

# Newsletter

## Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope: A New Chapter Begins

The Jubilee Year marks a significant milestone in the life of the global Church therefore school communities around the world are invited to unite as Pilgrims of Hope, committing to journey together in faith as we work towards building God's kingdom of justice, peace, and love.

This week, we joyfully launched the Jubilee 2025 celebrations with a special assembly to mark the beginning of the year of "Pilgrims of Hope." As part of our celebration, stained glass 'Holy Doors' have been created by teachers on the doors of each classroom, symbolising our journey of faith and unity as we walk together in hope. The children visited each Holy Door as part of our launch day assembly to see the wonderful designs and symbols to mark this special time.

We also prayed together as a school community, asking for God's guidance and blessing throughout this special time. Here is the prayer we shared:

#### Prayer for Jubilee 2025

Lord, as we begin this Jubilee year,  
 Help us to walk with faith and hope,  
 Opening our hearts to your love and peace.  
 Guide us as pilgrims, seeking your presence,  
 And may our journey bring us closer to you,  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

We look forward to many more moments of prayer, reflection, and celebration as we embark on this holy journey together!

Have a blessed weekend with your families.



Love

Learn

Pray



### IMPORTANT – PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

Please be considerate to our neighbours and park in the Church carpark when dropping/collecting your children.



### Special prayers from our children

Dear God,

*I give glory to God for Jesus in our hearts.*

*Amen (Daniel – Robins)*





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## Lunch Menu

Menu Week 2 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CHOICE 1</b> Macaroni cheese Garlic naan bread Steamed broccoli	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Homemade crispy chicken tenders Savoury rice Steamed green beans Sweet chilli sauce (optional)	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Butcher's pork sausages Mash Steamed peas Gravy	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Beef meatballs in tomato sauce Organic wholewheat spaghetti Steamed sweetcorn	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Omega 3 fish fingers Chips Baked beans
<b>CHOICE 2</b> Jacket potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Roasted herby Quorn fillet Savoury rice Steamed green beans	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Vegetarian sausages Mash Steamed peas Vegetarian gravy	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Vegetarian meatballs in tomato sauce Organic wholewheat spaghetti Steamed sweetcorn	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Cheese and vegetable quesadilla Chips Baked beans
<b>DESSERT</b> Baking of the Day	<b>DESSERT</b> Fresh fruit	<b>DESSERT</b> Yoghurt	<b>DESSERT</b> Fresh fruit	<b>DESSERT</b> 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 17.01.25) was 97.2%. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January



Isaac (Kingfishers) won the Headteacher's Award this week for fulfilling our three values, Love, Learn and Pray. Well done!

## Mrs Davis's Weekly Sports Challenge

Can you do 50 high jumps?

### 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.

## House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
1,325	1,250
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
1,261	1,328

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Diyon (Owls) – Learn & Pray

Kanaan (Wrens) - Learn

Chidumebi (Kingfishers) - Pray

Aaron (Heron) - Learn

Nathan (Sparrows) - Learn

Tomi (Robins) - Learn

Ayla (Wagtails) - Learn

Rennae (Ducklings) - Love

## 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.

## Reception

The children have enjoyed counting and adding one more in maths this week.

## 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:**

**Make a Good News card to share the Good News of God's love.**

We have been learning about geography and where we live. We have also been grouping different objects according to their properties. During RE we have been learning about CAFOD and how they help people around the world.

## 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:**

**Look at photographs of your Baptism or say a short prayer song (using a known tune such as Twinkle Twinkle) about Baptism.**

## Year 2 Visit to Braintree Museum – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Braintree Museum learning about schools in the past. We travelled back in time to the Victorian times, learnt reading, writing and arithmetic in a Victorian classroom, explored Victorian artefacts and the museum itself. All of the children were absolutely engaged throughout and the museum staff were very impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm for history.



## **Jubilee Launch Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Today during our Jubilee Launch assembly the children shared what each stained glass door represented and the meaning behind them. We also talked about 'Hope' and what hope means to them. As the theme of the Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope' we shared how we can bring hope to the world and what their own hopes are for the future.

These are some of the children's hopes for the future.

"I hope for the earth to be beautiful".

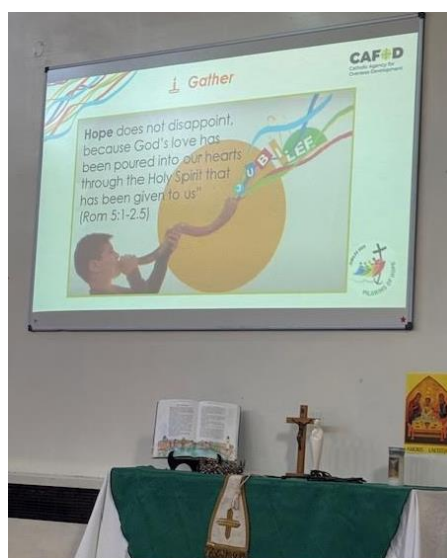
"I hope for everyone to have a good life".

"I hope for my family to have a happy life".

Perhaps you can ask your children what their hopes are for the future.

## Jubilee Launch Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

We are very proud of our stained glass 'Holy Doors'.



### **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](https://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



MESSAGE/CALL 07789715157 TO BOOK YOUR SPACE



**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
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
<b>05 Mar</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass Yr2 (11am)</b> <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>
05 Mar	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	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