



The parable of the Vine and Branches this week helped us to consider the things we need to live well - such as food, water, clothes, shelter, family, friendship and God. We can be thankful for all these in our lives and Jesus invites us to be close to him like branches on a vine and the children gave examples of doing this through prayer, reading the Bible and sacraments. Next week please note, Monday is a Bank Holiday so we will see you on Tuesday at school. Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Ascension. Children will join the Parish for Mass at Our Lady of Fatima on this day.

*Mrs A M Black, Head of School*

**"Mary, Mother of tenderness who is always near, teach us how to live and have faith."**  
**Pope Francis**

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

St Bernadette – 160 points

St Francis - 120 points

St Paul – 160 points

St Theresa – 129 points

St Thomas More – 126 points

St Anne Line – 145 points



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

Year R – Next week

Year 1 – Makhaya

Year 2 – Kate

Year 3 – Cliyon

Year 4 – Jackson

Year 5 – Lilly

Year 6 – Vanessa



**Latest**

**Bank Holiday:** Please note that Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed to pupils.

**Ascension Day**

Student will be sharing in Mass on Thursday. All year groups will join the Parish Mass at 9.30am – parents and parishioners can join this Mass.

**Mini Vinnies Cake Sale:** On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May our Mini Vinnies are hosting a cake sale in the playground after school. **Donations of cakes (not nuts please) on the day are most needed.**

**Medication:** Please ensure all medication for children is handed in to a staff member by an adult. Children should not carry their own medicines (except inhalers). If you child requires medication in school a medical consent form **must** be completed. Medication is classed as anything the child requires to apply or take during school hours. Please ensure any medical changes such as allergies are updated in writing to the school office.

**Uniform:** We will be updating our nearly new uniform cupboard over the coming weeks with Summer Uniform. Please remember you can pop into the office and check our stock at any time.

**Weather:** The weather is set to start warming up over the coming weeks. Please can we remind:

- Children should have a water bottle
- Any suncream should be applied by parents before school
- Hats are recommended for sunny days
- No sunglasses permitted
- Shaded areas are available on the playground
- School [summer uniform option](#)

**Playground Equipment:** Children are not permitted to use the school play equipment before or after school.

**Recycle your Old Stamps:** We are collecting used stamps to donate and help raise vital funds for RNIB. Start collecting your used stamps from letters, parcels and postcards ensuring you **leave a 1cm border** around them. We have a collection box in the front office for these to be placed into. [Collect stamps for RNIB | RNIB](#)

**Community**

**The Michael Roberts Charitable Trust** have a school uniform shop now open **every Wednesday** at the [Bounty Club](#) in the former BHS shop in the Harvey centre.

**Community Hub:** Run by Rainbow Services in partnership with Harlow Council, Harlow Foodbank, Citizens Advice Harlow and West Essex Health and Care Partnership; all in one place for better support. Please [click here](#) to find out how to contact along with dates and venues where you can visit the Community Hub Team.



**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 1 (w/c 6<sup>th</sup> May).

**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.

**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



All pupils will have the opportunity to take part in Baker Ross' stone competition next week during lunchtimes in the school library. Please make the school office aware if you do not want your child to participate.

**Tech Tips**

**Online Safety:** This week we bring you advice for Keeping under 5s safe online. It has been highlighted this week how important it is to supervise children's activity online and this link share guidance on just how that may be done. [Keeping under fives safe online | Childnet](#)

