

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and exciting week we've had as we head towards the half-term break!

We've enjoyed celebrating National Numeracy Day with fun maths games and challenges throughout the school – it's been great to see so many children getting stuck in and showing a real love of numbers. They even enjoyed a live assembly and a live maths-dance lesson with Katya from Strictly Come Dancing!

Year 2 had a special visit from the NSPCC, who delivered their *Speak Out, Stay Safe* session. The children listened brilliantly and asked thoughtful questions – and our visitors commented on how respectful and engaged the children were.

Meanwhile, Reception had a fantastic time on their trip to Call of the Wild. They enjoyed finding out about all the animals and even got to touch a millipede, cockroach and snake! There were lots of children asleep on the coach journey home, which means the trip was a success!

Although Ascension Day falls during half term this year, children have been learning about its significance in their RE lessons—exploring the story of Jesus' ascension and reflecting on themes of hope, faith, and new beginnings.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break – enjoy the rest, sunshine (we hope!), and time with family.



Love

Learn

Pray



Lunch Menu



A Prayer from our children

Dear God,

Thank you for the sun
Amen


(Luca - Wagtails)




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Menu Week 1 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1
Tomato pasta bake (with or without cheese) Garlic Bread Steamed broccoli	Crispy chicken fillet in a wrap Served with fresh salad & potato wedges (BBQ or sweet chilli sauce optional)	All day breakfast: Butcher's pork chipolatas Hash brown Free range omelette Baked beans	Ground beef and rice pilaf served with steamed sweetcorn	Fish fingers Chips Steamed peas
CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2
Jacket potato with one choice of filling: cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise	Quorn fillet in a wrap Served with fresh salad & potato wedges (BBQ or sweet chilli sauce optional)	All day vegetarian breakfast: Vegetarian sausages Hash brown Free range omelette Baked beans	Vegetarian quorn mince and rice pilaf served with steamed sweetcorn	Cheese & vegetable quesadilla Chips Steamed peas
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Biscuit	Fresh fruit	Jelly	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.

Attendance

The school weekly attendance (ending Friday 16.5.25) was 96.8%. The **Owls class** won the attendance prize with **99.3%** attendance. 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 23rd May)



Tioluwanimi (Wrens) won the Headteacher's Award this week for always being helpful and she takes her responsibilities as a prayer leader very faithfully. Tioluwanimi also helps with signing in assembly. Well done!

PTA Coffee Morning Tuesday 3rd June (8:45am-10am)

A reminder that there will be a PTA coffee morning on Tuesday 3rd June. Please see the poster within this newsletter for further details.

Breakfast Morning Friday 6th June (8:30am-9:30am)

A reminder, our Breakfast Morning will take place on Friday 6th June. Please see the poster within this newsletter for further details.

IMPORTANT – 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.

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.

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
2,716	2,294
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
2,393	2,383

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.

Playground Buddies

Well done to the children who have helped to tidy away the playground equipment at playtimes and lunchtimes.



Wagtails/Ducklings/Cygnets – Nursery

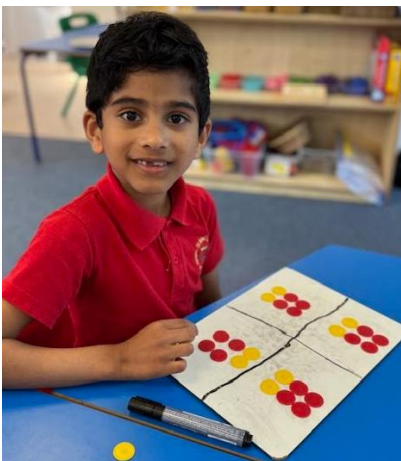
Please return your child's Family Beach Day reply slip as soon as possible.



Year 1 this week

This week we have celebrated National Numeracy Day.

Year 1 have been learning to find a half and quarter of shapes and amounts.



NSPCC - Tuesday

Year 2 enjoyed a workshop with the NSPCC helping them to speak out to stay safe.

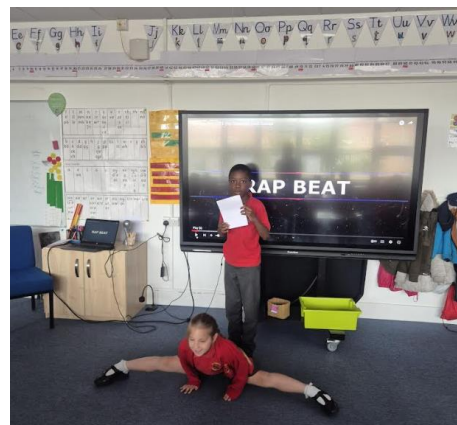


Rosary Club with Fr Albert – Wednesday



National Numeracy Day - Wednesday

For National Numeracy Day on Wednesday, Year 2 took part in money based activities. We had a live lesson with Mr Money Jar talking about the value of money and tips for saving. We did a shopping activity to develop our money skills and created our own maths raps. Finally joining in a maths dance with Katya from strictly come dancing.



Big Help Out – Saturday 17th May

Thank you so much to all the families who came to the Big Help Out last Saturday. Everyone worked hard planting and tidying and the school grounds look great.



Mrs Davis's Weekly Sports Challenge

Mrs Davis is challenging you to play a game of family rounders. You could also meet up with friends and have a competition. Email your photos or videos to office@salinf.org

Mrs Davis's Holiday Sports Challenge

Please create a poster for what it means to be a sportsman or sportswoman. Also make a poster of your favourite sportspeople. Please bring your posters to the school office.

