

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a week of prayer and celebrations in the Infant School & Nursery. Year 2 Stay and Pray was very moving with the children sharing the events of Pentecost. The children invited the parents to share "peace be with you" in their own language. This was extra meaningful given that these were the first words of our new Pope Leo XIV.

This morning in assembly we gave three cheers to the new Pope and prayed that his papacy will be full of love and cohesion for the Catholic church.

On VE Day yesterday, the celebrations were wonderful with all of the children enjoying the outdoor party with jelly and cream in the year 1945 style. They looked amazing in their red, white and blue.

As usual you were all very generous with your kind donations that helped to make our day very special.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.*

I wish you all a peaceful weekend.



A Prayer from our children

Thank you God for the whole world

Amen

(Giovanni - Sparrows)



Love


Learn

Pray



Lunch Menu

Menu Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1 Pepperoni pizza Nachos Coleslaw	CHOICE 1 Homemade chicken nuggets Served with rice & steamed green beans (Sweet chilli sauce optional)	CHOICE 1 Roast chicken thighs Served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding Steamed carrots & gravy	CHOICE 1 Beef chilli macaroni cheese Served with naan bread & steamed broccoli	CHOICE 1 Fish fillet Chips Baked beans
CHOICE 2 Jacket potato with one choice of filling: cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise	CHOICE 2 Quorn dippers Served with rice & steamed green beans (sweet chilli sauce optional)	CHOICE 2 Vegetable baskets Served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding Steamed carrots & vegetarian gravy	CHOICE 1 Quorn mince macaroni cheese Served with naan bread & steamed broccoli	CHOICE 1 Cheese & broccoli quiche Chips Baked beans
DESSERT Cake	DESSERT Fresh fruit	DESSERT Ice lolly	DESSERT Fresh fruit	DESSERT 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 2.5.25) was 95.8%. The **Owls class** won the attendance prize with 98.6% attendance. Well done. This week's attendance will appear in next week's 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.

PTA Coffee Morning – Tuesday 13th May

Please see the details within this newsletter.

Year 1 Mountfitchet Castle Visit Wednesday 14th May

A reminder that Year 1 will be visiting Mountfitchet Castle on Wednesday 14th May. Children will not need to bring book bags. Please remember to send in a packed lunch and a disposable bottle of water in a named carrier bag.

Crazy Hair Day (PTA) Friday 16th May

Please see the details within this newsletter. **This is a change to the original date of Friday 23rd May.**

Headteacher's Award (Friday 9th May)



Oakley (Owls) won the Headteacher's Award this week for always trying his best at everything he does. Well done!

The Big Help Out – Saturday 17th May (10am-12pm)

A reminder that our rescheduled Big Help Out will take place on Saturday 17th of May. We are inviting families to come into school to help with keeping our grounds looking tidy (weather permitting). If you are able to attend, please bring along your gardening gloves and tools along with any plant donations you may kindly have. There will be a bacon sandwich and cup of tea for all the volunteers. This is a great opportunity for families to spend time together outside in the fresh air. Please let us know if you will be attending for catering purposes: office@salinf.org

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
2,560	2,150
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
2,225	2,200

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 9th May

Willow (Owls) – Love & Learn
Maame-Tawiah (Wrens) – Learn

Caleb (Kingfishers) - Learn
Sofia A (Herons) - Love

Alex (Sparrows) - Learn
Isaac A (Robins) – Learn

Ezra (Ducklings) – Learn
Emmanuel (Wagtails) - Learn

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.

Cygnets – Nursery

A reminder, if you have not already done so, please send your child in with a named hat (to stay in nursery) and also please apply sunscreen before coming to nursery. Parents please return completed funding forms for this term if you have not already done so. Thank you.



Wagtails & Ducklings – Nursery

Please see Tapestry for more photos of nursery marking the VE Day 80th Anniversary. A reminder, if you have not already done so, please send your child in with a named hat (to stay in nursery) and also please apply sunscreen before coming to nursery. Parents please return completed funding forms for this term if you have not already done so. Thank you.



PTA



***Parents and Carers
Morning Coffee Time!***

Tuesday 13th May 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!

Crazy Hair Day

Friday 16th May 2025

Please join us and style your child's hair in a colourful, unusual, silly and laughable style!?!?!

(School uniform must be worn)

**50p cash only to be taken into class
Raise funds for the PTA**

Year 1 and Year 2 attending Mass on Thursday



PE - Reception

After half term, the children will need to change for PE lessons. During the half term please practice with them changing into their PE kit to help them to become independent in one of their early learning goals.

A reminder, the PE kit is as follows:

- White T-shirt with school logo
- Red shorts
- White socks
- Plain black velcro or pull on plimsolls

The PE kit must be in a drawstring bag with your child's name clearly visible on the outside. Please also ensure all items in the PE bag are named.

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 – VE Day 80th Anniversary (Thursday)



Ducklings & Wagtails - VE Day 80th Anniversary (Thursday)



Cygnets – VE Day 80th Anniversary (Thursday)

Cygnets enjoyed making flags and bunting for the special VE day celebrations, joining Wagtails and Ducklings nursery classes for their party.



Nursery/School Tour for Prospective Parents – Monday 12th May (1:30pm)

Tour places must be booked by emailing: admissions@salinf.org

Mrs Davis's Weekly Sports Challenge

Mrs Davis is challenging you all to a family dance off. Email your photos or videos to office@salinf.org

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

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

Mr Fox's School Library – Family Library Sessions

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 which will be given to them in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

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.

