

# Newsletter

## Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have coped well with the heat this week and we have tried to give them lots of opportunities to remain hydrated and cool.

The Starstruck club thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Cliffs Pavilion this week to see Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat. They were so well behaved!

It was lovely to see all the children having their class photographs taken this morning. They all looked so smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend in the sunshine with your families.



Love

Learn

Pray



## Dates for the Diary

Please check the list of dates in this newsletter for any additional dates/changes **highlighted in bold**. These dates are also on the school website calendar.



## A Prayer from our children

Dear God,

Help us to love everyone.

Amen

(Cayden - Kingfishers)

## Lunch Menu

Menu Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>
Pepperoni pizza Nachos Coleslaw	Homemade chicken nuggets Served with rice & steamed green beans (Sweet chilli sauce optional)	Roast chicken thighs Served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding Steamed carrots & gravy	Beef chilli macaroni cheese Served with naan bread & steamed broccoli	Fish fillet Chips Baked beans
<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>
Jacket potato with one choice of filling: cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise	Quorn dippers Served with rice & steamed green beans (sweet chilli sauce optional)	Vegetable baskets Served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding Steamed carrots & vegetarian gravy	Quorn mince macaroni cheese Served with naan bread & steamed broccoli	Cheese & broccoli quiche Chips Baked beans
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
Cake	Fresh fruit	Ice lolly	Fresh fruit	Ice cream tub

• If children are unable to have any of the above due to allergies/intolerances there will be an alternative available – please see the office if you have any concerns regarding allergies.



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## Attendance

The school weekly attendance (ending Friday 13.6.25) was 98.1%. The **Owls and Sparrows classes** both won the attendance prize with full attendance 100%. Well done. This week's attendance will appear in the next newsletter.

## School App



Please make sure you have the school app on your phone to receive notifications. If you require any assistance, please contact the school office.



### Studybugs

You can report your child's absence on Studybugs at any time.

## Headteacher's Award (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June)



Aaron (Kingfishers) won the Headteacher's Award this week for trying hard in all of his work and for his growth from Reception to now. Well done!

## Dentist Visit - Reception Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

The dentist will be visiting the Reception classes next Wednesday.

## PTA Meeting Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June (8:45am)

A PTA meeting will take place next Friday to discuss the Family BBQ Celebration taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of July.

## Used Uniform Sale Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June (2:45pm-3:15pm)

There will be a Used Uniform Sale next Friday on the school playground, all items £1 each – cash only please.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER – PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

Please be considerate to our neighbours and park in the Church car park when dropping/ collecting your children. Can we please ask you to be extra vigilant when driving and parking and be mindful of small children. Thank you for your support.

## House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
3,001	2,507
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
2,635	2,615

## IMPORTANT

**Please ensure any grapes/cherry tomatoes in lunchboxes are cut up into quarters.**

## NHS Guidelines – if your child is unwell

A reminder, if you are unsure as to whether to bring your child to school if they are unwell, please check the NHS Guidelines in the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

**Donations of boxes of tissues would be much appreciated.**



# Gold Leaf Awards



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Akosua (Owls) - Learn**

**Serena (Wrens) – Love and Pray**

**Senam (Kingfishers) - Love**

**Jacob (Hérons) - Learn**

**Sara (Sparrows) - Love**

**Fori (Robins) - Pray**

**Mirabel (Wagtails) - Love**

**Henry (Ducklings) Learn**

## **Cygnets – Nursery**

A further reminder, please return your child's Family Beach Day reply slip as soon as possible if you have not done so already. A reminder that the Cygnets Summer Stay and Play will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July (2pm-2:45pm). Please return the reply slip to confirm your attendance.



## **Wagtails/Ducklings – Nursery**

A further reminder to please return your child's Family Beach Day reply slip as soon as possible if you have not done so already.



## **Reception**

A further reminder to please return your child's Family Beach Day reply slip as soon as possible if you have not done so already.



## Starstruck Club Theatre Visit – Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat - Wednesday

The Starstruck Club children enjoyed their visit to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at Cliff's Pavilion on Wednesday. Mrs Seymour, CSEL of Christus Catholic Trust, attended with us and was very impressed with the way the children represented our school.



### **Year 1 R.E. Lesson – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

For the Year 1 R.E. lesson next Wednesday, could your child please bring in something special/precious to them (a photo, book, gift, special candle). Many thanks.

