



HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Pope Francis' list of New Year's Resolutions: 1. Don't gossip, 2. Finish your meals, 3. Make time for others."

Latest

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club: Breakfast club restarted today, and Afterschool club will restart on Monday 8th January. Please ensure you have booked and paid for any places required in advance.

CAFOD Card Recycling: Our CAFOD club are leading a Christmas Card Recycling Challenge for everyone to recycle their cards. **Please support them by bringing your recycling into school up until 22nd January 2024.**

Approximately 1 billion Christmas cards are thrown away each year – that's around 33 million trees worth.

This year **CAFOD Club** are leading a **Christmas Card Recycling Challenge** for everyone to recycle their cards.

What can go in the bin?

Any cards – Christmas cards, Birthday cards, Thank you cards, big cards, small cards, bright cards, muted cards – we don't mind! We are also happy for **white** envelopes to go in the bin too.



What cannot go in the bin?

Anything that is not a card such as food wrappers, tissues, pencil sharpening's, food, plastics.



Please bring your cards into school between 5th January 2024 until 22nd January 2024

Winter Reading Challenge: If you completed this year's Winter Reading Challenge with Essex Libraries, **please remember to bring your certificates into school in January.** It's not too late to sign up as this runs until Saturday 3rd February.

KS2 Clubs: Information will be sent out on Monday with information on afterschool clubs the children can sign up for which will commence from 15th January. Please check your emails for this communication.

Shinseikyu Karate Academy Class: Sessions will restart on Monday 15th January 2024.

Text Messages: Please do not respond or send text messages to the school as these are not received. Please communicate with the school office via email, phone, or voicemail. Thank-you.

Nearly New Uniform Donations: If you have any items that your child has grown too big for and no longer need, we are always taking new donations. As well as school uniform clothing this also includes coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, trainers. Thank you for your support.

Reception 2024/2025 Applications: Reception school place applications will close on 15th January 2024. Information on this can be found [here](#) on the Essex website.

Community

School Readiness Activities: Please find the new timetable of school readiness activities that are available for children from the ages of 3-5 (younger siblings welcome to come too). All activities are free of charge, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Helping your child to be ready for school

Join our Facebook group - School Readiness (Harlow)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/301163487952988/>

Free fun activities for children aged 3-5 years and their families (younger siblings welcome).

All activities are free of charge

Date	Time	Venue	Activity	Details
Tuesday Begins on 16 January 2024	1:15 – 2:15pm	Harlow Museum Muskhurst Road Harlow CM20 2LF	Come and join us for art and craft, and physical activities in the museum gardens	Help your child to develop early maths, literacy, and social skills. Dress for outdoor activities
Thursday Begins on 25 January 2024	10am – 11:15am	Discover Harlow Hub (near Iceland) The Harvey Centre Town Centre CM20 1XR	Come and join us for art and craft workshops.	Helping your child to develop early writing, maths, language, and literacy skills.
Friday There is no session on Friday 19 January	9:00 – 10:00am	St Lukes Academy School Hall Pyerest Road Harlow CM19 4LU	Parent and child activities. Suitable for children aged 3 years and above	Help your child to learn letter sounds, numbers, shapes and make new friends. Everyone welcome
Friday There is no session on Friday 19 January	1:30 – 2:30pm	Potter Street Baptist Church Hall 98 Potter Street CM17 9AW	Come and join us for physical fun and games. Suitable for children aged 3 years and above	Learn letter sounds, numbers and shapes and develop social skills through fitness fun, craft, and PE games

Everyone Welcome

Please note that parents/carers are responsible for the care and supervision of their child(ren) at all times. Children must be accompanied by a suitable adult at all times.

Term time only

All activities are FREE! For enquiries, please contact julie.cochrane@harlow.gov.uk or telephone 07801 890761

In the event of unforeseen circumstances or inclement weather this timetable may change. Please check the Harlow Council calendar for any changes or amendments www.harlow.gov.uk

Harlow Council and partners are working together to deliver the Harlow School Readiness Project. The project actively promotes the importance of a positive home learning environment and provides a wide range of activities for pre-school age children and their families where, by learning through play based activities, children can develop the skills they need to be ready to learn when they start school.

+ 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

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 [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.

School Life

Dinner Menu: Next week (w/c Monday 8th January 2024) we will be on Week 1 of the Winter Menu, located [here](#) on the school website.

Facebook: [St Alban's Catholic Academy](#) 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