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 3: Write a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

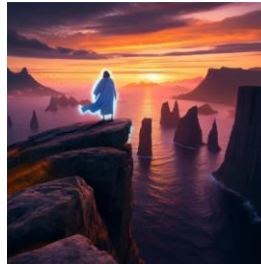
Year 1:

Week 3: Write a sentence about the story of Jesus' Promise of the Holy Spirit and the Ascension.

Year 2:

Week 3: We have been learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Buy some vegetable or fruit seeds, nurture them, then watch them grow.

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



This week we learned how the Holy Spirit is our friend. In Acts 2:1-4, the Spirit came as flames and wind-symbols of God's power. We made colourful flame spinners and watched them dance in the wind as we welcomed the Holy Spirit into our hearts, feeling his presence and love in a special way.

4 National Numeracy Day Top Tips To Help Children Love Maths Mindset Guide

Parents and carers don't need to be maths experts to be able to support their children. All families can make a difference to their children's maths learning by following these top tips:



1 Talk positively about maths

Children learn from example, so avoid saying things like "I can't do maths" or "I hated maths at school." It's easy for children to take that on board themselves. Keeping things positive is more likely to help children develop self confidence with maths.



2 Point out the maths in everyday life

Maths is all around us - it's not just something that happens in school! Showing children the numbers in things like cooking, using money and travelling is a simple way to bring maths to life. This will help them see the value of learning maths.



3 Praise children for effort rather than talent

Giving children praise is important, but the type of praise we use can have an impact on how they feel about maths. Praising children for the hard work they've put in, or for working out the steps to get to an answer, is more helpful than simply telling them they're clever. It helps them see that it's not about natural ability - but that by working hard they can always improve.



4 Help yourself to help others

A fear of maths can make helping children hard. Whether as a parent, carer or a teacher, building our own confidence with numbers helps us feel more prepared to help children learn, and helps us pass our confidence onto them. If you struggle with maths yourself, try our free online tool the [National Numeracy Challenge](#) to improve your numeracy.

Online Safety Zone

Introducing Our New Online Safety Zone

We're excited to announce the launch of a new **Online Safety Zone**. This dedicated space is designed to keep you informed, supported, and up to date on the ever-evolving digital world our children are growing up in.

In today's world, children are spending more time online, whether it's for learning, socialising, or entertainment. While the internet offers many opportunities, it also comes with challenges. As part of our commitment to keeping children safe and supported both in and out of school, we believe it's essential to work in partnership with parents and carers.

The Online Safety Zone will be updated regularly with:

- **Practical tips** for keeping your child safe online
- **Guides to popular apps and games**
- **Helpful videos and articles** from trusted sources
- **School policies and updates** related to digital safety
- **Information on where to get help or advice** if something doesn't seem right
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Whether you're tech-savvy or just starting to learn about digital safety, the Online Safety Zone is here to help.

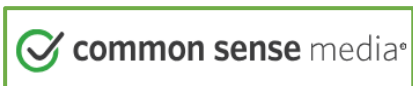


To kick start our zone, we are sharing information for parents about how to set up and use YouTube Kids.

YouTube Kids provides a child-friendly platform with parental controls, a curated library of age-appropriate content, and a focus on safety. It aims to offer a positive and enriching entertainment and educational experience for children. To find out more and set it up click this link - [YouTube Kids - Parent resource page](#)

Whilst using YouTube Kids is certainly safer than allowing your children free reign on the regular version of the platform, **it is not completely risk free.**

Common Sense Media have their own guide and information for families available on this link - [Common Sense Media: Ultimate guide to YouTube Kids](#)



They are also a great source for families to check the content of games, films and websites. Click the logo to go directly to their website.

Reporting Concerns

It is **vital** that everyone plays their part in keeping the internet safe. If you come across anything of concern, please report to CEOP so that action can be taken to protect others.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>



CEOP is a law enforcement agency and is here to keep children and young people safe from sexual exploitation and abuse. Please complete the below to start your report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors.

I am

Under 18 years old

A parent / guardian

A professional working with children or young people

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
22 Apr	Children return to school/nursery	Whole school
25 Apr	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
26 Apr	Big Help Out (10am-12pm) CANCELLED	Whole school
30 Apr	Phonics Screening Information Meeting Yr 1 (9am-9:30am)	Yr 1 Parents/Carers
01 May	Crowning of Mary Procession (9:30am)	Whole school
05 May	BANK HOLIDAY	Whole school
07 May	Stay and Pray Yr 2 (8:45am)	Yr 2
08 May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary & Picnic	Whole school
12 May	Nursery/School Tour for prospective parents (1:30pm)	New parents/ carers
13 May	PTA Coffee Morning (8:45am-10am)	Parents/babies/ toddlers
14 May	Mountfitchet Castle Trip Year 1	Year 1
16 May	Crazy Hair Day (PTA)	Whole school
17 May	Big Help Out (10am-12pm)	Whole school
20 May	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
23 May	Call of the Wild Trip Reception	Reception
23 May	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
26-30 May	HALF TERM (incl. Bank Holiday on 5 May)	Whole school
02 Jun	Children return to school/nursery	Whole school
05 Jun	Mini Olympics	Selected children
06 Jun	Breakfast Morning (8:30am-9:30am)	Whole school
10 Jun	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Reception
20 Jun	Class Photos	Whole school
25 Jun	Dentist Visiting Reception	Reception
27 Jun	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
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

