



The Gospel this week led us to think about how we show respect in Church and the students gave lots of ways such as genuflecting and being quiet. The children show this respect in assemblies and Stations of the Cross too.

We enjoyed a lovely Year 2 Class Assembly last week where they shared their learning and sang beautifully. Thank you to the Class Team for their preparations for this and to our families who were able to join us. Well Done Year 2!

Our Reading Champions lead us through World Book Day celebrations including launching the Reading Challenge. It was lovely to hear about their favourite authors and books. We are now collecting books for a Big Book Swap!

*Mrs A M Black, Head of School*

***"The world tells us to seek success, power and money. God tells us to seek humility, service and love."***

**Pope Francis**

**House Points:** Well done to **St Thomas More** our winners from last week announced in Mondays assembly.

- St Bernadette – 134 points
- St Francis -108 points
- St Paul – 72 points
- St Theresa – 105 points
- St Thomas More – 135 points
- St Anne Line – 122 points



**House Points:** Well done to **St Anne Line** our winners this week!

- St Bernadette – 126 points
- St Francis – 107 points
- St Paul – 83 points
- St Theresa – 66 points
- St Thomas More – 88 points
- St Anne Line – 127 points



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

- Year R – May
- Year 1 – Aiden
- Year 2 – Izu
- Year 3 – Danny
- Year 4 – Xenia
- Year 5 – Next Week
- Year 6 – Ryan



**Special World Book Day Pupil of Week:** Reading Champion Pupils who gained a special certificate this week for World Book Day are:

- Year 6 – Bernise, Isla & Stephanie
- Year 5 – Shakyra & Louis
- Year 4 – Noreen & Finley
- Year 3 – Hayden & Kathryn
- Year 2 – Lia & Josiah **World**



**Book Day Staff Costume:** Reading Champions voted for the best staff World Book Day costume and announced Mrs Rowlandson and Mrs Black as joint winners.



**School News:** Please do remember to regularly check your [child's class page](#) and the school official [St Alban's Catholic Academy](#) Facebook for all the latest news on what our children have been up to. Next week we will be on Week 3 (w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March) of our school dinner menu located [here](#). Upcoming dates planned for this academic year can be found here [St Alban's Key Dates 23-24](#).

**Car Parking:** We are aware that parents from our school community are blocking and parking on the junction opposite the school site. This is extremely dangerous and a major obstruction to everyone, both car and pedestrians.

**We have been sent the following:** According to the Highway Code, you must not park within 10 meters (32 feet) of a junction, unless in an authorized parking space. This applies to all junctions, including T-junctions and roundabouts.

**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.

**Coffee Morning Fayre:** On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March we held our first Coffee Morning Fayre with providers attending from Essex Community Development Services for Children and Young People, Essex Libraries, and Integration Support. (Posters and information attached)

**We are now busy starting to plan our next Coffee Morning Fayre and would love to hear which services and providers you would like to see there?** Please drop an email to the Office letting us know and we will do our best to organise. In the meantime, save the date, **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8.45am** from school drop off.

**School Photographs:** Children's individual and sibling proof cards from YEP were sent home this week. Orders need to be placed online by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** for free delivery to the school.

**Breakfast and Afterschool Club:** For the first time in a long period it has become necessary for our charges to increase on our extended provisions from April 2024.

**Breakfast Club**

Late Session new price will be £1.75  
Early Session new price will be £4.00

**Afterschool Club**

Early Session new price will be £4.50  
Late Session new price will be £9.00

**'Easter Bunny':** Is a resident of St Alban's until the 28<sup>th</sup> March to meet all the children.



For your chance to win Easter Bunny you can purchase a colouring sheet after school outside the hall, from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** to be coloured in and a name given for Easter Bunny. Each entry is £1, and the winner will be notified on the **28<sup>th</sup> March** and get to take Easter Bunny home that day.

**Brighten Up Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** is a non-uniform day (Comic Relief Day), children should come dressed in any bright clothes!

**SEND Roadshow:** Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to the [Roadshow](#) on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at The Harlow Hotel.

**Tech Tips**

**E-Safety:** When your child comes across something new online – a new app or icon to click on – we ask them to check with an adult (such as yourselves) first as some links can look different to what they actually are.

**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/>

