

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have been preparing for the start of Advent on Sunday. They have been practising their Nativity plays and getting ready for all of the planned events over the coming weeks. The excitement is building and it is a really magical time to be in school with young children. We are also helping them to remember that Advent is a time to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

To help with this our new Parish Priest, Fr Albert, came to visit the children today and we are looking forward to having a close relationship with him and visiting him at the church often.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the festivities and do try and join in with as many as you can. The time when small children are in awe of the coming of Christ and Father Christmas is precious and goes very quickly. These memories will stay with you forever and should be treasured so I hope you can make the most of all the school has to offer over the coming weeks.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend with your families.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – PARTY BAGS FOR CHILDREN

An important reminder, party bags/sweets should not be coming into the classroom. They are to be given to the children by the birthday child/parent at the end of the day after children are safely with their parents on the school playground. Please DO NOT include any sweets that contain nuts as we have children with severe allergies in school. Thank you for your support with this.

IMPORTANT – PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

PLEASE SEE PHOTOS WITHIN THIS NEWSLETTER OF PARENT'S/CARER'S CARS PARKED ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES. IF THE POLICE VISIT SCHOOL AND SEE ANY CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY THE OWNERS COULD RECEIVE A FINE OR THE CAR COULD BE TOWED AWAY.

Special prayers from our children

Dear God,

I know the angels are looking after Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Thank you for Jesus.

Amen (Chidumebi – Kingfishers)




Love


Learn

Pray



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 fritata 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.



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Attendance

The school weekly attendance ending Friday 22.11.24 was 96%. The Sparrows and Owls classes both won the attendance prize last week 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

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

Headteacher's Award Friday 29th November



Munachimso (Sparrows) won the Headteacher's Award this week for praying beautifully. Well done.

School Tour for new parents

If you would like to apply for a place at our school, we warmly invite you to tour our school on **Friday 6th December** at 1:30pm

Spaces are limited, places must be booked by emailing: admissions@salinf.org

Christmas Timetable

A Christmas timetable has come home with your child today, listing all of the events we have planned in school and nursery. Please see a copy within this newsletter.

Christmas Nativity Performances - Bookings

To make it easier to accommodate all who wish to attend the Nativity Concerts, please book your preferred performance on the school website or school app under News & Events/Latest News/Nativity. If you have a child in both EYFS and KS1, you will need to complete the booking form twice. There is currently a limit of 2 seats per child. Please complete the booking form as soon as possible so that any seats left can be offered on a first come basis.

Tuesday 3rd December Christmas Nativity (EYFS) – Reception/Nursery (1:30pm) Reception/Wagtails/Ducklings

Thursday 5th December Christmas Nativity (EYFS) – Reception/Nursery (9:15am) Reception/Wagtails/Ducklings

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Nativity (KS1) – Year 1/Year 2 (9:15am and 2pm)

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
776	626
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
694	697

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 28th November

Juana (Owls) - Learn

Albert (Wrens) - Learn

Nathan (Kingfishers) - Learn

Aaron (Hérons) - Learn

Milosz (Sparrows) - Love

Isaac (Robins) - Love

Sindara (Wagtails) - Love

Daniel (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

Family photos for our R.E. display would be much appreciated. Also please ensure your child has a book bag (available from the uniform shop) no backpack bags please. 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.

Prompt drop offs and collections please. Grey uniform is reserved for KS1 and should not be worn in nursery please. Please ensure your child does not bring toys from home to nursery. Donations of old newspapers would be gratefully received. **Weather is getting colder so mittens on strings, warm coats and hats please.**



Cygnets - Nursery

Please make sure you can access your child's Tapestry account to check any updated news. **A reminder to return the reply slip for the Christmas Sing-a-Long on Tuesday 3rd December.**

A further reminder to make sure your child's name is on all their belongings and your child has a warm coat. Please also send in wellington boots if you have not done so already .



Reminder – School Admissions Applications Reception/Year 3

A reminder, school admissions applications for Reception/Year 3 started on **Monday 4th November until 15th January 2025**. <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

CHANGE TO MENU - WEEK 1

Please see the change to Monday's pizza topping (now Margherita - tomato and cheese).

Reception

This week the Reception children have again been practising their Christmas performance. Their Drawing Club story was Goldilocks. Please remember to upload your photos of Numbers in the Environment on Tapestry.

Year 2

Year 2 made healthy wraps as part of their DT Cooking lessons this week. They used their knowledge of a balanced diet to design, make and evaluate the wraps.

Some children will be coming home with some words to learn for the upcoming Nativity performance.



