



HEADTEACHER AWARDS – December 2022

Cedar	Isabel ~ For being exceptionally kind and caring to all of your friends in Cedar Class; you show God's love to everyone. Ted - For your perseverance with your work in class and your strong will to always do your very best.
Cherry	Eliza - For being a wonderful role model and always following our mission statement. Jacob - For trying your best and having a positive attitude towards your work.
Elm	Evie - For a fantastic improvement in her attitude towards her learning and always trying her best. Cillian - For always making the right choices and following our school mission statement every day.
Fir	Amelia - For the brilliant progress she has made already this year through her determination and attitude to learning. Amelia consistently tries her hardest in everything that she does. Maya - For being an exceptionally kind learning partner, as well as a thoughtful and supportive friend to all.
Hazel	Ann - for consistently following our School Mission Statement by being a kind, helpful and patient learning partner. Alice - for her enthusiasm and positivity towards her work and for living out the Mission Statement in the way she treats and values others in the class.
Maple	Amelia - For being a kind and caring role model, often guiding others towards making the right choices and for applying herself fully to all learning challenges with great determination! Rafael - For arriving to school every day with a positive attitude and for his polite dealings with others in our school community. Rafael's use of interesting questions in class to extend his learning is often admired by all!
Oak	Ziva - for her determination and positive attitude to her learning. She is an excellent role model to her peers, always willing to help and encourage everyone to be the best they can. Dylan - for living out the mission statement every day. He can always be depended on and tries his best in all areas of the curriculum.
Pine	Emily - For her cheerful, gentle nature and for always thinking of others. Charlie - For being a fantastic learning partner and always trying his best.
Poplar	Maximilian - For his enthusiasm towards his learning and for being a kind and helpful learning partner. Eliza - For living out the mission statement every day at school and seeing and responding to the needs of others just as Jesus would
Rowan	Harvey – For being a cheerful, approachable, helpful member of our school community. You always make sure you have time for everyone. Georgina – For sharing your hobbies and interests with such enthusiasm during our topic on the Solar System.

Sycamore **Gabriel** - For setting a fine example to the younger children at our school while helping to create a loving and caring St Joseph's community.
Aria - For the sturdy determination and fantastic effort she puts into her academic work at all times. Well done for the accelerated progress you have made in recent weeks, particularly in mathematics.

Willow **Daniel** - has grown so much throughout his first term in Year 6, both in confidence and in maturity. He relishes a challenge and always wants to achieve his best and we are incredibly proud of all his achieving. Well done for a fantastic term and keep up the excellent work, Daniel.
Neve - Neve is a delightful young lady, who lives out our Mission Statement every day. She works incredibly hard in all subjects, especially her writing, which is where she comes into her own. All pieces of work are completed to a wonderfully high standard and with the utmost care. Well done for all you have achieved this term, Neve.

Franciscan Awards

Our Academy has recently introduced awards across all eight schools to highlight and celebrate those pupils who are living out our Franciscan values: creating a caring community; sharing compassion for others; reverence for creation and peace making.

This term our the Franciscan Values Awards go to :

Emilia (EYFS)

Oliver (KS1)

India (LKS2)

Ethan (UKS2)

OFSTED

Many thanks to all the parents who supported the school last week with kind messages, gifts and completing the OFSTED parent survey. It was an interesting week with performances that I was determined would not be cancelled in Nursery, Reception and Year 2, as well as a large number of staff absences due to sickness. As always, our pupils were amazing. As soon as the report is available (probably mid February) it will be shared and made public.

Reception Admissions 2023/24

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you can apply for a Primary School place to start in September 2023.

The closing date for on time applications is 15th January 2023. This is a Sunday! Therefore please ensure all documentation needed for your School Information Form is with the school on Friday 13th January 2023.

For more information, please see our website.

NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BISHOPS STORTFORD

Dear families,

As both an employee and parishioner of St Joseph's church, it has been wonderful, this past term, to see so many wonderful opportunities for the children to engage in their faith (especially after so much "wandering through the desert" during the challenging years of lockdown!). Fr Antonio has joined you in school at regular intervals to help you celebrate and pray, which he loves to be able to do. We have also enjoyed welcoming a number of classes to morning Mass throughout the term, culminating in this week's very special visit from the chaplaincy team and singing club members, who kindly led our parishioners in some wonderfully festive carol singing! Thank you all!

