

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week Year 2 went to the sea-side to look at coastal features. They caught the train from Basildon to Southend. They built sandcastles and had an autumnal picnic! Their behaviour was exemplary. A great day was had by all and the children arrived back at school exhausted! I know that they will be using their experiences from the visit in their Geography work in the coming weeks.

The children have also been busy preparing for our Harvest Festival next week and I do hope you will be able to come and join us for this next Friday.

The children have continued to pray the Rosary every day this week at breaktime and it has been a moving experience to see them knelt around Mary's statue each morning with their rosary beads.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Love

Learn

Pray



Dates to note during October:

Used Uniform Sale - Thursday 24 October (2:45pm)

Harvest Festival - Friday 25 October (1:30pm)



Special prayers from our children

Dear God,

Thank you for keeping us safe on the school trip.

Amen (Logan – Wrens)



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Lunch Menu

Menu Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1 Tomato Pasta Bake with no cheese Garlic bread Broccoli forests	CHOICE 1 Homemade Popcorn Chicken Sweet & sour sauce Vegetable rice Steamed sweetcorn	CHOICE 1 All Day Breakfast Butchers Pork Sausage, Free range omelette Hash brown Baked beans	CHOICE 1 Pepperoni Pizza Bread Nachos Fresh salad	CHOICE 1 Fish Fillet Chips Steamed peas
CHOICE 2 Jacket Potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans	CHOICE 2 Quorn Fillet Sweet & sour sauce Vegetable rice Steamed sweetcorn	CHOICE 2 Vegetarian Sausage Free range omelette Hash brown Baked beans	CHOICE 2 Cheesy Pizza Bread Nachos Fresh salad	CHOICE 2 Cheese Quesadilla Chips Steamed peas
DESSERT Shortbread biscuit	DESSERT Fresh Fruit	DESSERT Jelly or 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.

Attendance

The school weekly attendance last week (ending Friday 11.10.24) was 93%. The Robins class won the attendance prize last week with 96.1% 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 18th October



Jedidiah (Wrens) won the Headteacher's Award this week for being a great ambassador for our school. 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 6th November - 9:15am

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

Reminder to Nursery PM parents:

The afternoon nursery sessions start at 12pm, therefore please ensure you and your child arrive at the school gate by 11:55am. This allows enough time to arrive at the nursery doors just before 12pm, so that your child can start their session on time. Arriving after this time causes disruption to the nursery classes. Arriving on time also helps with the safeguarding of the school children who are arriving on the main playground by this time. If you are running late for any reason, please call the school office who will be able to assist you further. Many thanks for your co-operation.

House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
439	397
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
459	398

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 17th October

Zian (Owls) – Learn

Nell (Wrens) – Learn

Dhanvin (Kingfishers) - Learn

Luis (Herons) – Learn

Aaron-Reign (Sparrows) - Learn

Javier (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 not yet 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. Thank you for any donations for the Harvest Festival on Friday 25th October. Please note, the Harvest Festival assembly is only for Reception/Yr1&Yr2. A child has lost their red school bag, please check your child's bag to ensure they have the correct bag. Donations of old newspapers would be gratefully received.



Cygnets - Nursery

Tapestry is now up and running for all the children, please make sure you can access your child's account and enjoy looking at how well they have settled into their new class.

A quick reminder to make sure your child's name is on all their belongings and as we access the outside area in all weathers, a jacket/coat is advisable. Please also send in wellington boots .



Year 1 & Year 2 P.E. Kit – Red Joggers

Red joggers are no longer required for P.E. in Year 1 and Year 2.

Important Reminder – Oxford Owl eBook Library

Important reminder: We will be 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://www.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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Hand, Foot and Mouth

We have had some cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth reported in school and nursery.

Hand, Foot and Mouth usually gets better on its own in 7-10 days.

The 1st symptoms are:

- a sore throat
- a high temperature
- not wanting to eat

The 2nd stage usually starts a few days later and symptoms can include:

- mouth ulcers, which can be painful
- a raised rash of spots on the hands and feet, and sometimes the groin area and bottom.

If your child is feeling well, they can be in school. There is no need to wait until the blisters have healed. We are encouraging children to wash their hands more often in school as this can be easily spread onto other people. Hand, Foot and Mouth is a common childhood illness that can also affect adults. Further advice can be found on the NHS website: [Hand, foot and mouth disease - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Harvest Festival – Friday 25th October (1:30pm) Reception/Year 1/Year 2

A letter came home with your child this week. If you are able to donate any of the items listed on the letter, they will be very gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Festival next week. Thank you for your support.

Parents Evening – Wednesday 6th November (EYFS/KS1)

Appointments for Parents Evening on Wednesday 6th November will be available to book next week. We will advise you when the time slots are available to book.

EYFS Nativity (Nursery/Reception) – Change of Date

Please see the school calendar in this newsletter for the change of dates for the EYFS Nativity (originally on 9th December) as follows:

Tuesday 3rd December 1:30pm

Thursday 5th December 9:15am

Photograph Orders – Reminder

A reminder that the closing date for free delivery of your child's photo to school is **Sunday 20th October**. Please order through the Tempest website or if you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

PTA Meeting this week

Thank you to all those that attended the PTA meeting on Tuesday. It was great to see so many of you. A letter from the PTA came home this week with your child. Please return the reply slip if you are able to help in any way with the International Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December. Thank you for your support.

School Library - Family Library Time Sessions Timetable:

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

Mondays - Nursery/Reception

Tuesdays - Year 2

Wednesdays - Year 1

Fridays – open to all year groups. On your arrival at school please go to the outside library door (between the year 2 classes).

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

We have been continuing to celebrate the Rosary again this week and will continue to do so every day during this month, saying a decade of the Rosary with children every day around Mary's garden at the front of the school. Please do encourage your children to pray the Hail Mary or for younger children to say a prayer to Mary every day during October.



Reminder - 500 Words Story Writing Competition

"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.

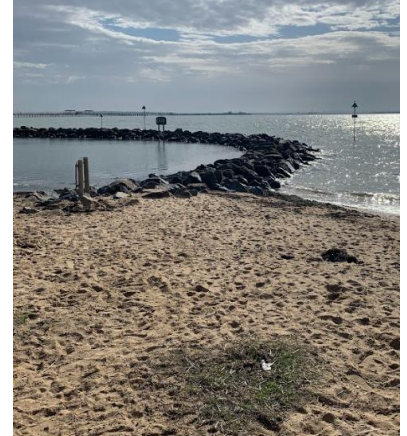
If any child decides to enter this competition, we would love to have a copy of their story, which we can display in the school or newsletter.

Set pen to paper and write away!

Good luck to our young writers!

Year 2 Visit to Southend – Wednesday

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Southend on Wednesday, where we enjoyed a day of fun at the beach next to Southend Pier. The experience not only provided a great day of play but also enhanced our learning in geography and art. Next week, we will be writing a recount of our adventures and using the beautiful beach scenery as inspiration for our landscape paintings. We can't wait to share our stories and artwork! We were all so proud of the children who were outstanding ambassadors of our school, showcasing our school values and enthusiasm throughout the trip!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Inley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>

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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.



YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CHILDREN



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)	Yr 2
19 Nov	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 1
22 Nov	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
27 Nov	New Parents School Tour (9:15am) & Junior School Tour	New parents
03 Dec	Christmas Nativity EYFS (1:30pm)	Nursery & Reception
05 Dec	Christmas Nativity EYFS (9:15am)	Nursery & Reception
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
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

