

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, our children have been learning about the season of Lent, reflecting on its meaning, and preparing for the Passion Play with great enthusiasm. Nursery children had the opportunity to visit the church, while some Year 1 and Year 2 students attended Mass, further deepening their connection with our faith.

Looking ahead, we're excited to celebrate Oscar Romero's Feast Day next week. Our students will be learning about his inspiring life and his dedication to justice and faith. Throughout our school, our crosses, which depict signs of hope and where people find God present in their everyday lives such as home, animals, land, are Oscar Romero crosses, handmade, drawn and painted in El Salvador to commemorate Oscar Romero.

Please complete the questionnaire which is included in the newsletter about your thoughts and views on the Catholic Education we provide here. This is a great opportunity to have your say about the teaching of our faith at our school.

We hope to see many of you at our Big Lent Walk on Saturday morning (see details below). The teachers will be there with their children, dogs, buggies, babies, grandparents and anyone else we can rally for this special event! I am really looking forward to it.

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.



Lenten Prayer from our children

My Lenten Prayer is: Dear God, thank you for my little baby and the grass and for my house and for my friends and for my mum and dad and for my family.

Isaac - Herons



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Love


Learn

Pray



Lunch Menu

Menu Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1 Margherita pizza (Tomato and Cheese) Nachos Coleslaw	CHOICE 1 Beef Bolognese Organic wholewheat fusilli pasta Steamed broccoli	CHOICE 1 Roasted chicken casserole Roast new potatoes Steamed green beans	CHOICE 1 Sausage roll Seasoned wedges Baked beans	CHOICE 1 Fish fillet Chips Steamed peas
CHOICE 2 Jacket Potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese or baked beans	CHOICE 2 Vegetarian Bolognese Organic wholewheat fusilli pasta Steamed broccoli	CHOICE 2 Vegetable parcels Roast new potatoes Steamed green beans	CHOICE 2 Vegetarian sausage roll Seasoned wedges Baked beans	CHOICE 2 Spinach and cheese fritata Chips Steamed peas
DESSERT Baking of the Day	DESSERT Fresh Fruit	DESSERT Yoghurt	DESSERT Fresh Fruit	DESSERT 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 14.3.25) was 94.7%. The Kingfishers class won the attendance prize with 99% 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

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

Headteacher's Award (Thursday 20th March)

Diyon won the Headteacher's Award this week for being a great role model. Well done!



Reminder – Parents Evening Wednesday 26th March (1pm until 6:40pm) Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Please make a booking for Parents Evening on Wednesday 26th of March. Please look out for an email with the booking link. If you do not receive the email please contact the school office. Bookings will close at midday on Tuesday 25th of March. Also please note, the after school clubs on Wednesday 26th of March will go ahead as usual. If your timeslot is during school time, you will be able to collect your child after your appointment.

Passion Play – Year 1 and 2 Thursday 3rd April (2pm)

Please join us as the children share the story of Easter.

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
2012	1,798
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
1,893	1,846

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 20th March

Kian (Owls) – Learn

Zeal (Wrens) – Learn

Sofia S (Kingfishers) - Learn

Simi (Heron) - Learn

Sally (Sparrows) - Love

Jordan (Robins) - Learn

Joey (Wagtails) - Pray

Andriya (Ducklings) - 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

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join and support our visit to the church this week. We were all proud of how well the children sat and listened to the Easter Story and explored the church with their grownups.

The children have continued to listen and explore the story of Easter this week.



Cygnets – Visit to the church



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 4: The cross is a sign of a Christian, someone who loves Jesus.
Make a cross using paper or card at home.

Year 1:

Week 4 Can you talk about the Last Supper?

Year 2:

Week 4 My Watercolour Cross:
Create a cross made of water colour to express and reflect Jesus' death.

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

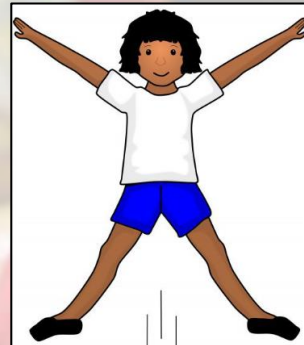
On your arrival at school please go to the outside library door (between the Year 2 classes).



Mrs Davis's Weekly Sports Challenge

Can you do 20 star jumps every day for 1 week.

Email your pictures to admin@st-anneline-inf.essex.sch.uk



Thursday Mass

A group of Year 1 and 2 children are attending the Thursday Mass each week.



JOIN US
this Lent

THE BIG LENT WALK

WE ARE WALKING
TO HELP FIGHT
GLOBAL POVERTY



Date:

22nd March

Time:

11am

Place:

Langdon Nature
Discovery Park

We are joining hundreds of schools to take on 'The Big Lent Walk!' We are walking to raise money to help people overcome poverty.



**Calling all parents
and staff!**

Scan to sign up
for your personal
200km challenge
this Lent.

The Big Lent Walk – Saturday 22nd March (Meet at 11am at the Café)

We look forward to seeing the children and their families on Saturday 22nd of March (weather permitting). In the case of bad weather, this event will be cancelled.

We are fundraising for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). Any donations (cash) on the day will be much appreciated.



Welcome to Langdon Nature Discovery Park

Welcome to our largest land-based nature reserve and a site of national importance for wildlife. **Langdon Nature Discovery Park** offers miles of walks and spectacular views from some of the highest ground in Essex.

This expansive landscape naturally divides into five distinctive areas. You are currently in **Dunton**, the home of **The Haven**, the last remaining Plotland house. Discover more by exploring the **Plotlands Trail**.

The **Lake Trail** is a short walk to Langdon's gorgeous lake and meadows. Then for family fun follow the much-loved **Peter Rabbit™ Trail**.

Exploring further, walk to **Lincewood**, then on to the stunning woodland of **Marks Hill** and finally the wildflower meadows of **Willow Park**.

For recommendations, rest, refreshment, and retail therapy visit us at the Nature Discovery Centre.

Help us keep **Langdon** special by becoming a member of **Essex Wildlife Trust** today.

Love **Essex** • Love **Wildlife**

Key

- Food and Drink
- Shop
- Toilet
- Footpath
- Steep
- Lake Trail
 - 1.6 km / 0.9 mi
 - 30 mins
 - Green
- Peter Rabbit™ Trail
 - 1.4 km / 0.9 mi
 - 45 mins
 - Moderate
- Plotlands Trail
 - 1.9 km / 1.2 mi
 - 60 mins
 - Challenging

Walking distance
Large map
0 m / 0 yd 375 m / 390 yd

For help with planning your route, please talk to one of our friendly team.

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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.



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

