

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for helping us to support Children in Need today. We had a lovely assembly this morning where we discussed the Catholic Social Teaching principles and how we were actively living them out today by raising money for those children less fortunate than ourselves. We discussed ways that we can help others even when we don't have money of our own. They were fantastic at coming up with ideas to help others such as being kind, sharing what we have ourselves, showing love and the power of prayer.

The PTA have been busy getting ready for our annual Christmas International Fayre. Please do get involved with this if you can as it is a very special event in the school calendar where we get to find out about food and celebrations from the wide range of cultures represented in our school.

Sadly, the parking and road traffic situation around the school at pick up times, continues to be a challenge and a risk to pupils. It is very embarrassing to have emails from local residents about the selfish actions of some parents who do not care about how they drive or where they park their car. There was a very dangerous incident at the crossing this week which is currently being investigated by the police. I do hope it doesn't turn out to be one of our parents.

Wishing you all 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 be considerate to our neighbours and park in the Church car park when dropping/collecting your children. Please see an important notice within this newsletter about parking near school.



Special prayers from our children

Dear God,

Thank you for everything you have made.

Amen (Kosi – Robins)




Love


Learn

Pray



Lunch Menu

Menu Week 1 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1
Vegetarian pizza Nachos Coleslaw	Beef Bolognese Organic wholewheat fusilli pasta Steamed broccoli	Roasted chicken casserole Roast new potatoes Steamed green beans	Sausage roll Seasoned wedges Baked beans	Fish fillet Chips Steamed peas
CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2
Jacket Potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese or baked beans	Vegetarian Bolognese Organic wholewheat fusilli pasta Steamed broccoli	Vegetable parcels Roast new potatoes Steamed green beans	Vegetarian sausage roll Seasoned wedges Baked beans	Spinach and cheese fritata Chips Steamed peas
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
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 8.11.24 was 97.2%. The Sparrows and Wrens classes both won the attendance prize last week with 99.5%. 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 15th November



Olivia (Kingfishers) won the Headteacher's Award this week for always helping her friends at lunchtime. 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. The following dates and times are available:

Wednesday 27th November - 9:15am (this will include a visit to the junior school)

Friday 6th December - 1:30pm

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

Christmas Timetable

A Christmas timetable will be sent out soon listing all of the events we have planned in school and nursery.

Christmas Nativity (EYFS) - Change of Dates

A reminder, the dates for the EYFS Nativity performances (Reception and Nursery) are now as follows (originally 9 December):

Tuesday 3 December - 1:30pm Thursday 5 December - 9:15am

Christmas Nativity (KS1) – Times Confirmed

The Christmas Nativity KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) performances will take place on Wednesday 18 December in the school hall at 9:15am and 2pm.

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.

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
679	517
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
650	635

Gold Leaf Awards



Thursday 14th November

Sarai (Owls) – Learn

Ise (Wrens) – Pray

Moses (Kingfishers) - Pray

Simi (Hérons) – Love

Liana (Sparrows) - Love

Fareedah (Robins) – Love

Franek (Wagtails) - Learn

Malachi (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

Many parents have still not accessed Tapestry. Please click on the link sent to you by email. 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.



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. Also, a child in Cygnets has lost their jumper. Please check your child's jumper in case it has come home by mistake.

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>

Measles Letter

Please see the letter about Measles included in this newsletter.

Year 2

Landscape paintings of Southend inspired by Van Gogh. The Year 2 children used shades, tints and textures (lentils, quinoa) to help create their artwork.



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).



Remembrance Day

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion, buying a poppy for your child.

Some photos of the Kingfishers class Prayer Leader collecting money for poppies.



On Monday all of the children visited the Prayer Garden with their poppy wreaths, laying them before the statue of Jesus. We then had two minutes silence and the children joined in with their own prayers. It was a very solemn but moving occasion.

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday

Thank you for supporting Anti-Bullying Week this week. The children enjoyed wearing their odd socks.



Children in Need Day

Today we had a Children in Need assembly. Children suggested ways to turn Pudsey's frown upside down.





Children in Need Day

The children had a very enjoyable day today (Friday) wearing yellow/spotty clothes and decorating biscuits. Thank you so much for your support, we will let you know how much we raised for Children in Need in next week's newsletter.



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)



Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/preschool

For more primary school booklists,
visit booksfortopics.com



Reception Prayer Garden

In the Reception playground, the children showed a deep interest in the prayer area, approaching it with respect and curiosity. It has been great to see them demonstrating their thoughtfulness and appreciation for this special place.



