishioners.

CAFOD club shared a lovely assembly to let us all know about Fairtrade products – what they are and how buying fairtrade products can help communities. They will be sharing some posters with us soon about this too.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and a safe one if you are enjoying Firework Displays– the children did have lessons in Firework safety just before half term.
Mrs A-M Black

"When the saints recognised God's love, they followed it with all their heart ... Holiness is a vocation for everyone."

Pope Francis

House Points: Well done to joint winners St Paul and St Thomas More!

St Bernadette – 162 points

St Francis – 150 points

St Paul – 164 points

St Theresa – 157 points

St Thomas More – 164 points

St Anne Line – 126 points



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

Year R – Winner

Year 1 – Lily-Jade

Year 2 – Edward

Year 3 – Mark

Year 5 – Jesse

Year 4 – Finley

Year 6 – Chima



Latest

Clubs: Staff led clubs for KS2 on a Tuesday resumed this week and will run until Tuesday 28th November.

Karate: There will be no Karate club on Monday 6th November.

Sports Savvy: Are providing afterschool Football sessions for years 1-6 along with Dodgeball for year 4-6. These will need to be signed up for and paid directly to the club.

<https://sport-savvy.classforkids.io/term/119>

PGL Residential 2024/2025: There will be a virtual meeting for current Year 5 children regarding next years residential on **Tuesday 14th November at 4.30pm**, please check your emails for the link to join this.

PATHS Programme: Please check the communication sent on Thursday in relation to this and ensure that you have either consented or declined for your child's participation by **Sunday 5th November**.

Essex Road Safety: Before the half term break Essex Road Safety Partnership visited our Reception and Year 5 class to provide some road safety practical training. All parents can find information and resources at

<https://saferessexroads.org/> and

<https://www.think.gov.uk/>

Please encourage children to **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** when approaching roads and with the dark nights a reminder to **Be Bright, Be Seen**.

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](#).

Reception 2024/2025 Applications: From 6th November 2023 you can apply online for your child's Reception school place. Information on this can be found [here](#) on the Essex website.

Tech Tips

E-Safety: This week we wanted to highlight things to consider if you have smart speakers or if your child visits a house with them. Did you know you can set parent controls for them to help keep children safe? Read more about this [here](#).

Medical

Should I Keep My Child of School? Please see attached poster with information on when to keep your child home. Further details can be found [here on the NHS website](#).

Child Health Matters: Our local NHS has created a free [Childrens 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.

Catholic Community

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society: BCCS have a lovely selection of religious themed Christmas Cards in stock for purchase to aid with their fundraising. An order form is attached for your perusal and all information can be found on their [website](#).

Community

ACL Essex is Essex County Council's provider of adult and family learning across Essex. They offer FREE courses for parents, carers, grandparents across Essex. Topics include Parenting, Wellbeing, Early Years, SEND, Understanding the Curriculum, Financial Wellbeing, Qualifications and Employment, Specialist Workshops and Parent Ambassador Volunteer Programme. More information can be found [here](#).

Cost of Living: Guidance to getting extra payments to help with the cost of living if you're entitled to certain benefits or tax credits can be found [here](#).

School Life

Dinner Menu: Next week (w/c Monday 6th November) we will be on Week 2 of the Winter Menu, 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