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

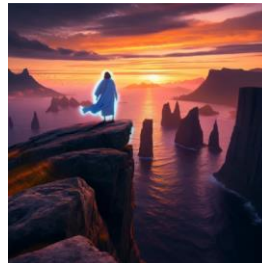
8am - 8:25am (please arrive no later than 8:20am)

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.

Religious Education (RED) – Nursery (Cygnet, Ducklings and Wagtails)



This week, we're learning about two important events: the Ascension and Pentecost!

After Jesus came back to life on Easter, He spent time with His friends, the apostles. He taught them about God and told them that God would soon send a special helper—the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). Jesus also told them to go share God's love with others.

One day, as the apostles watched, Jesus was taken up into the sky in a cloud. Two angels said, "Jesus has gone into heaven, but one day He will come back the same way you saw Him go!" (Acts 1:9–11). This is called the Ascension—it means Jesus went back to His Father in heaven.

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost. On this day, God sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles (Acts 2:1–4). The Holy Spirit helps us follow Jesus, make good choices, and share God's love. He is our helper and friend!

Religious Education (RED)



This half-term, the theme for our Religious Education Curriculum Branch is To the Ends of the Earth.

Reception

In this branch for Reception, children will look at the events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit. They will hear a simple version of the Pentecost and learn that the Holy Spirit is our friend who looks after us. They will also learn about our parish church.

Year 1

The focus of this branch 5 for Year 1 is for children to hear the story of the Road to Emmaus, the Ascension, and the story of Pentecost. They will complete an age-appropriate narrative cycle of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and encounter the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Apostles and then the early Church. 'Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Mt 28:19)

Year 2

The theme for this term is Ascension, Pentecost and Conversion. The focus is on how people are changed by the Holy Spirit. Welcoming the Holy Spirit into our hearts invites conversion of the heart by receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit and allowing these to bear fruit in our lives. Children will explore how people are changed by the Holy Spirit through the examples of the apostles, St Paul and other saints and they will learn the names of the fruits of the Spirit.

Activities to support learning at home:

Reception:

Week 5: Celebrate the church's birthday by celebrating with your family.

Year 1:

Week 5: Write a prayer to the Holy Spirit and draw a picture of a dove.

Year 2:

Week 5: Draw or paint a picture of Saul.

Online Safety Zone

Welcome back for the summer term. This week our online safety zone is about **balancing screen time**.

The following is information and advice from Internet Matters. The full document with detailed advice is available here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-0-5-year-olds/>

How are children using screens?



Source: Ofcom Children and Parents Media use and attitudes report 2019

What parents tell us

Screens' impact on physical wellbeing

Over a third of parents are worried children are not getting enough time to play outside because of screen time.

Screens are good for creativity

Nearly 7 out of 10 parents believe that using devices gives children another way of being creative for example a child who enjoys dancing, sharing a new routine online with family and friends.



The truth about screen time

Not all screen time is created equal so it's important to encourage children to have a healthy balance between passive screen time (i.e watching YouTube) and interactive screen time (i.e. creating content or playing games online).

There is no safe level of screen time but it doesn't mean that all screen time is harmful. Lack of evidence has meant that experts have found it hard to recommend a cut-off for children screen time overall.

One size does not fit all when it comes to screen time – it's more about getting it right for your families needs.



5 top tips to balance screen time



- 1 Set rules on the use of screens in and out of the home
- 2 Make family time and sleep a priority over screens
- 3 Play, watch and discover together
- 4 Take the lead when choosing what they see and do on screens
- 5 Set a good example with your own screen use

PTA – Coffee Morning



Parents and Carers Morning Coffee Time!

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 • 08:45 - 10:00

Drop your children into school, then come and
relax and unwind!

Toddlers and babies welcome

Prices: Drinks 50p, sweet treats £1

Raise funds for the PTA

Cash only

We hope to see you soon!

Breakfast Morning

Come for breakfast at St. Anne Line Catholic
Infant School & Nursery

Friday 6th June 8.30 am – 9.30am

We invite you to join us for breakfast in the school hall. Time for you to relax over breakfast and cup of tea or coffee and have a chat with friends before the busy day begins. Children are welcome to stay with you to enjoy the breakfast.





FREE

👦 Raising Boys, Raising Girls 👧

Join one of our free 'Raising Boys' or 'Raising Girls' sessions (or BOTH!) Find out how to support your son, or daughter's, growth into a confident and resilient individual.

Sign up today!

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Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)

What you'll learn:

- What ARFID is and how it differs from other eating disorders
- How ARFID often links to neurodiversity
- Practical insights into day-to-day living with ARFID
- Strategies to support your child or young person with ARFID

📅 Date: Thursday 26 June 2025

🕒 Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

📍 Location: Online (Live via Microsoft Teams)

💷 Cost: FREE

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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
20 Jun	Class Photos	Whole school
25 Jun	Dentist Visiting Reception	Reception
27 Jun	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
02 Jul	PTA Coffee Morning (8:45am-10am)	Parents/babies/ toddlers
03 Jul	Sports Day - Junior School Field (AM)	Reception/Yr1 & Yr2
04 Jul	Family Beach Day (EYFS)	Nursery & Reception
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