

# Newsletter

## Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach Mother's Day, we are reminded of the love and care that our mothers, grandmothers, and all the special women in our lives give us. A big thank you to our wonderful PTA for helping the children create a beautiful gift to celebrate this occasion. We also take this time to honour Our Lady, who is a perfect example of love and compassion.

As we approach the 4th Sunday of Lent, let us continue to reflect on our faith and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. In school, we are excited to begin our Easter preparations, including the KS1 Passion Play, which we are looking forward to sharing with you next week. The children have been busy rehearsing for this exciting performance. Please be reminded that next Friday, school will close at the earlier time of 1:15pm.

Blessings.

## 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.



## A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

*Lord, bless all mothers today and every day. Grant them strength, patience, and overflowing joy in their roles as caregivers. Father, we lift up all mothers, including the remarkable grandmothers among us. We celebrate their wisdom, their strength, and the unconditional love they pour into our lives.*

**Amen**

*Wishing all mothers and grandmothers amongst you a wonderful Mothers' Day with your family – full of treats and treasured times.*



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Love


Learn

Pray



## Lunch Menu

Menu Week 2 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CHOICE 1</b> Macaroni cheese Garlic naan bread Steamed broccoli	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Homemade crispy chicken tenders Savoury rice Steamed green beans Sweet chilli sauce (optional)	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Butcher's pork sausages Mash Steamed peas Gravy	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Beef meatballs in tomato sauce Organic wholewheat spaghetti Steamed sweetcorn	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Omega 3 fish fingers Chips Baked beans
<b>CHOICE 2</b> Jacket potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Roasted herby Quorn fillet Savoury rice Steamed green beans	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Vegetarian sausages Mash Steamed peas Vegetarian gravy	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Vegetarian meatballs in tomato sauce Organic wholewheat spaghetti Steamed sweetcorn	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Cheese and vegetable quesadilla Chips Baked beans
<b>DESSERT</b> Baking of the Day	<b>DESSERT</b> Fresh fruit	<b>DESSERT</b> Yoghurt	<b>DESSERT</b> Fresh fruit	<b>DESSERT</b> Ice cream

 • 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 last week (ending Friday 21.3.25) was 95.9%. Both the Kingfishers and Robins classes won the attendance prize with 98.4% 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.

## Headteacher's Award (Thursday 27th March)



Isaiah (Owls) won the Headteacher's Award this week for always being kind to his brother and helping him. Well done!

## Lent Bags

Your child will bring home the Lent Bag to share as a family. Please send photos of your child with their Lent Bag to: [office@salinf.org](mailto:office@salinf.org).

## Year 1 Performance - The Easter Passion Play Thursday 3rd April (2pm)

Please join us as the Year 1 children share the story of Easter, with Year 2 supporting the songs and prayers. KS1 parents are invited to come along to join us. Bookings are essential and due to limited space in the school hall, only 2 seats per family please. Please click on the link below to book:

<https://forms.gle/FhZ1fZ4Ka2QiZSSA9>

## Catholic Education Questionnaire

Please click on the link below to let us know your thoughts and views on the Catholic Education we provide:

<https://forms.gle/Tb11SHxY2EaCUPCf6>

## House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
2,200	1,941
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
2,024	1,928

## 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



**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Lennie (Owls) – Love**

**Albie (Wrens) – Learn**

**Sofia S (Kingfishers) - Learn**

**Kenzie (Herons) - Learn**

**Malachi (Sparrows) - Learn**

**Elnina (Robins) - 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.

## **Wagtails & Ducklings - Nursery**

**Please look on Tapestry for upto date information.**

Please ensure children wear waterproof shoes without laces. Also please do not send drinks into school. Donations of old newspapers would be gratefully received.



## **Cygnets – Nursery**

Please remember to access your child's Tapestry account to check any updated news.



## **Thursday Mass**

Some Year 1 and 2 children attended the Thursday Mass again this week. The children very much enjoyed going along for their time to talk to Jesus.

## **The Big Lent Walk – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Big Lent Walk at Langdon Nature Discovery Park last Saturday.

We were fundraising for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). Kindly drop any donations (cash only please) into the school office. Many thanks for your support.



### **Mrs Davis's Weekly Sports Challenge**

Speed bounce - How many times can you bounce over a line or pair of socks? Email your photos to [office@salinf.org](mailto:office@salinf.org)

### **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 Thursday Celebration Assembly.

### **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).

## Religious Education (RED)



*This half-term, the theme for our Religious Education Curriculum Branch is Desert to Garden. For this, the children will learn that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day' (1 Cor 15:3).*

*In this branch, pupils will study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week. They will learn about the Paschal Triduum at the heart of the Catholic Church's Liturgy and life. The title of this branch points both to the liturgical journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of Resurrection, but also to the Paschal journey from darkness to light.*

### **Reception**

*The focus for this branch is: God loves me. God made me and the world. The children will learn that Lent is a time to care for others, that the Church uses purple and ashes as signs of Lent and being sorry, that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, that Jesus died on Good Friday, and Jesus rose on Easter Sunday.*

