



It was lovely to welcome everyone back as we begin our Summer term in the 50 days of rejoicing after Easter. From the Gospel, we heard that Jesus called the disciples to be witnesses. In our Mission for this week then we are invited to be witnesses to others by following Jesus' example through our words and our actions.

This weaves into our Caritas theme this term of The Common Good - where we are called to work for the good of each and of all.

*Mrs A M Black, Head of School*

*"How beautiful is a Church that can run through the streets of our world with the desire to bear the joy of the Gospel to everyone. That is what we are called to do... ."*

#### Pope Francis

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

**St Bernadette** – 85 points  
**St Francis** – 94 points  
**St Paul** – 91 points  
**St Theresa** – 83 points  
**St Thomas More** – 72 points  
**St Anne Line** – 96 points



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

Year R – Lilly-Mae  
Year 1 – Arlo  
Year 2 – Olivia  
Year 3 – Next Week  
Year 4 – Rayvon  
Year 5 – Izabel  
Year 6 – Stephanie



#### Latest

**RE Newsletter:** Please find as attached.

**Summer Term Clubs:** Clubs choices have now been sent out for KS2. Please check your emails and complete the link with your child's club choice. Club offers will be sent out by the end of day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and clubs will start from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please do not assume that your child has been allocated a space and ensure that you read all emails in full.

**Brighten Up Day:** CAFOD club would like to **thank everyone** for the incredible **£236** raised on last terms Brighten Up Day.

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



**Reports:** Annual reports went home at the end of term. Please do complete the response that was enclosed with your child's report. Your feedback is really important to us.

**Breakfast and Afterschool Club:** Charges have now increased on our extended provisions:

#### Breakfast Club

Late Session price is £1.75  
Early Session price is £4.00

#### Afterschool Club

Early Session price is £4.50  
Late Session price is £9.00

#### St Alban's Coffee Fayre: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Our next Coffee Morning Fayre will be held straight **from school drop off at 8.45am**. We hope to have services supporting families and children's health including school nurse, family support, young carers.



#### Bike to School Day: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Students are encouraged to cycle or scooter to school on Friday to support Bike to School Day. It is a good form of exercise and eco-friendly. We will keep a tally and hope to beat last year's percentage. Of course, students are welcome to cycle or scooter on other school days too!

**Uniform:** Children can now wear Summer Uniform, reminder here in our [parent handbook](#) on this. **(Please ensure hair ties are small discreet bows in school colours. School shoes must be worn and remind of our policy on fads/crazes also in the handbook)**

Please check that uniform items are still clearly labelled with your child's name as these can wear off over time.

#### Tech Tips

**E-Safety from Essex Police:** Keeping your child safe online is not always an easy task. New technology, regular updates or upgrades can change how things work, sometimes making it difficult to keep up. Here are five top tips to help keep you and your child safe when online.

1. Protect your identity. Do not share personal information.
2. Think before you post. Once posted its no longer yours.
3. Check your privacy settings.
4. Games and Apps have age ratings for a reason.
5. Make use of the parental controls.

[Click our link](#) for some simple things you can do to make your child's online devices safer.

#### Community

**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.



#### Catholic Community

**The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)** are looking for fundraisers 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/>

#### School Life

**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.

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on the website. Next week we will be on Week 2 (w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> April).

**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