The parish Christmas routine should be back to normal this year, so do consider coming to join us during Christmas-tide to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our King! You might like to especially note the Children and Families Vigil Mass, taking place at 5pm on Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December - where children may dress up for the occasion! Shepherds, Sheep, Stars and Angels all welcome! ☺

As well as this, there are various other Masses being celebrated on Christmas Eve too - no booking required this year! But do come early for a seat. For those who prefer a slightly quieter Mass, come on Christmas Day itself! Do check the parish website (www.rcstortford.org.uk) for updates of other masses throughout the Christmas period, as well as our Advent and Christmas resources page with lots of ideas of ways to mark this season at home as a family:

Wishing you all a very happy, holy & safe Christmas,
Sophie Sullivan
Catechetical Coordinator

News from the Chaplaincy Team

This half term has been extremely busy for us, especially the last few weeks as Advent began; we have enjoyed helping our school to prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas. We loved helping Nursery with their Christmas Nativity and Year 1 with their Advent Reflection. We also supported the singing club with a concert at the parish centre.

A huge thank you for all of the donations that we received for the foodbank. Our KS1 library was completing filled with donations and the volunteers at the foodbank were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you for helping to make someone's life easier this Christmas.

A very big well done to everyone who entered the Christmas art competition. We were very impressed by all of the talent on display, and it was very difficult for us to choose just a few winners from each Key Stage. Congratulations to:

KS1: Nia, Tom, Amelia, Annabelle and Nathaniel

LKS2: Taron, Jacob M, Ciaran, Ziva and Mylene

UKS2: Lottie, Julia and Grace M

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas celebrating the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. We look forward to continuing to share God's love with you all in the New Year. Merry Christmas and God Bless you,



The Chaplaincy Team



The children from the Chaplaincy Team and Singing Club braved the snow and ice to bring joy to some of the parishioners by attending Mass and singing some carols and serving tea, coffee and biscuits. Fr Peter was very impressed with our Christmas jumpers; he said that he had never seen so much glitter in the church!

House Points This Term:

St Oscar Romero - 1,274

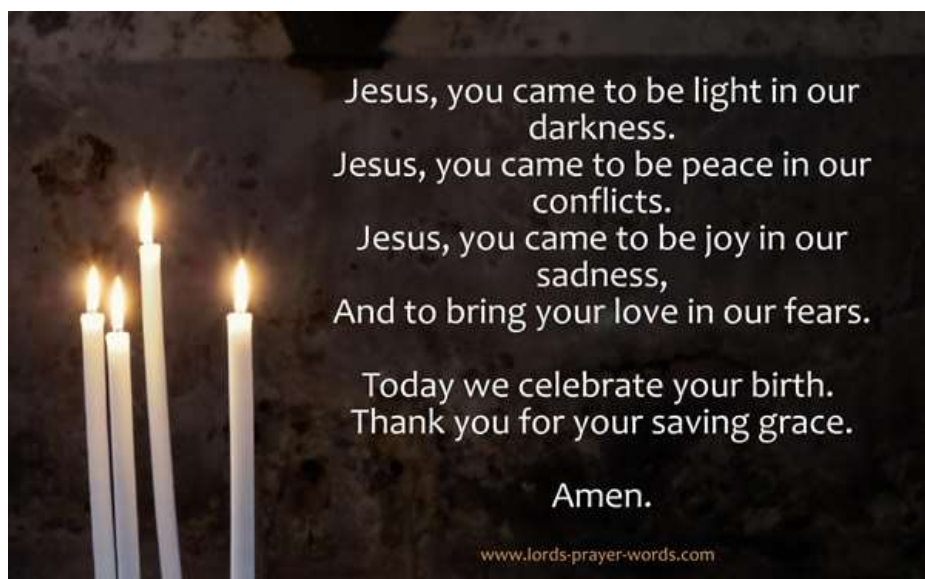
St Anthony - 2,039

St Margaret Clitherow - 2,072

St Pope John Paul II - 2,315

St Bernadette - 3,002

The children in St Bernadette house will be receiving their reward after the Christmas break!



Pupils Return to School January 5th 2023