

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Lent has begun with an eventful week starting with pancake making on Shrove Tuesday followed by a beautiful mass with the Junior school to mark Ash Wednesday. Our younger children were visited by Fr Albert who gave out the ashes. There will be lots happening in the coming weeks to help the children engage with Lenten activities so please keep an eye on the notice board.

We are really excited for our first school Lent walk in support of CAFOD. We will be meeting at the Langdon Hills Discovery Park to walk the Peter Rabbit Trail at 11am on Saturday the 22nd of March. Please join us for this special event for all of the families, everybody is welcome!

We also had World Book Day, the Book Fair all week and the Storyteller visiting. Parents joined us to read with their children, sharing a special moment to enjoy a book.

Another busy but highly enjoyable week here at St Anne Line Infants and I wish you all a lovely weekend with your families. I hope you can get outside and enjoy the sunshine!

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:
Every week I will read a bible.
(Aiben – Owls)



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Love


Learn

Pray



Lunch Menu

Menu Week 1 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1
Margherita pizza (Tomato and Cheese) Nachos Coleslaw	Beef Bolognese Organic wholewheat fusilli pasta Steamed broccoli	Roasted chicken casserole Roast new potatoes Steamed green beans	Sausage roll Seasoned wedges Baked beans	Fish fillet Chips Steamed peas
CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2
Jacket Potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese or baked beans	Vegetarian Bolognese Organic wholewheat fusilli pasta Steamed broccoli	Vegetable parcels Roast new potatoes Steamed green beans	Vegetarian sausage roll Seasoned wedges Baked beans	Spinach and cheese fritata Chips Steamed peas
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 28.02.25) was 94.8%. The Herons class won the attendance prize with 99.2% 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 (Last week - Thursday 27th February)



Nathan (Owls) and Imani (Wagtails) both won the Headteacher's Award last week.

Nathan won the award for being kind and helpful, always listening and working hard.

Imani won the award for being kind to her friends in nursery. Well done to them both!

Important Reminder

The gate closes at 8:40am (for School and Nursery)

A reminder, the school gate closes at **8:40am**. If there is no member of staff at the gate, please ensure you bring your child to the school office. Please do not send them around to their classroom as the door will be closed at this time. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

PTA Meeting – Friday 14th March (8:40am)

Please come along to the PTA meeting on Friday 14th of March if you are able to help with the preparation of the Mother's Day gifts in school on Friday 21st of March from 1pm.

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
1,859	1,596
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
1,663	1,713

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.

Mrs Davis's Half Term Sports Challenge

Well done to all of the children who took part in the recent sports challenge to walk 5K with their family.

The following children will receive a certificate from Mrs Davis:

Malachi - Kingfishers
Elnina - Robins
Eliora - Wagtails
Elkanah - Wagtails
Kaito - Wagtails
Zoe - Owls
Zoey - Owls
Chiamaka - Robins

Mrs Davis's Sports Challenge – This Week

How many times can you throw a ball/bean bag into a bucket in a minute? Challenge yourself. Can you make it harder by standing further away?

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.

Donations of old newspapers would be gratefully received. A reminder to please add your child's name to any hats, scarves and mittens. Donations of spare socks would be appreciated.



Cygnets - Nursery

Thank you to the parents who replied to the letter sent home about our Church visit on Wednesday 19th of March. There are a few outstanding replies, therefore please let the nursery staff know if you are able to attend. Please also access your child's Tapestry account to see more photos of the activities the children have taken part in this week.



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 2: Sing a song together: <https://youtu.be/p9diFwUly4M>

Year 1:

Week 2: Can you draw or write about why Ash Wednesday is so important?

Year 2

Week 2: Listen to/sing Jesus gives us the water of life

Cygnets Nursery – Shrove Tuesday

The children enjoyed eating pancakes this week.



Ducklings Nursery and Wagtails Nursery – Shrove Tuesday

The children enjoyed eating pancakes and took part in pancake activities.



Reception – Shrove Tuesday

The children this week have learnt the significance of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. On Shrove Tuesday we discussed that this is a time when we use up all our ingredients ready for the first day of Lent. The children mixed up a pancake mixture using eggs, flour and milk. They all listened, took turns and helped one another. Afterwards they enjoyed the pancakes with a variety of toppings to choose from.

