

# Newsletter

## Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much to all the people who attended the breakfast morning today. It was lovely to see you eating and chatting with each other.

Next week is the start of Lent and we are busy preparing the Lent bags for your children to take home so that you can join them in praying and preparing at home. Year 2 will be joining the Junior School for mass on Wednesday and the younger children will receive their ashes from Fr Albert who will be coming over to school and visiting each class, including nursery.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.



## Our New School & Nursery Notice Board

We are very pleased our new school and nursery notice board is now in place near the gate entering onto the front playground. Please check this board for any important notices and reminders.

## 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.



## Special prayers from our children

*Dear God,*


*Thank you for keeping all my friends healthy.*

*Amen (Oakley – Owls)*

Love  
Learn  
Pray



## Lunch Menu

Menu Week 2 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>
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
<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>
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
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
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.



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## Attendance

The school weekly attendance (ending Friday 14.02.25) was 97%. The Robins and Wrens classes both won the attendance prize with full attendance 100%. 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 27<sup>th</sup> February

Photo to follow next week

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

### 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.

### Reminder - Mrs Davis's Half Term Sports Challenge

A reminder, the challenge was for children to walk 5K with their family during the half term holiday (this could be split up over different days). If your child would still like to take part, this challenge has been **extended until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March**. To receive a certificate from Mrs Davis, please send photos to [office@salinf.org](mailto:office@salinf.org)

### Ash Wednesday Mass (Yr 2) 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

Year 2 will be attending the Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March with the Junior School at The Most Holy Trinity Church.

## House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
1,725	1,499
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
1,582	1,603

### 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> February**

Nnamdi (Owls) – Learn

Noah (Wrens) – Learn

Edan (Kingfishers) - Learn

Khaya (Heron) - Learn

Filip (Sparrows) - Learn

Gabriella (Robins) – Learn

Josiah (Wagtails) - Learn

Selena (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.**

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**

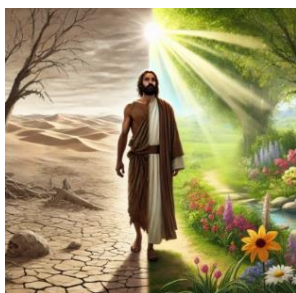
A letter was recently sent home about our Church visit on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of March. We have not received many replies, therefore please reply as soon as possible. Please also remember to access your child's Tapestry account.



## **Reminder - Nursery - Prompt Arrival for Nursery Sessions Please**

**A reminder, please arrive on time for your child's nursery session. In the morning the gate opens at 8:30am and closes at 8:40am, therefore please arrive before 8:40am to allow enough time to walk around to the nursery rooms. Please arrive by 11:55am for the afternoon session. Thank you.**

## 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 1: watch together Mama Panya's Pancakes*

*<https://youtu.be/OhWv4PfcBPQ>*

### **Year 1:**

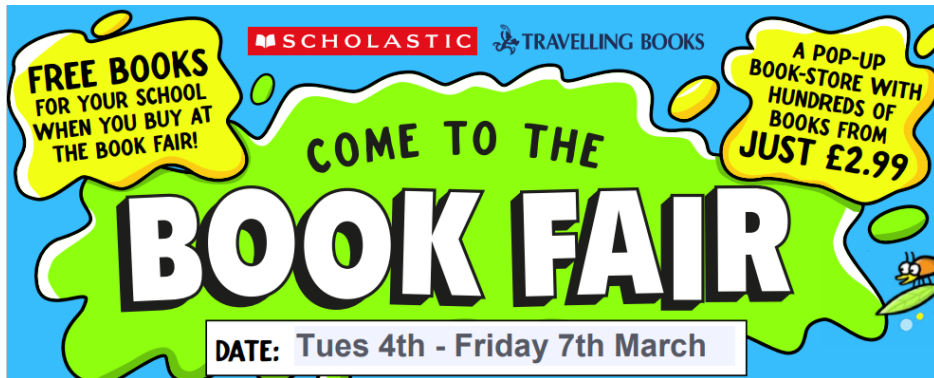
*Week 1 Make a Lenten promise eg giving something up, helping others... and then reflect on your commitment to this during Lent*

### **Year 2**

*Week 1 Write a sorry prayer for something you are sorry about.*

## Reminder - Book Fair - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Please come along to our Book Fair in the school hall next week.



## Reminder - World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

A reminder:

**Dress up:** we encourage your child to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in an accessory to represent their character on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We invite your child to bring in their favourite book to share with their class.

## Parent Readers

We would like to invite parents to visit their child's class **from 2:30pm** on the following days to read alongside the children.

Reception	Year 2	Year 1	Nursery
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March

## Reception

This week the children have been measuring, how long, how short and how tall? The children were also learning about Lent.

## Year 1 - Freshwater Theatre Visit to School on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### Great Fire of London Workshop



## Year 2

Our enquiry topic this term is “would you like to live in a hot or cold place?” We used the atlas and located some of the countries and polar regions as part of our learning.

## Breakfast Morning – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of February

Thank you for attending our Breakfast Morning. We raised over £220. Thank you so much for your support.



## Faith Explorers Club

The children were preparing the Lent bags.



### **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).**



## **The Essex Local Offer Roadshows**

The [Essex Local Offer Roadshows](#) are back! These are for parents/carers to visit and ask questions about SEND. Please click on the above link for further details.

Dates are:

- Tuesday 11 March 2025 – Basildon
- Thursday 13 March 2025 – Harlow
- Wednesday 19 March 2025 – Colchester
- Tuesday 25 March 2025 – Chelmsford

The morning marketplace is for parents/carers of children with SEND aged 0 to 25. The afternoon marketplace has an early years focus. No booking is needed, just drop in.

## **St Teresa's Catholic Primary School – Vacancy**

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School in Basildon are looking to hire a new site manager (caretaker).

**Role:** Site Manager (Caretaker)

**Starting salary:** £26,409 - £27,711

**Working days:** Monday-Friday

This is a great opportunity for an individual with general all round maintenance skills, and a "can do" attitude. The ideal candidate will be reliable, enthusiastic and hardworking. We are looking for a hands on, responsible and safety conscious person who is self-motivated and resourceful.

To see the full details of this advert, the job description, safeguarding information and to apply for this role, please go to the Essex Job Scene page: <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=108761>

## 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
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