



The Transfiguration Gospel is always shared in the second week of Lent. We considered the four themes in this Gospel: how Jesus was changed while on the mountain talking with Elijah and Moses. God telling the disciples to listen to Jesus. Jesus telling the disciples he will rise again and Faith. The children shared that we can show Faith through going to church, saying prayers and listening to God.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Lent is an opportunity to be simple and true."

Pope Francis

House Points will be announced in assembly on Monday and shared next week.

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

- Year R – Chimkarisiri
- Year 1 – Elizabeth
- Year 2 – Whole Class
- Year 3 – Whole Class
- Year 4 – Arhcie
- Year 5 – Patryk & Jesse
- Year 6 – Mia



Latest

Farewell: We wish Mrs Minihane all the best for her future as she left St. Alban's yesterday to spend more time with her family. We thank her for all her work with students over the last 18 years.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: If the weather is dry, please do join us for the Stations of the Cross which are said outside each Tuesday. Please come to the School Office for 9am. For other times to join the Stations of the Cross at our local Parishes, please do see the websites on the right of this newsletter.

Breakfast Club: When bringing children to breakfast club neither the school car park is to be used or pulling in in front of the school gate.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and this year we will be embracing the spirit of the occasion by dressing up as our favourite book characters. There is no need to purchase new costumes and we encourage you to get creative and utilize items you already have at home. Please see attached costume ideas.

We will also be having a special world book day lunch on this day as per attached poster.

Coffee Morning: We have arranged for some outside provisions to join us for a coffee morning on **Wednesday 6th March from school drop-off** and hope many of you will pop in. We hope to have services supporting: early years, behaviour, immigration, library, courses.

Essex Activate: Easter holiday clubs go live to book on Monday 4th March at 12pm midday. Run by locally trusted organisations, eligible school aged children (4-16yrs) will receive a holiday activities voucher via email with a unique booking code. The funded activity clubs provide children with enrichment sessions, food education, a nutritious meal and enjoyable physical activity to support their wellbeing! ***If your child/ren are not on benefit based free school meals and you feel that they would benefit from attending one of the clubs, you must contact the club directly to book on.***

School Photographs: The school photographer visited the school on Thursday 29th February for individual and sibling photos, we will keep you updated on when these are due to be received.

School News: Please do remember to regularly check your [child's class page](#) and the school official [St Alban's Catholic Academy](#) Facebook Page for all the latest news on what our children have been up to.

Emergency Contact: The school needs to be able to contact parents in case of an emergency. If there are certain days or times you may not have your phone switched on or be available, please ensure you have provided an alternative point of contact/contact number.

Tech Tips

E-Safety: Instagram safety checklist update
SWGfL have updated their Instagram checklist for helping keep profiles in control. Whilst Instagram is rated at 13+ so primary children would not be expected to be using it, it could be the checklist is useful to you as adults or for older children. It includes Account Privacy, Blocking Users, Reporting Content, Managing Comments and Messages, Addressing Inappropriate Comments and Account Deletion. The checklist is attached.

Community

Guitar Tuition: Please see attached poster from Mr Burton who provides in school guitar tuition for our pupils and has now opened a school for those who wish to have lessons outside of school time.

Harlow Museum Blue Plaque Competition: Pupils are invited to think about who they consider to be a Harlow Hero and design a Blue Plaque to honour the person. This could be a good opportunity to reflect on gratitude or admiration for someone who is in their lives today or a chance to investigate significant figures from Harlow's past. The competition opens on the 9th of March and closing date is the 18th of April at which point a panel of judges will pick a shortlist and winner, all of whom will be invited to an awards ceremony. **Please drop completed forms (attached) into the museum by the 18th of April.**

Catholic Community

Mass Times:

Old Harlow - **Sunday** Mass times are 10am and 6pm
<http://www.catholicchurchoftheassumption.co.uk/>
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Mass times are STM Church **Sunday** 8.30am
OLF Church: **Saturday** 6pm
Sunday 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish)
<https://olfstm.weebly.com/>

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 4th March).

Key Dates: Please remember to keep check of the upcoming dates planned for this academic year. [St Alban's Key Dates 23-24](#)

School Term Dates: Please find these on our [website](#).

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