**Reminder - Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime
Thursday 12th December (Reception/Yr1/Yr2)**

A reminder, if you have not already returned your child's reply slip for the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime on Thursday 12th of December, please could you do so as soon as possible. Please also make a payment of £12 on ParentPay if you have not already done so. Many thanks.

**Change of Time – Year 2 Christmas Singing at Eastgate - Wednesday 11th
December**

Please note, the Year 2 children will now be singing at **11:30am** (not 1:30pm) at Eastgate Basildon (outside Starbucks) on Wednesday 11th December. The children will be singing to support St Luke's Hospice and they will be delighted if you are able to come along to watch them sing.

Christmas Dinner – Friday 20th December (Year 1/Year 2/Reception)

A letter has come home with your child today about the Christmas dinner on Friday 20th of December. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible to confirm whether your child will require a Christmas dinner.

School Library - Family Library Time Sessions Timetable:

8am - 8:30am (please arrive no later than 8:20am)

The school library will now be 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).



Recommended Reads

Children's reading enjoyment has fallen to its lowest level in almost two decades, with just one in three young people saying that they enjoy reading in their free time, according to a new survey. Reading frequency is also at a historic low, with 20.5% of eight- to 18-year-olds reporting reading daily in their free time. Although this survey was for children between 8 and 18, it has huge implications for us as teachers and parents. Encouraging our children at St Anne Line Infants to read for pleasure can have a lasting impact, not just on the children's personal well-being, but on society as a whole. Reading is more than just a school activity—it's a powerful tool for personal growth, mental health, and cultural understanding. By making time to read for fun, children can improve their focus, expand their imaginations, and develop empathy through exposure to different perspectives. With this in mind, please take a look at these recommended book lists for home to enjoy.

Books for Topics 50 Recommended Reads for... Preschool & Nursery (ages 3-4)



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50 Recommended Reads for...
Reception (ages 4-5)



Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/reception



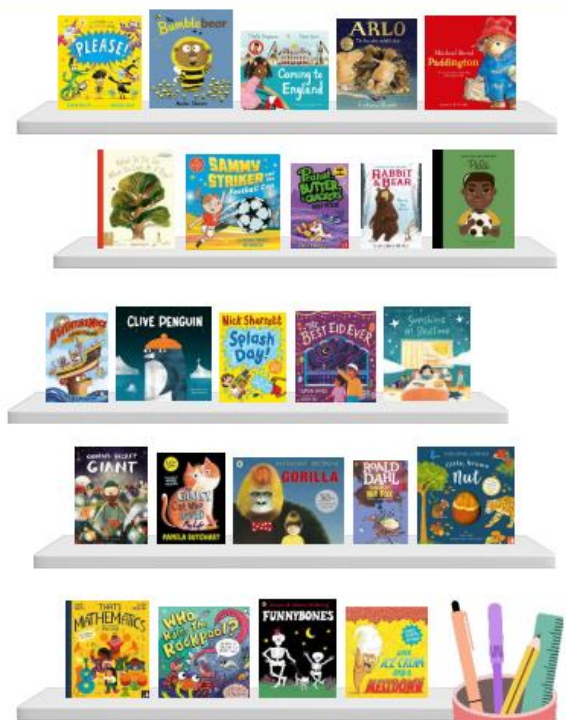
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50 Recommended Reads for...
Year 1 (ages 5-6)



Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-1



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The International Christmas Fayre 13th December 2024

Donations required

We would appreciate any donations from each year group as follows:

- ★ Old Christmas decorations - Nursery
- ★ Crisps - Reception
- ★ Cans/small bottles/cartons of soft drink - Year 1
- ★ Cupcakes (Shop bought only please due to allergies - to be in date for the 13th of December) - Year 2



If you can help then please drop any donations in to the school office by 1st December 2024

Reminder - PTA Coffee Morning - Friday 6th December (to discuss the International Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December)

A reminder, the next PTA coffee morning will take place on Friday 6th of December at 8:45am. It would be great to see you. Thank you also for your kind donations received so far for the International Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th of December.

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.