### **Year 1**

*The focus of this branch 4 for year 1 pupils is to learn a little about the season of Lent as a time to prepare for Easter and to know the story of the last week of Jesus' life, his death, and resurrection. The Resurrection is revisited in the next branch, so this branch concludes with the women meeting the angel by the empty tomb.*

### **Year 2**

*The theme for this term is Holy Week Easter Vigil. In this branch, pupils will consolidate learning about the events of Holy Week. They will make links between the forgiveness Jesus shows at his Crucifixion and the ministry of Jesus studied in the previous branch. They will also explore how Lent is a time of reconciliation and forgiveness for Christians because they want to restore their relationship with God to be ready to celebrate the Resurrection.*

*They will develop an early understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and how Catholic people spend time thinking about how they have fallen away from God and how the sacrament helps them restore this relationship.*

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

#### **Reception:**

*Week 5: Retell the Easter story.*

#### **Year 1:**

*Week 5: My Watercolour Cross – create a cross made of water colour to express and reflect Jesus' death.*

#### **Year 2:**

*Week 5: Through art work, represent different parts of the Easter Vigil in poster or banner form. Include the blessing of the new fire, the preparation of the Paschal Candle, Baptism and the celebration of Eucharist.*

# 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 ✦

## Reminder - Tesco In-Store Vote

We are delighted that our application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our project has been put forward to a customer vote in some Tesco stores. **Voting is in store until the end of March 2025.**

The following information is shown on the voting unit:

**St Anne Line Catholic Infant School & Nursery**  
**Bespoke Children's Cooking Area**

**We would like to offer cooking experiences in a bespoke cooking area for our nursery and school-aged children.**

The stores you are able to vote at are:

**Basildon Extra SS14 3HZ (Mayflower)**  
**Basildon Superstore SS15 6TJ (Langdon Hills)**  
**Stanford-Le-Hope Express SS17 0HR**  
**Basildon Express SS13 1PN**  
**Grange Road Parade Express CM11 2RF**  
**Billericay Meadow Rise Express CM11 2DN**

To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value within the store and you will receive one token per transaction. It is not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.





**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.**

## SPRING TERM 2025

DATE	EVENT	YEAR
06 Jan	Children return to school	Whole school
14 Jan	New Parents School Tour (9am)	New Parents
22 Jan	Yr 2 Visit to Braintree Museum	Yr 2
24 Jan	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
31 Jan	St Anne Line Day	Whole School
31 Jan	St Anne Line Feast Day Mass (1:30pm) The Most Holy Trinity	Yr 2
03 Feb	RISE Theatre visiting School (Reception/Yr 1/Yr 2)	Reception/Yr 1/ Yr 2
04 Feb	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
11 Feb	Freshwater Theatre visiting Yr 2 (history topic)	Yr 2
13 Feb	Yr 2 Museum of the Moon Visit St Martin's Church, Basildon	Yr 2
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM	Whole school
24 Feb	Non pupil day	Whole school
25 Feb	Children return to School	Whole school
25 Feb	Freshwater Theatre visiting Yr 1 (history topic)	Yr 1
28 Feb	Breakfast Morning (8:30am-9:30am)	Whole school
28 Feb	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
04 Mar-07 Mar	Book Fair	Whole school
05 Mar	Ash Wednesday Mass Yr2 (11am) The Most Holy Trinity	Yr 2
05 Mar	Stay and Pray (8:45am) - CANCELLED	Yr 2
06 Mar	World Book Day	Whole school
13 Mar	Cross Country	Whole school
14 Mar	PTA Meeting - to discuss the preparation of Mother's Day Gifts (8:40am)	Parents
19 Mar	Cygnets Nursery Visit to The Most Holy Trinity Church (9am-9:30am)	Cygnets & Parents
19 Mar	Wagtails & Ducklings Nursery Visit to The Most Holy Trinity Church (2pm-2:30pm)	Wagtails/Ducklings & Parents

22 Mar	The Big Lent Walk (CAFOD) Langdon Nature Discovery Park (11am)	Whole school
26 Mar	Parents Evening KS1 & EYFS (1pm-7pm)	Whole school
27 Mar	Stay and Pray (8:45am) - CANCELLED	Yr 1
28 Mar	Mother's Day Celebration – Wagtails & Ducklings Nursery (1:30pm-2:30pm)	Wagtails/Ducklings & Parents
28 Mar	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
31 Mar	Hot Cross Bun Run	Selected children
03 Apr	Easter Passion Play Yr 2 (2pm)	Yr 2
04 Apr	Last Day of Term Early Finish 1:15pm	Whole school
07 Apr-21 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS	Whole school

## SUMMER TERM 2025

DATE	EVENT	YEAR
22 Apr	Children return to school	Whole school
25 Apr	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
05 May	BANK HOLIDAY	Whole school
07 May	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 2
13 May	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
23 May	Crazy Hair Day (PTA)	Whole school
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	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
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
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