### **Charity Week (Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July)**

The children have chosen the charities they would like to support as follows:

<b>Nursery</b>	Local foodbanks
<b>Reception</b>	CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)
<b>Year 1</b>	BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society)
<b>Year 2</b>	Salvation Army

### **Mr Fox's School Library - Family Library Time Sessions Timetable:**

**8am - 8:25am (please arrive no later than 8:20am)**

**The school library is open to all year groups from Monday to Friday (EXCLUDING THURSDAY)**

**On your arrival at school please go to the outside library door (between the year 2 classes).**

It's been wonderful to see so many of our families attending the open library mornings to spend some quality time together enjoying books. If your child attends 10 times and has their reading record signed by Mrs Kapustka, they will receive a reading certificate.



**Well done to Aiya (Robins) who received a reading certificate this week.**

## Reminder - Year 2

Can we please have a range of materials for a display that we will be creating to represent Our Lady. Owls will be creating artwork on Our Lady of Montserrat, and Wrens will be making artwork based on Our Mother of Africa. We would like:

Gold material/fabric  
African print material/fabric  
Blue/turquoise fabric/material

If you have any scraps or pieces of fabric at home in these colours, we would be very grateful for them.

## Mrs Davis's Weekly Sports Challenge

Mrs Davis would like you to hold different balances for 30 seconds. Please send photos to [office@salinf.org](mailto:office@salinf.org)

## Religious Education (RED) – Nursery (Cygnets, Ducklings and Wagtails)



### **Week 3 – We Are All Part of God's Family**

*This week in Nursery, we have been learning that we are all part of God's big family.*

*Even though we are all different, God made each of us special, and He loves every single one of us the same.*

*"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." – Galatians 3:26*

*We also listened to songs and stories about being a good friend.*

## Religious Education (RED)



*This half-term, the theme for our Religious Education Curriculum Branch is Dialogue and Encounter.*

### **Reception**

*In this branch for Reception, children understand how to listen when others speak, develop attitudes of respect, and embrace similarities and differences. Children begin to understand what it means to be a good neighbour and speak about their experiences and understandings of religion and spirituality in a local context as part of the community they encounter each day. In learning about Jesus, children could begin to understand that Jesus lived in the past in a place called Nazareth in Palestine.*

### **Year 1**

*‘For “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).*

*In this branch the starting point for dialogue in a Catholic school is understanding some things about the Catholic Church. For younger pupils, this begins with concrete experiences, meeting Christians from the local parish, including the parish priest where possible, and understanding what being a Christian means to them and how they live their lives. Where possible, pupils could also visit their local parish church to understand the building as a place where Catholics gather to celebrate their love of Christ in the church’s liturgies. Pupils begin learning about Judaism through understanding the Jewish belief in one God and that they have a sacred text, the Torah.*

### **Year 2**

*In the dialogue dimension of this branch, pupils will begin by studying the parable of the Good Samaritan which Jesus told in answer to the question, ‘Who is my neighbour?’. Jesus concludes the parable by saying: “Go and do likewise” (Lk 10:37). In other words, he challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked’. Pupils will think about what this means in the community where they live and look at how Christians work together to support their local community, for example, food bank initiatives or care for refugees. In the encounter part of this branch, pupils will learn more about Judaism as part of the religious education curriculum.*

### **Activities to support learning at home:**

#### **Reception:**

*Week 3 Make/decorate some flames or wind chimes to symbolise the Holy Spirit.*

#### **Year 1:**

*Week 3 Listen to Missa Luba; Pentecostal Gospel music tradition; Contemporary Christian Praise and Worship music and music from the Welsh choirs. Sing along and talk about what you like/dislike.*

#### **Year 2:**

*Week 3 Find out about Christian Aid, CAFOD or Tearfund.*



# Safeguarding Newsletter



## KEEPING SAFE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

### STRANGERS

"Stranger danger" has been used for years to teach children to be careful around people they don't know. But some parents now prefer teaching "clever never goes," which helps children understand when to be careful without being scared of everyone. It's important to talk with children about real situations, explaining what's okay (like saying hello) and what's not okay (like going anywhere with a stranger).



### ROAD SAFETY

- A few basics to remember include:
  - Never cross between parked cars.
  - Put gadgets/phones away. Adults need to model this too.
  - Take earphones out - listen out for traffic as well as look for it
  - Always use a crossing if one is available - don't be tempted to take a short cut
  - Don't run, scoot or cycle - always walk when crossing the road.



