

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that Lent has begun well for all of you and I have been reminding the children that it is a time to slow down, reflect and listen for the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit in their everyday life.

Last weekend marked International Women's Day on the 8th of March. As the staff here at the Infant School are all female, I reflected on the importance of the incredible work they do on a daily basis. Working at St Anne Line Infants does not end at 3pm as I know the staff worry about our pupils, consider different strategies to support them as well as smiling about their achievements or funny moments! I recognise the impact of the hard work of all of our staff, and regularly thank them. It would be wonderful if our school community could take a moment to thank the women of our school through a letter posted into the box at the school office during the month of March.

Next week a questionnaire will be coming out about your thoughts and views on the Catholic Education we provide here. Please do take the time to fill it in as this is a great opportunity to have your say about the teaching of our faith at our school.

Have a good weekend with your families.

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 refrain from allowing children to enter the staff car park at any time. Thank you for your support.



Lenten Promise from our children

My Lenten Promise is:

I promise to be kind to others. I promise to help my little brother Josiah to read his Gruffalo book.

(Benaiah – Wagtails)



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Love


Learn

Pray



Lunch Menu

Menu Week 2 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1
Macaroni cheese Garlic naan bread Steamed broccoli	Homemade crispy chicken tenders Savoury rice Steamed green beans Sweet chilli sauce (optional)	Butcher's pork sausages Mash Steamed peas Gravy	Beef meatballs in tomato sauce Organic wholewheat spaghetti Steamed sweetcorn	Omega 3 fish fingers Chips Baked beans
CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2
Jacket potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans	Roasted herby Quorn fillet Savoury rice Steamed green beans	Vegetarian sausages Mash Steamed peas Vegetarian gravy	Vegetarian meatballs in tomato sauce Organic wholewheat spaghetti Steamed sweetcorn	Cheese and vegetable quesadilla Chips Baked beans
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Baking of the Day	Fresh fruit	Yoghurt	Fresh fruit	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 7.3.25) was 95.8%. The Sparrows 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

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

Headteacher's Award (Thursday 13th March)



Haven (Kingfishers) won the Headteacher's Award this week for always being kind to her friends. 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.

Cancelled – Year 1 Stay and Pray Thursday 27th March (08:45am)

Please note, Year 1 Stay and Pray on Thursday 27th of March has been cancelled.

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
1,976	1,677
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
1,739	1,777

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 13th March

Willow (Owls) – Love and Learn

Amiya (Wrens) – Learn and Pray

Lotanna (Kingfishers) - Learn

Leilani (Herons) - Learn

Olive (Sparrows) - Learn

Haden (Robins) - Learn

Leon (Wagtails) - Love

Alex (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.

Reception

Donations of tissue boxes would be much appreciated. Library books are changed on a Friday. Donations of cereal boxes and toilet roll tubes would be much appreciated.



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. **A letter has been sent home recently about a Church visit in the afternoon on Wednesday 19th March.** **Please return the reply slip as soon as possible.**



Cygnets - Nursery

Reminder - Church visit to Holy Trinity on Wednesday 19th of March at 9am (prompt). Since our little ones are quite young, we kindly request that each child be accompanied by an adult for the entirety of this visit. The accompanying adult will need to stay with their child at all times and walk them back to the nursery. Our aim is to return to the nursery by 9:45am, ensuring a smooth transition back into our daily routine. Please access your child's Tapestry account to check any updated news.



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.

Reception:

Week 3: Think about a special place they are grateful for and would like to thank God for.

Year 1:

Week 3: Can you make your own palm?

Year 2:

Week 3: Craft: "Palm and Cloak Hat"

You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper (green and other colours)
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue, stapler or tape
- Paper plate (optional)
- Additional decorations (optional)

Procedure: 1. Create the base of the hat: either cut out the centre of a paper plate or cut and staple together strips of construction paper.

2. Decorate the hat band/plate with verses, captions, or extra items (stickers, glitter, etc.).

3. Decorate the hands with words, phrases, or verses.

4. Cut out "leaves" or "palm" shapes, as well as shirt/coat/cloak shapes, using the paper.

5. Attach the palms and "cloaks" to the plate using tape, glue, or a stapler. Fabric can also be used, if desired.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to all the families who visited our recent book fair! Your support helped us raise £600 in rewards, which will go directly towards purchasing new reading books for our children to enjoy in school. We're excited to provide even more opportunities for them to explore and enjoy the magic of reading. Your generosity makes a big difference!

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

How long can you balance on one leg?

Reception

The children have been learning about Palm Sunday. They acted out Palm Sunday in the reception woods. They have also been learning about sea creatures, listening to the 'Under the Sea' story, creating sea creature collages and writing sentences about sea creatures. Please see Tapestry for more photos.



Year 1

The children performed their own science experiment – the raincloud experiment. They have also been reading 'On the Way Home' and creating their own version.

Year 2

In geography the Year 2 children have been investigating about the local weather conditions. They have measured the temperature and rainfall as part of their lesson. Some of the Year 2 children attended Mass on Thursday at The Most Holy Trinity Church.

British Science Week 2025



This week is British Science Week. Year 1 and Year 2 children conducted weather experiments this week.