Christmas Decorating in School

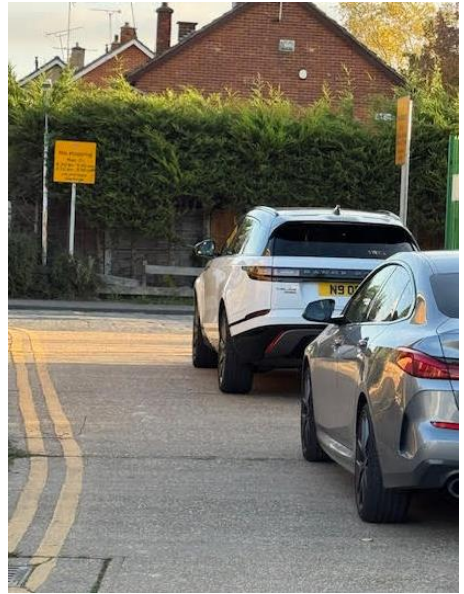
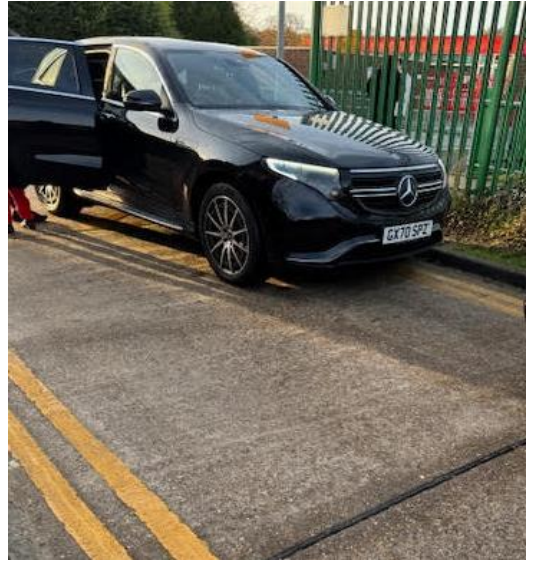
Thank you so much to Catherine, from the PTA, and her mum Mary for decorating the hall and Christmas tree this week. The hall looks wonderful. The PTA have been very busy helping with the arrangements for the International Christmas Fayre, including Dorcas who also helped with the decorating on Wednesday. We would also like to say thank you to Katie for arranging the decorations and helping on Wednesday.



Parking

A neighbour has been in touch again to complain that parents are continuing to block the road which means cars are forced up on the pavement whilst children are walking by. Please be considerate to our neighbours and park in the Church car park when dropping/collecting your children.





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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CRAFTS



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EXPERIENCE FOR
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SATURDAY MORNING
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Christmas Timetable

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CONCERTS *

To make it easier to accommodate all who wish to attend the Nativity Concerts on the dates shown in this timetable, please book your preferred performance on the school website or school app under News & Events/Latest News/Nativity. If you have a child in both EYFS and KS1, you will need to complete the booking form twice. There is currently a limit of 2 seats per child. Please complete the booking form as soon as possible so that any seats left can be offered on a first come basis.

Tuesday 3rd December

Cygnets Nursery Christmas Sing-a-Long (10:30am-11:15am)

Parents of the children in Cygnets Nursery are invited to attend the Cygnets Christmas Sing-a-Long on 3rd December. Children can wear a Christmas jumper or festive top for this special day.

Tuesday 3rd December *

Christmas Nativity (EYFS) – Nursery/Reception (1:30pm)

Reception/Wagtails/Ducklings

Thursday 5th December *

Christmas Nativity (EYFS) – Nursery/Reception (9:15am)

Reception/Wagtails/Ducklings

Thursday 5th December

Starstruck Trip to Starlight Express London (Year 1/Year 2)

Starstruck Club

Monday 9th December

Joint Junior & Infant School Nativity – The Most Holy Trinity Church (1:30pm)

Reception – Letter to be sent home to parents/carers with further details.

Wednesday 11th December

Nursery/Reception Visit to Santa's Grotto in Eastgate Centre

Ducklings/Wagtails/Sparrows/Robins - Letter to be sent home to parents/carers with further details.

Parent helpers will be needed to walk to the Grotto and back to school. Please email office@salinf.org if you are able to help.

Wednesday 11th December

Year 2 Christmas Singing at Eastgate Shopping Centre (11:30am – please note change of time)

Year 2 children will be singing Carols near the Christmas tree outside Starbucks in the Eastgate Centre in support of St Luke's Hospice. They will be there for a short time from 11.30am. The children will be delighted if you are able to come and support them.

Thursday 12th December

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Towngate Theatre Basildon (10:30am)

Reception/Year 1/Year 2



Christmas Timetable

Friday 13th December

International Christmas Fayre (2pm-5pm)

Please come along to celebrate the cultural diversity of our school community and share how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Children can come to school wearing traditional clothing. Please pay £1 on ParentPay or bring cash to the school office.

Tuesday 17th December

BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) Christmas Concert at De La Salle Starstruck Club - Letter to be sent home to parents/carers with further details.

