

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have just returned from a beautiful mass with the Junior school to celebrate the Feast of St Anne Line. She is our patron saint and it was lovely to see both schools coming together to honour her. She lived a devout life, helping priests to continue to say mass even when it was a crime punishable by death. She was dedicated to the Holy Church in Rome. Her story serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who stood firm in their beliefs, inspiring Catholics to live boldly in their own faith. It is a result of martyrs like her that schools like ours exist today.

On Monday we will continue our celebrations with a visit from Rise Theatre who are a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering exciting, original, transformative theatre. They will work with the children to produce faith-based stories that spark the imagination and speak to hearts and minds.

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Year 2 Stay and Pray – Wednesday 5th March

Please note, Year 2 Stay and Pray on Wednesday 5th of March has been cancelled.

IMPORTANT – PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

A letter from the School Council has come home with your child this week. Please read this letter and please be considerate to our neighbours and park in the Church carpark when dropping/collecting your children.

Special prayers from our children

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my family.

Amen (Olive – Sparrows)

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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 fritтата 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 24.01.25) was 96.8%. The Sparrows class won the attendance prize with 99.3%. 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 30th January



David (Owls) won the Headteacher's Award this week for settling in very well into our school and demonstrating our St Anne Line values. Well done!

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.

Visit from RISE Theatre – God's Planet Day Monday 3rd February

To celebrate St Anne Line Day, we are delighted to advise you about a visit from RISE Theatre on Monday 3rd February. On this day, the children will have the opportunity to purchase an eco friendly 'Planet Hero' badge as a memento of the day and to encourage everyone to keep up the 'Planet Hero' stewardship. The badges will cost £1 each. All proceeds will help RISE Theatre to continue to deliver tours like God's Planet in schools.

If you would like to purchase a badge for your child, please send in £1 on Monday 3rd February and your child will come home with their badge at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
1,346	1,324
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
1,320	1,406

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 30th January

A'Brielle (Owls) – Pray

Jedidiah (Wrens) – Learn & Love

Alana (Kingfishers) - Learn

Valerie (Herons) - Learn

Sebastian (Sparrows) - Learn

Finley (Robins) – Learn & Pray

Geoffrey (Wagtails) - Love

David (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

A reminder that P.E. days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child is not wearing earrings/studs on these days. Please note, only studs can be worn on the days the children do not have P.E. 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

Please remember to access your child's Tapestry account to check any updated news. Please ensure your child's name is on all of their belongings. Please also send in wellington boots if you have not done so already.



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)



Starting this year, EYFS, Year 1, and Year 2 are beginning to use the new Religious Education (RE) curriculum, called "RED - To Know You More Clearly." This curriculum is part of a plan for teaching religious education in Catholic schools. It has four main parts: knowledge, ways of learning, expected results, and different topics of study.

The curriculum is divided into six main topics, or "branches," which are taught over the six half-terms of the school year. Each branch helps students learn about different parts of Jesus' life and teachings. These topics will be taught again each year to help children understand Jesus' message more deeply.

The six branches are:

1. Creation and Covenant
2. Prophecy and Promise
3. Galilee to Jerusalem
4. Desert to Garden
5. To the Ends of the Earth
6. Dialogue and Encounter

Important Reminder - Reading at home with your child

It is very important that you establish a daily reading routine with your child. It is of utmost importance that you read **every day** with your child and write a short account of their progress in their reading journals. This will be expected throughout your child's school journey so please start this now if you have not already done so. We look forward to reading your comments. Even if your child has read an e-book on the e-book library, you can still record this. Thank you.

Mrs Davis's Weekly Sports Challenge

How many kick ups with a ball or rolled up socks in 1 minute?

Reception

The children have enjoyed learning the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. They took part in a role play and shared loaves of bread. The children very much enjoyed this activity.

Year 1

Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem

In this branch, pupils across the school will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings.

They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.

The focus of this branch 3 for year 1 pupils is to develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that through the ministry of Jesus, some of those who encountered him recognised he was the Son of God. **This week's task is:**

Say the Missio prayer as a family.

Year 2

This half-term, the theme for the Galilee to Jerusalem branch is:

Ministry, parables and miracles.

In this branch, pupils will deepen their knowledge from Year One about who Jesus is and understand how he teaches about the nature of God through parables and miracles. In this branch, pupils will look at the baptism of Jesus and think about how Christians use prayer as a way of turning back to God alongside the symbolism of water as a sign of cleansing and new birth.

Each week, we would like to give you a small task to complete at home with your child to support our learning in class. **This week's task is:**

Talk about why saying sorry to God and to others is important.

National Storytelling Week

As part of our commitment to nurturing reading for pleasure in our school, we will be celebrating National Storytelling Week.