At home you could explore science further by carrying out a simple experiment to explore the impact of soap on germs. Follow the steps below.

Perhaps you could watch a lesson from Tim Peake, The British Astronaut. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/articles/zrcf8p3>

There are many fantastic videos and interactive activities to help learn science at home from the BBC Bitesize website. Each of the year group science curriculum objectives are explored and there are learning pages for Reception children "understanding the world" which forms part of their early learning of science.

Click your year group link below:

Early years

Understanding the World

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7sfg2p>

Year 1 Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zx3trmn>

Year 2 Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6bhcx5>

British Science Week 2025

Why Soap Works Experiment

You will need:

- A bowl
- Some water
- A sprinkle of black pepper (or another spice)
- Liquid hand soap
- A hand towel
- A camera (optional)

In this experiment, you are going to find out why soap works and why it is better than using just water to wash your hands.

In the experiment, the surface of the water in the bowl represents your hands. The pepper represents harmful dirt and germs that need to be washed away.

There are two tests in this experiment. They will show you what happens when you wash your hands with and without soap.



Fill the bowl with water, but not all the way to the top.



Sprinkle some black pepper on to the surface of the water. You should see the black pepper floating.



Test 1: Dip your finger into the centre of the bowl of water. Watch what happens to the pepper and record this.



Dry your hand, then dip your finger into the liquid hand soap.



Test 2: Dip your soapy finger in to the centre of the bowl of water. Watch what happens to the pepper and record this.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time check full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up. Just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could earn an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some "common ground".

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worthy sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school, even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, as it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting, it respects their privacy, builds trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

Guidance from a leading young person over 16 with more than 20 years' experience working with children, from how to set up their educational accounts, and media health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for social schools and is a member of the National Online Safety's expert panel.



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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!**

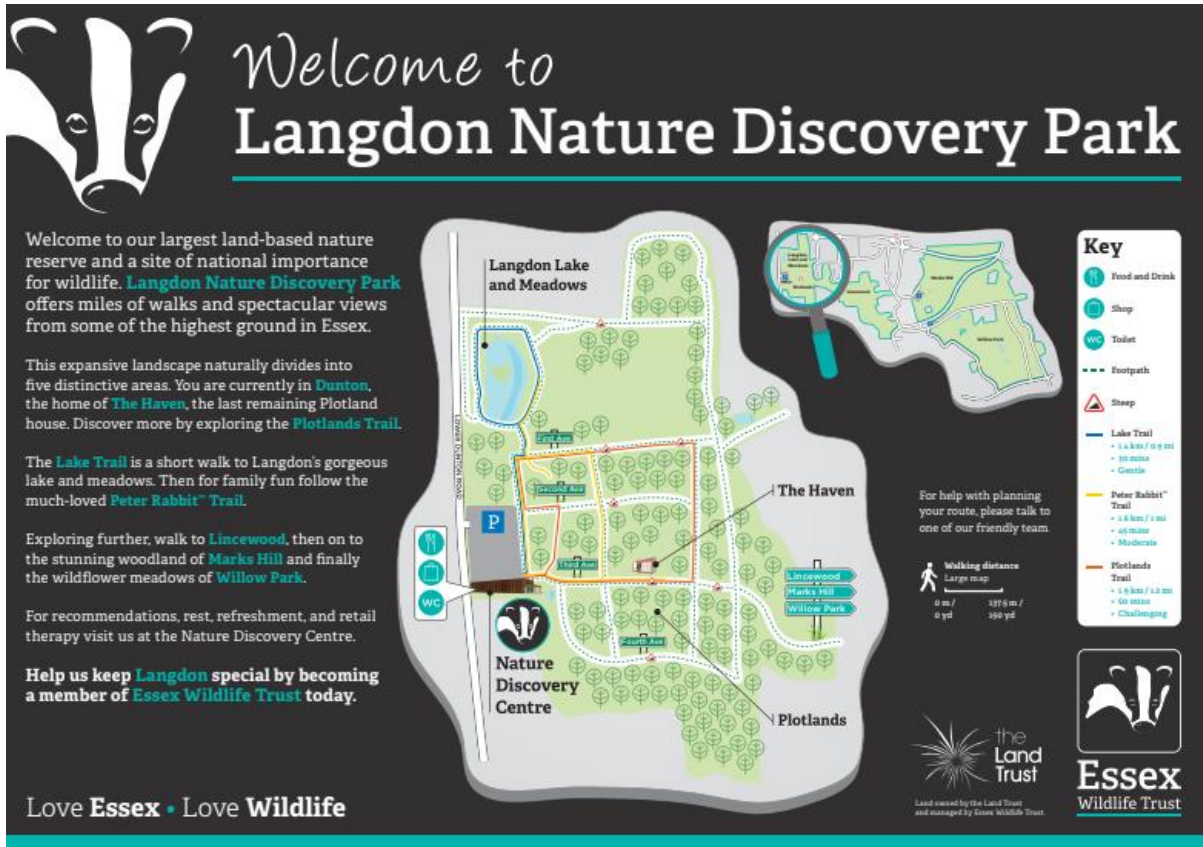
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The Big Lent Walk – Saturday 22nd March (Meet at 11am at the Café)

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.

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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

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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