

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first week of this new half term has been incredibly busy. On Monday the staff attended a training day at St Peter's in Billericay with all of our fellow Trust schools. The theme of the day was 'Prayer and Liturgy'. The staff came back with lots of ideas to help the children grow in their Spiritual journey, and develop their relationship with God. Mrs Cassar has been talking to the children about how they pray at home and where they keep their Bible. We would love you to send in photos of your family at prayer or sharing a Bible story with your child. This will give us a great insight into prayer life at home. (Please send in photos in a named envelope or by email to office@salinf.org).

We have also been busy setting up more prayer areas around school to allow the children to talk to God when they need to in a quiet space. I visited Cygnets this week where even our youngest children of 2 years old were learning how to communicate with God in their prayer time. It was very moving to hear them.

The turnout to parents evening on Wednesday was fantastic and I am sure that you found this opportunity useful. I hope that you are beginning to explore the new Read, Write, Inc. portal that we have purchased and are finding this helpful when supporting your child at home.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend with your families.

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>

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,

We remember all the soldiers this weekend and their sacrifice for us.

Amen (Ise – Wrens)



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Love Learn Pray



Lunch Menu

Menu Week 2 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 1
Macaroni cheese Garlic naan bread Steamed broccoli	Homemade crispy chicken tenders Savoury rice Steamed green beans Sweet chilli sauce (optional)	Butcher's pork sausages Mash Steamed peas Gravy	Beef meatballs in tomato sauce Organic wholewheat spaghetti Steamed sweetcorn	Omega 3 fish fingers Chips Baked beans
CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 2
Jacket potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans	Roasted herby Quorn fillet Savoury rice Steamed green beans	Vegetarian sausages Mash Steamed peas Vegetarian gravy	Vegetarian meatballs in tomato sauce Organic wholewheat spaghetti Steamed sweetcorn	Cheese and vegetable quesadilla Chips Baked beans
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.

Attendance

The school weekly attendance before the school holiday (ending Friday 25.10.24) was 94.9%. The Robins class won the attendance prize with 97.8%. 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 Friday 8th November



Ayden (Owls) won the Headteacher's Award this week for always thinking of God's world, looking after the environment, and asking his parents to walk instead of using their car to help stop pollution. 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

Children In Need Day - Friday 15th November

Friday 15th of November is Children in Need Day. Children can come to school/nursery dressed in yellow/spotty clothes (non uniform day). The children will also decorate biscuits. Please donate £2 on ParentPay or bring cash to the office to support this worthy charity. Thank you.

Help Under the Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund (HSF) helps low income households struggling with the cost of living.

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/extra-financial-help/essential-living-fund/4>

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
600	513
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
584	536

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 7th November

Cristian (Owls) – Love

Amiya (Wrens) – Learn

Simba (Kingfishers) - Learn

Eithan (Hérons) – Love

Giovanni (Sparrows) - Love

Matteo (Robins) - 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

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 pick ups 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 letter has come home with your child today about the Christmas Sing-a-Long on Tuesday 3rd December. Please return the reply slip to let us know if you are able to attend.

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 .



Stay and Pray (Year 2) – cancelled on Thursday 7th November

The new date for Stay and Pray (Year 2) will be **Tuesday 26th November 8:45am** in the school hall.

Year 2

Year 2 - retelling 'The Tunnel' story in the form of drama.



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).



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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Further Reminder - 500 Words Story Writing Competition – CLOSING AT 9PM ON FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER

"Write a story you would love to read".

BBC's 500 Words, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries now! **Submit before the competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.**

It is a very exciting opportunity for the children to express themselves through writing and share their - sometimes hidden - talents. We encourage the children of St Anne Line Catholic Infants to participate in this creative writing event.

All entrants must pen an original story, no more than 500 words in length, and submit it online. This is a home activity and will not be completed in school.

Stories are judged anonymously, without regard to grammar, punctuation or spelling. Please visit the website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words> to find more information and to find out how to enter.

If any child decides to enter this competition, we would love to have a copy of their story, which we can display in the school or newsletter.

Set pen to paper and write away!

Anti-Bullying Week Next Week



The poster features a light purple background with a dark purple curved banner at the bottom. On the left, there is a white hand icon. In the top right, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'With the support of' and the 'Andy and the Odd Socks' logo. The central text is in a bold, dark blue font. The bottom left of the banner has the 'Odd Socks Day' logo with a blue sock icon. The bottom right of the banner has a white hand icon pointing towards the text.

With the support of **Andy and the Odd Socks**

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024

Odd Socks Day

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

PTA Update

The PTA would like to thank everyone who attended the PTA meeting today (Friday). The next PTA meeting will take place on **Friday 22nd of November at 8:45am.**

The PTA have requested kind donations of any old Christmas decorations.

If you have not already returned your PTA letter reply slip and would like to join the PTA group or help with the International Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December, please bring your slip to the school office as soon as possible.

Reminder - Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, **between 2nd September and 30th November 2024**. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. Thank you very much for your support.

Basildon Library Summer Reading Challenge Trophy 2024

Well done to everyone who took part in the Basildon Library Summer Reading Challenge. We were delighted to receive the winning trophy this week.



YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CHILDREN

ACL COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

NEW session subjects added regularly!

SETTING BOUNDARIES
MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS
UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY
SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY
WINTER BUDGETING



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO ENROL... SCAN QR CODE, CLICK HERE, OR VIEW WEBSITE.
NEED HELP?? EMAIL ACLFAMILYLEARNING@ESSEX.GOV.UK

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BELLY DANCING FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Come and try something different with our professional teacher Sitara. Belly dancing is an art form that has positive effects on mind body and soul. Join us for a fun, belly dancing session. No experience necessary.

Monday 11th November 2024
12.30 - 1.30pm
Beech Community Hub
8 Austen Road, SS14 3RZ

We have 3 ways to book:
CLICK HERE to book via Eventbrite!
Call/Text/Whatsapp - 07923 426502
Email - basildonp4p@outlook.com

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SENSORY SYSTEM



Have you got a neurodivergent or anxious child?
Would you like to know how their challenges may be related to their sensory system?
Join us for an informal session to help you make 'sense of the senses'

Wednesday 13th November 2024
12.30 - 2.30 pm
Beech Community Hub
8 Austen Road, SS14 3RZ

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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
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)	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