

# Newsletter



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## Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to thank you all for your support with getting your children here on time. This has enabled phonics to start on time and the children have managed to come in, hang coats up, register, say morning prayers and move to their phonic groups ready to learn by 8.50am. This is an amazing achievement. It was lovely to walk around school on Tuesday morning and listen to the children enjoying their lessons. Reception have been fantastic at coming around independently, I am so pleased with their progress.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 is the launch day for the Churches celebration of the Jubilee year, which takes place every 25 years. Pope Francis has given this Jubilee the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope". He has called the Church to celebrate the 2025 Jubilee year with "deep faith, lively hope and active charity."

We have lots of special events planned throughout the year, starting with a special assembly and the unveiling of our decorated classroom doors. The teachers and children have been thinking hard about the theme for their door and these will be revealed in next week's newsletter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your families.

## 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,

Thank you for love and family.

Amen (Lillianna – Sparrows)

## Lunch Menu

Menu Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CHOICE 1</b> Margherita pizza (Tomato and Cheese) Nachos Coleslaw	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Beef Bolognese Organic wholewheat fusilli pasta Steamed broccoli	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Roasted chicken casserole Roast new potatoes Steamed green beans	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Sausage roll Seasoned wedges Baked beans	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Fish fillet Chips Steamed peas
<b>CHOICE 2</b> Jacket Potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese or baked beans	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Vegetarian Bolognese Organic wholewheat fusilli pasta Steamed broccoli	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Vegetable parcels Roast new potatoes Steamed green beans	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Vegetarian sausage roll Seasoned wedges Baked beans	<b>CHOICE 2</b> Spinach and cheese fritata Chips Steamed peas
<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.

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## Attendance

The school weekly attendance last week (ending Friday 10.01.25) was 94.7%. The Sparrows class won the attendance prize with 98.3%. 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

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

## Mrs Davis's Weekly Sports Challenge

With a partner how long can you pass a ball to each other without dropping the ball?

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

A further reminder to please return the permission slip and make a payment of £17 on ParentPay, if you have not already done so. Many thanks.

## Used Uniform Sale – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Our Used Uniform Sale will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of January from 2:45pm until 3:15pm (near the school office). All items £1 each - cash only please.

## After School Activity & Sports Clubs/Hidden Talents Club

There are still a few spaces available on some clubs. Please see ParentPay for availability.

## House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
1,243	1,157
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
1,178	1,205

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> January

Avanitka (Owls) - Love

Aliyyah (Wrens) - Love

Olivia (Kingfishers) - Learn

Rayan (Hérons) - Learn

Morayo (Sparrows) - Learn

Mayah (Robins) - Learn

Eliora (Wagtails) - Learn

Hachimenum (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.**



## 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 .



## Nursery – Children's Funding Form

Please remember to return your child's funding form to Nursery. 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

## 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

Please read daily with your child and write any comments in the reading journal. It is very important that reading books are in your child's school bag every day.

## 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:

**Write a prayer journal/letter to Jesus telling him what is in your heart.**

## 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:

**Care for God's world by picking up pieces of litter or recycling around your street or the school.**

### **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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## 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 will commence in store from mid-January 2025 until the end of March 2025.

The following information will appear on the voting unit when voting starts.

### 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 will be able to vote at, now or in the near future, are:

- Basildon Extra SS14 3HZ (Mayflower)
- Basildon Superstore SS15 6TJ (Langdon Hills)
- Stanford-Le-Hope Express SS17 OHR
- 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
04 Feb	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
<b>11 Feb</b>	<b>Freshwater Theatre visiting Yr 2 (history topic)</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM	Whole school
24 Feb	Non pupil day	Whole school
25 Feb	Children return to School	Whole school
<b>25 Feb</b>	<b>Freshwater Theatre visiting Yr 1 (history topic)</b>	<b>Yr 1</b>
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	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