In **2025**, National Storytelling Week runs from **Saturday the 1st to Sunday the 9th of February**.

The power of stories is amazing. Stories can: **help us learn, make us feel, take us to new worlds, bring people together, and spark our imagination.**

This year, your children in KS1 will be watching a live lesson at school with Joseph Coelho, author of the book 'Our Tower' and will be taking part in fun activities based on this book and the art of storytelling.

If you would like to take part in activities at home, please use the family resource provided with your child/ren.

Please see separate link under Newsletters (Storytelling Week 2025).

Year 2 Request – History Topic

The Year 2 children will be making Titanic ships within the next two weeks. Any donations of the following would be much appreciated: newspapers, bubble wrap, kitchen foil, yoghurt pots, cereal boxes, toilet roll tubes, plastic bottles, carrier bags. Many thanks for your support.

PTA Meeting – Tuesday 4th February

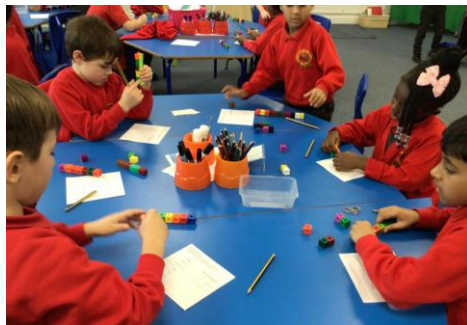
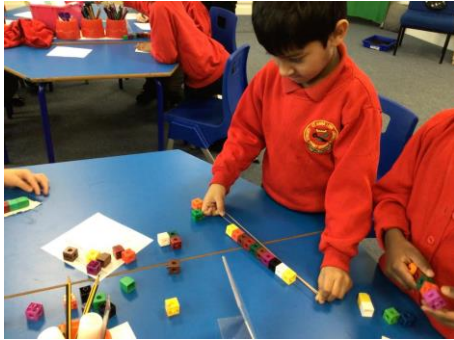
The PTA will be meeting on Tuesday 4th February at 8:45am to discuss Mother's Day and Easter. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible at this meeting. Thank you for your support.

Year 1

The Year 1 children's science experiment this week was to find out which material was best to make curtains with. In their maths lessons the children were learning number bonds to 20.

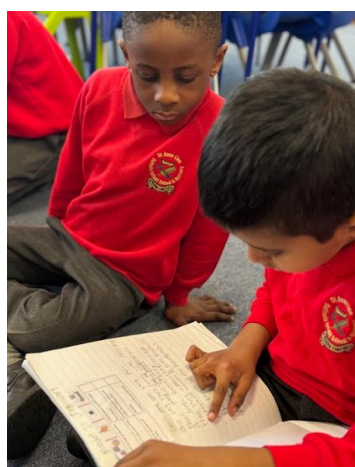
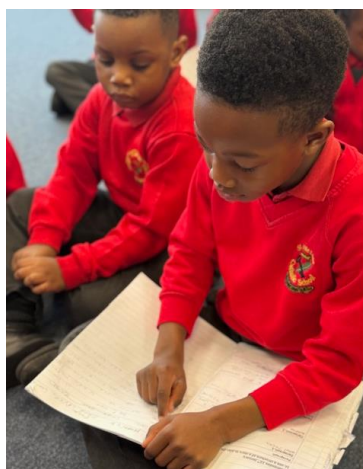
Year 2

The Year 2 children attended mass at The Most Holy Trinity Church today with the junior school. They also enjoyed their St Anne Line Day topics during the day. The children were also investigating which material would be the stretchiest to help a dog cross a bog, inspired by *The Smartest Giant in Town*. As part of their science lesson, they tested different materials, measured how much each could stretch, and recorded their findings.



Year 2 Reading to Year 1 this week

Year 2 enjoyed reading their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk to the Year 1 children.



St Anne Line Day Assembly – Friday 31st January

Some children helped to share the St Anne Line story about being brave and courageous.



Reminder - Winter Reading Challenge!

Are you ready to take part in fun, interactive activities this winter to help six dragon friends make their way home out of the cold? Please click on the link below for further information.



<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge>

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).



Forest School – Donations Please

If you have any old wellington boots and joggers/leggings you are able to donate to Forest School for spares, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

Important Reminder – Oxford Owl eBook Library

Important reminder: We are using an online eBook library to set your child reading practice to do at home each week, alongside reading their book bag book and reading for pleasure books that they take home.

Your child will have been given a username and a password so that they can access their own personal student area on OxfordOwl.co.uk. Once they have [logged in](#), your child can complete their homework by going to the homework tab. This homework is reading their RWI scheme book that their teacher has assigned online, alongside a quiz for them to complete. Happy reading! *“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”* Roald Dahl
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Reminder - Tesco In-Store Vote

We are delighted to let you know 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
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
03 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