### BE SUN SAFE



### GETTING LOST

- Make sure that whenever you go somewhere new, plan and talk to your child about what they should do if you become separated. Identify a meeting place - this could be the front door, last place you saw each other, help desk. Identify safe adults
  - - is it someone in a uniform?



### BIKE/SCOOTER SAFETY



- Wear helmets and wrist/knee pads.
- Be bright, be seen - wear high visibility clothing to ensure other road/path users can see you coming.
- Stop, look, listen, LIVE! - Know when to stop.
- Always come to a complete stop at kerbs and walk across the road. Don't cycle or scoot.
- Be considerate - think about other path users.



## Online Safety Zone

This week we share information on using YouTube Kids. We know from in school surveys that many children watch videos online through YouTube. To ensure they are not exposed to inappropriate content, we highly recommend setting up YouTube Kids.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

### SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

### BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

### DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

### RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

### MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

### Meet Our Expert

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# HIDDEN TALENTS

KIDS CLUB!

@ ST ANNE LINE INFANT  
SCHOOL, BASILDON

- Boost confidence & independence
- Encourage creativity & imagination
- Develop communication skills
- A safe and fun environment

SATURDAY MORNINGS

9.30am-12.30pm

AGES 4 - 11

9.45am - 10.30am

AGES 3-5

CALL/MESSAGE 07789715157  
TO BOOK YOUR SPACE.

3 HOUR KIDS CLUB!

DANCE  
SINGING  
DRAMA  
ARTS AND CRAFTS  
THEATRE  
GAMES  
ROLE PLAY  
CREATIVITY  
IMAGINATION  
PLAY  
MUSIC

Explore, Create, and Grow!

Give your child the chance to shine in a club as unique as they are! Drop them off for three hours of creativity, fun, and adventure, where they'll build confidence, independence, and new friendships.

✦ COME AND DISCOVER YOUR  
HIDDEN TALENT ✦



**St Anne Line Catholic Infant School & Nursery**



## ***DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR***

# ***2025***

**Whilst every care has been taken at this stage in organising dates, to enable parents to plan events, they are subject to amendment if circumstances change.**

## SUMMER TERM 2025

DATE	EVENT	YEAR
26-30 May	HALF TERM (incl. Bank Holiday on 5 May)	Whole school
02 Jun	Children return to school/nursery	Whole school
03 Jun	PTA Coffee Morning (8:45am-10am)	Parents/babies/ toddlers
05 Jun	Mini Olympics	Selected children
06 Jun	Breakfast Morning (8:30am-9:30am)	Whole school
10 Jun	Stay and Pray (8:45am) Reception	Reception
12 Jun	Wagtails & Ducklings Father's Day/ Male Role Model Celebration (8:45am-10am)	Wagtails & Ducklings
13 Jun	The King's Birthday - Class Celebrations	Whole School
20 Jun	Class Photos	Whole school
25 Jun	Dentist Visiting Reception	Reception
<b>27 Jun</b>	<b>PTA Meeting (8:45am) to discuss Family BBQ Celebration on Friday 11 July</b>	<b>Parents/Carers</b>
27 Jun	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
30 Jun - 4 Jul	Charity Week	Whole school
02 Jul	PTA Coffee Morning (8:45am-10am)	Parents/babies/ toddlers
03 Jul	Sports Day - Junior School Field (9am-11am)	Reception/Yr1 & Yr2
04 Jul	Family Beach Day (EYFS)	Nursery & Reception & Parents/Carers
08 Jul	Cygnets Nursery Summer Stay and Play (2pm-2:45pm)	Cygnets Nursery parents/carers
10 Jul	Colchester Zoo Trip Year 2	Yr 2
11 Jul	Family BBQ Celebration (3pm-5pm)	Whole school
16 Jul	Display Evening (3pm-6pm)	Whole school
17 Jul	Yr 2 Leaver's Mass (11am)	Yr 2
18 Jul	Yr 2 Leaver's Assembly & Lunch (10:45am)	Yr 2
18 Jul	Last Day of Term Early Finish 1:15pm	Whole school
21 & 22 Jul	Non pupil days	Whole school
23 Jul-29 Aug	SUMMER HOLIDAYS	Whole school