

Jesus was set a difficult task of carrying his cross through the rough street. The soldiers unkind behaviour made it even harder.

Jesus when hard things come on us in life, help us know that you have been through it without giving up so we can do the same.
Amen

Mary must have felt sad and lonely as she saw her Son on the way to the place that he would be hung on the cross.

Jesus reminds us that our mothers take so much care of us and they help us in our daily lives.



Our week started with the Feasts of St Patrick – Patron Saint of Ireland and Nigeria and then St Joseph. The children reflected on the values St Joseph showed and how we can learn from his example of listening well to God and then acting to follow His way. They also found that he is a Patron Saint of many countries and areas, including fathers.

Year 1 celebrated a lovely class assembly to share learning from their RE and topic Inside the Castle Walls. They sang with actions and enacted a coronation as part of the assembly – Well Done Year 1 and the Class team. This coincided well with sharing during the assembly a portrait we have been sent of King Charles III for display in school.

Please do note the times for Holy Week Masses are given in attachments here

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"God always has patience."

Pope Francis

House Points: Well done to **St Paul's** our winners this week!

St Bernadette – 211

St Francis – 173

St Paul – 217

St Theresa – 132

St Thomas More – 127

St Anne Line – 177



Pupils of the Week: Next week



Latest

Clubs: Clubs have now all **finished** for this term, please ensure children are collected at the end of the school day next week.

Easter Break: Please be reminded that we finish at **1pm on Thursday 28th March** for Easter Break. Children return back to school on Monday 15th April.

Book Donations: We are welcoming book donations as we hope to hold a Book Swap Day for the children next term.

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. Do check the [Parent Handbook](#) for guidance on school matters.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on the website. Next week we will be on Week 2 (w/c 25th March).

Easter Lunch on Wednesday 27th March
Roast Chicken with

Chipolata Sausage, Sage & Onion Stuffing
served with

Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy

or

Cheese & Potato Whirls

Homemade Easter Biscuits

Fruit or Organic Yoghurt



The new Spring/Summer menu that will commence after the Easter holidays is attached and available on the [school website](#).

Year of Number: Something for Everyone! The "Essex Year of..." app is FREE and full of engaging educational content and activities for all ages. It offers important opportunities for pupils and their families to read for pleasure and have fun using numbers.

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': Colouring sheets will still be available on request from the school office until **Tuesday 26th March**. All sheets must be handed in by Wednesday 27th March and the winner will be notified on the **28th March** and get to take Easter Bunny home that day.



Pre-School Applications: If your child turns 3 before September 2024, January 2025 or April 2025 and you would like them to attend the Pre-School next academic year please make an application to secure a place on the interest list. [Pre-School Admissions](#)

Community

Easter Holiday Bikeability Courses: Easter holidays are fast-approaching. If you're looking for something for your child to do over the

holidays, why not sign them up to one of Essex Highways Bikeability Courses. All different levels are available as well as our beginner course called Learn to Ride.

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>



Tech Tips

E-Safety: Advice on how to support your child in using a games console safely and responsibly is available here: [Games Consoles - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



Catholic Community

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) are looking for thrill seekers with a passion for fundraising to take part in Harlow Tye Rotary's annual Harlow Water Tower Abseil on **Saturday 18th May 2024**. For all details, please visit their Harlow Water Tower Abseil webpage here: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/>

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/>

Holy Week

Please see attached posters

School Life

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