Tuesday 17th December

Nursery Visit for AM & PM children to The Most Holy Trinity Church (11am)

All Nursery parents (Wagtails & Ducklings) are invited to Church to share the Christmas story with Father Albert. Letter to be sent home to parents/carers with further details.

Wednesday 18th December*

Christmas Nativity (KS1) – Year 1/Year 2 (9:15am and 2pm)

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Parties (Whole School/Nursery)

Friday 20th December

Christmas Dinner (Reception/Year 1 & Year 2)

Christmas Jumper Day (Whole School/Nursery)

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers. Please pay £1 on ParentPay to support the Save the Children charity.

INFANT SCHOOL EARLY CLOSURE – 1:15PM*

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THIS DAY*





St. Anne Line Catholic Infant School & Nursery



22nd November 2024

SNOW!



Snow is possible during the winter period.

During heavy snowfall, every effort will be made to keep the school/nursery open, however as the safety of our children is our priority we may have to close on Health and Safety grounds.

If the decision is made to close school/nursery, a message will be sent out on the SchoolApp. Therefore, please ensure you have downloaded this App. A notice will also appear on our school website.

You can also check the Essex County Council website for information on school closures.

[Emergency school closures | Essex County Council](#)

Please note Radio stations are no longer publicising school closures.

Every effort will be made to keep the school open, providing there is a sufficient level of staff.



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St Anne Line Catholic Infant School & Nursery



***DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
FOR
2024/2025***

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.

AUTUMN TERM 2024

DATE	EVENT	YEAR
15 Oct	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
16 Oct	Year 2 Visit to Southend	Yr 2
24 Oct	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
25 Oct	Harvest Festival (1:30pm)	Reception/Yr 1/Yr 2
28 Oct-01 Nov	HALF TERM	Whole school
04 Nov	Non pupil day	Whole school
04 Nov	School Admissions Applications Start Reception/Yr 3 (until 15 January 2025)	Nursery/Yr 2 Parents
05 Nov	Children return to School	Whole school
06 Nov	New Parents School Tour (9:15am)	New parents
06 Nov	Parents Evening (KS1 & EYFS) (1pm-7pm)	Whole school
07 Nov	Stay and Pray (8:45am) - cancelled	Yr 2
08 Nov	PTA Meeting (8:45am)	Whole school
12 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day	Whole school
15 Nov	Children in Need	Whole school
19 Nov	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 1
22 Nov	PTA Meeting (8:45am)	Whole school
22 Nov	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
26 Nov	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 2
27 Nov	New Parents School Tour (9:15am) & Junior School Tour	New parents
02 Dec	National Child Measurement (Reception)	Reception
03 Dec	Cygnets Christmas Sing-a-Long (10:30am-11:15am)	Cygnets Nursery
03 Dec	Christmas Nativity EYFS (1:30pm)	Nursery & Reception
05 Dec	Christmas Nativity EYFS (9:15am)	Nursery & Reception
05 Dec	Starstruck Trip to Starlight Express	Yr 1/Yr 2
06 Dec	PTA Coffee Morning (8:45am)	Whole school
06 Dec	New Parents School Tour (1:30pm)	New parents
06 Dec	Flu Immunisations (Reception/Yr1/Yr2)	Reception/Yr1/Yr2

09 Dec	Joint Infant and Junior Nativity 1:30pm (Reception) The Most Holy Trinity Church	Reception
10 Dec	National Child Measurement (Reception)	Reception
10 Dec	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
11 Dec	Visit to Santa's Grotto - Eastgate Centre (Nursery/Reception)	Nursery/Reception
11 Dec	Christmas Singing - Eastgate Centre (11:30am) - parents invited to attend	Yr 2
12 Dec	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime (Towngate Theatre) 10:30am-12:45pm	Reception/Yr 1/Yr 2
13 Dec	International Christmas Fayre (2pm-5pm)	Whole school
17 Dec	BCCS Christmas Concert - De La Salle School - Starstruck Club (time to be advised)	Starstruck Club
17 Dec	Nursery Visit to The Most Holy Trinity Church (11am)	Nursery
18 Dec	Christmas Nativity (KS1) 9:15am and 2pm	Yr 1 & Yr 2
19 Dec	Christmas Parties	Whole school
20 Dec	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day	Whole school
20 Dec	Last Day of Term Early Finish 1:15pm	Whole school
23 Dec-03 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	Whole school

SPRING TERM 2025

DATE	EVENT	YEAR
06 Jan	Children return to school	Whole school
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)	Yr 2
04 Feb	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM	Whole school
24 Feb	Non pupil day	Whole school
25 Feb	Children return to School	Whole school
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