Autumn Scavenger Hunt

Well done to all of the Wagtails and Ducklings children who participated in the autumn scavenger hunt over half term.



PTA Meeting – Friday 22nd November

There will be a PTA Meeting on Friday 22nd of November at 8:45am. Please come along if you can, to discuss the Christmas International Fayre taking place on Friday 13th of December.



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



Year 1 – Stay and Pray – Tuesday 19th November

A reminder, Year 1 Stay and Pray will take place on Tuesday 19th of November at 8:45am in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Used Uniform Sale – Friday 22nd November – 2:45pm

There will be a used uniform sale on Friday 22nd of November at 2:45pm on the school playground (weather permitting). If it is raining, this sale will take place near the school office. All items £1 (cash only please).

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 – Driving/Parking near School

Sadly, there was an incident at the patrol crossing this week when a car overtook two cars who were waiting for children to cross the road safely with the Crossing Patrol Warden. Thankfully no one was hurt due to the quick action of the Crossing Patrol Warden.

Also, one of our neighbours has been in touch to make us aware that parents are parking illegally.



Reading for Pleasure

When children and young people enjoy reading, they read more often, helping to build vital reading skills and bringing wider benefits for wellbeing, confidence and learning. Please have a look through this article about the importance of reading.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/reading-for-pleasure/families/>

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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YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CHILDREN



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12 November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Measles in Essex

Measles is circulating in Essex. Most cases of measles have been in school children and preschool children not protected by a full course of the MMR vaccine.

Measles is very infectious and spreads easily amongst people who are unvaccinated. It can be a very serious illness and can sometimes lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases, can cause death.

If you or your child have symptoms of measles, seek medical attention. Be sure to phone ahead before you visit your GP surgery or other healthcare setting. This allows arrangements to be made to prevent others from being infected. Do not send a child with these symptoms to school unless they have been medically assessed and told they can go to school.

Measles signs and symptoms

- cold-like symptoms (runny nose, sneezing or coughing)
- sore, red eyes
- a high temperature (fever)
- A few days later, a red-brown blotchy rash will appear. This usually starts on the head or upper neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body.

Protection against measles

The best way to protect yourself, family, and friends, is the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination. MMR is a highly effective and safe vaccine and protects against measles, mumps and rubella. Anyone who has missed a dose of MMR should contact their GP surgery to get vaccinated. 2 doses of the MMR vaccine [gives](#) long-term protection.

If you are not sure if your child has missed an MMR dose (or any other vaccination) you can contact the Essex Children's Immunisation and Vaccination team on 0300 790 0597. You can also ring this number to have your child vaccinated in a community vaccination clinic.

Vaccination clinics:

All clinics listed below are from 10am – 3pm.

Saturday, 16 November 2024 at Sydney House Clacton

Saturday, 16 November 2024 at [Timberlog](#) Youth Centre, SS14 1UX (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)



UK Health
Security
Agency

Saturday, 16 November 2024 at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, Maple Lodge, CM16 6TN
(Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Fryatt Hospital, Harwich

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Leigh PCC, SS9 3NG (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Livewell Hub Braintree, CM7 3HP

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Fryatt Hospital, Harwich, CO12 4EX

Saturday, 23 November 2024 at Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP

Saturday, 30 November 2024 at Thameside House, Thurrock Hospital RM16 2PX

Saturday, 30 November 2024 at The Lodge, Wickford, SS11 7XX

Saturday, 7 December 2024 at Leigh PCC, SS9 3NG (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 7 December 2024 at Timberlog YC, SS14 1UX (Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 7 December 2024 at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, Orchard Day room, CM16 6TN
(Walk-ins available for flu vaccine)

Saturday, 14 December 2024 at Hermit YC, CM15 8AG

Saturday, 14 December 2024 at Livewell Hub, Braintree, CM7 3HP

Saturday, 14 December 2024 at Clough Road, Colchester, CO4 9QS

Parents should Call 0300 790 0597 to book MMR appointments.

For further information about measles, please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Information about the MMR vaccine can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

Kind regards,

Dr Smita Kapadia, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control,
UK Health Security Agency

Dr Danny Showell, Consultant in Public Health,
Essex County Council



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
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	New Parents School Tour (1:30pm)	New parents
06 Dec	Flu Immunisations (Reception/Yr1/Yr2)	Reception/Yr1/Yr2
10 Dec	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
11 Dec	Christmas Singing - Eastgate Centre (1:30pm) - 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
18 Dec	Christmas Nativity (KS1) 9:15am and 2pm	Yr 1 & Yr 2
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