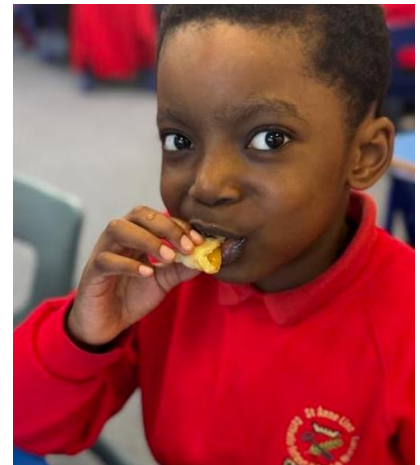


Year 1 - Shrove Tuesday

The Kingfishers class enjoyed eating pancakes and having pancake races.



The Herons class enjoyed pancakes with lemon and sugar or syrup.



Year 2 - Shrove Tuesday

Year 2 had pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and parents visited to read with their children.



After School Book Club (Wednesdays)

The children picked their favourite books to read in book club.



Reception - Ash Wednesday



Cygnets Nursery – Ash Wednesday



Ducklings Nursery – Ash Wednesday



Wagtails Nursery – Ash Wednesday



Year 1 – Ash Wednesday and this week

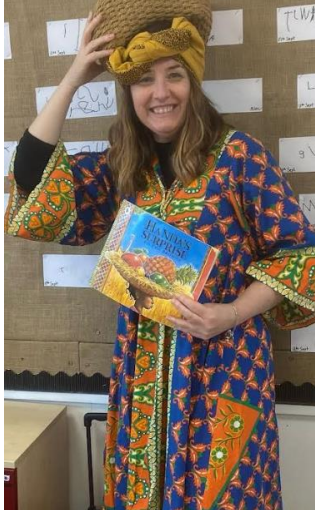
The children received their ashes from Father Albert on Ash Wednesday. Year 1 have also been tea staining their Great Fire of London reports, learning how to subtract using a number line and learning about the different seasons in science.



Year 2 – Ash Wednesday

Year 2 attended Mass at The Most Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday with the Junior School.

Staff celebrating World Book Day



Cygnets Nursery – World Book Day



Ducklings Nursery – World Book Day and Reading with Parents



Wagtails Nursery – World Book Day and Reading with Parents



Reception - World Book Day and Reading with Parents



Year 1 - World Book Day



Year 2 - World Book Day and Reading with Parents



Attendance Assembly - Friday

The children enjoyed their assembly and heard why it is so important to be in school every day and arrive on time.



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Be a superhero
and come to school every day!

If you miss school, you miss out.

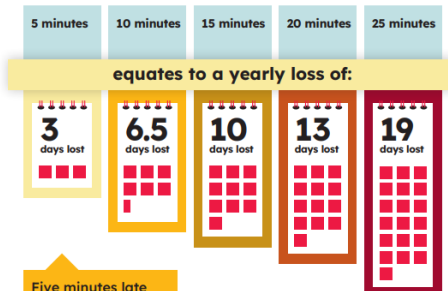
HERO
Here, every day, ready and on time

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HERO

Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day



Five minutes late per day adds up to three learning days lost in a school year

If 15 minutes late each day you will miss two full weeks of school in one year

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

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GOOD TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time

For mental health support for young people visit: www.youngminds.org.uk

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

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
 - Grade
- Peter Rabbit™ Trail
 - 1.6 km / 1 mi
 - 45 mins
 - Moderate
- Plotlands Trail
 - 1.9 km / 1.2 mi
 - 60 mins
 - Challenging

Walking distance
Large map
0 m / 0 yd 197.9 m / 199 yd

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

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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).



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**FAMILY SUPPORT
SESSIONS FOR PARENT
& CARERS**

ONLINE



**An opportunity for parents/carers, to come along and connect with a community dedicated to positive growth and development.
All sessions are online**

Sibling Rivalry

11/03/2025 1900 - 2100 Search 'Sibling' via our website

Sleep For Wellbeing

13/03/2025 0930 - 1130 Search 'Bitesize Sleep' via our website

Managing Big Emotions

25/03/2025 1900 - 2100 or 28/03/2025 1230 - 1430
Search 'Big Emotions' via our website

Family Wellbeing

27/03/2025 0930 - 1130 Search 'Family Wellbeing' via our website

Visit our website [aclessex.com](https://www.aclessex.com) and type the key words above in to the 'Find a course...' box

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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 has commenced 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.



**YEAR 1
AND
YEAR 2
CHILDREN**





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
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)	Yr 1

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	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