

Newsletter

Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we progress through the academic year, I am pleased to share some recent developments and achievements within our school.

October has so far been a month of spiritual reflection, with our children and staff actively participating in praying a decade of the rosary every day. This practice has provided a meaningful opportunity for our whole school community to come together in faith and contemplation. It has been a joy to look out of my window and see the children gather around the statue of our Blessed Lady.

Our school chicks continue to thrive, growing steadily under the watchful eyes of our students and staff. This hands-on experience has been both educational and engaging for all involved.

I am particularly excited to announce that our teaching staff has been diligently working on implementing a new training portal focused on enhancing our approach to teaching children our phonics scheme. This will enable us to arrange fully comprehensive and up to date training for all staff to constantly expand our expertise in reading. The benefits also include an online assessment and tracking tool to help teachers analyse individual children's reading progress and plan the next steps to maximise progress. It also provides extensive support for families enabling you to help children practise phonics and read storybooks at home. The aim of this is to offer our children and families outstanding teaching of reading and writing which is rigorous, consistent and of the highest quality for our children. We look forward to sharing more details about this innovative programme with you in the coming weeks.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with family and friends.



Love
Learn
Pray



Dates to note during October:

- PTA Meeting - Tuesday 15 October (8:45am)
- Year 2 Visit to Southend - Wednesday 16 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 friends and family.

Amen (Livia – Robins)

Lunch Menu

Menu Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1 Macaroni Cheese Garlic bread Broccoli florets	CHOICE 1 Beef Chilli (mild) Vegetable rice Steamed sweetcorn	CHOICE 1 Jerk Chicken Thighs Roast new potatoes Steamed carrots	CHOICE 1 Hot Dog Day Butchers Pork Sausage in a bun Nachos Fresh salad	CHOICE 1 Omega 3 Fish Fingers Chips Baked beans
CHOICE 2 Jacket Potato with choice of filling; tuna mayonnaise, cheese or baked beans	CHOICE 2 Vegan Mince Chilli Vegetable rice Steamed sweetcorn	CHOICE 2 *Quorn Vegan Fillet Roast new potatoes Steamed carrots	Vegetarian Sausage in a bun Nachos Fresh salad	CHOICE 2 Cheese Quesadilla Chips Baked beans
DESSERT Flapjack	DESSERT Fresh Fruit	DESSERT Jelly or Yoghurt	DESSERT Fresh Fruit	DESSERT Ice Cream

*Please see change to Wednesday - Choice 2
 • 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 4.10.24) was 96.2%. The Robins class won the attendance prize last week with 99.2% 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 11th October



Chidumebi (Kingfishers) won the Headteacher's Award for being a great role model to others. 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
355	291
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
315	281

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 10th October

Zoe (Owls) – Learn

Tioluwanimi (Wrens) –
Love/Learn

Matthew (Kingfishers) - Learn

Adrian (Herons) – Love/Learn

Nasiah (Sparrows) - Learn

Leilani (Robins) - Pray

Attendance

Starting from August 19th 2024, new guidelines were introduced for school attendance in England. Schools will be required to take a more proactive approach to attendance, identifying and addressing issues at an earlier stage. The updated attendance policy is available on the school website.

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. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat (named) and send in wellington boots (named). 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.



Wagtails & Ducklings - Nursery

Please look on Tapestry for upto date information.

Children should not wear jewellery, i.e. earrings on Tuesdays and Thursdays as we have Multi-skills/Dance on those days. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and wellingtons (with child's name). No nuts in lunchboxes please. Donations of tissue boxes would be much appreciated. Prompt drop offs and pick ups please. Grey uniform is reserved for KS1 and should not be worn in nursery please. Please upload a family photo on Tapestry.



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 .



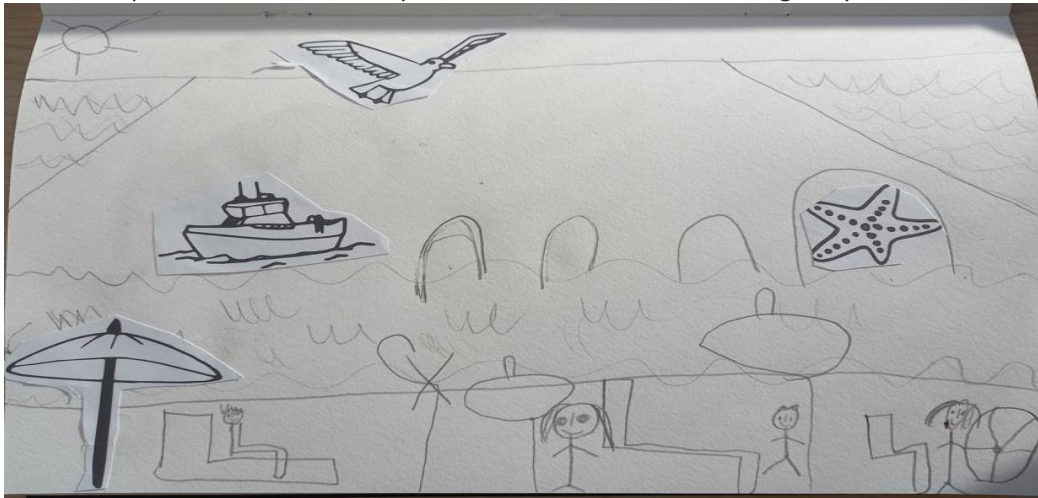
Year 1

Year 1 visited the local area this week and talked about how we can improve the outdoor area. Children suggested installing play equipment and also benches for parents to sit on whilst children play. Also installing lights for when it gets dark in the evening. The children would also like to see more flowers around the area.

Year 2

A reminder about the Year 2 Southend trip on Wednesday 16th October. Please return the reply slip and make payment on ParentPay if you have not already done so.

This week Year 2 looked at Van Gogh art and the children drew the horizon and created a seaside composition. Your child may be interested in a visit to an art gallery.



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

IMPORTANT - Dangerous driving around school area

A parent has advised us about a black car driving very fast near the Church car park at the end of the school day on Wednesday. Please remember to drive safely at all times, also many children will be crossing the road with their parents at this time of day. Please be reminded Police Community Support Officers do patrol the area.

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/conditions/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease/)

Dates for the Academic Year 2024/25

A paper copy of the dates for the academic year has been sent home with your child today. A copy is also included in this newsletter. Whilst every care has been taken in organising the dates, to enable parents to plan events, they are subject to changes if circumstances change. Please note, there are events/dates to be added – changes will be highlighted in the newsletter version each week, when necessary.

Photograph Orders

A reminder that your child's photo orders are to be made online, no orders can be accepted in school. **The closing date for free delivery back 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).

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



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!

Online Safety

Over the last few weeks Year 1 and Year 2 children have been learning about online safety. We have a child friendly online safety poster to help the children understand steps to stay safe online. We have used age appropriate stories about "Digiduck" from Childnet. There is a lot of advice and support for parents on how to ensure your children are protected when they are on digital or online devices. Our website has many links to websites for families. <https://www.stannelineinfant.co.uk/safeguarding-online-safety/>

Please see this information from Childnet over the next few pages of this newsletter about having open conversations with your child about their life online.



Using this resource

The resource has been created to help an adult and a child have a conversation together about life online.

We strongly advise that any parent, carer, or other adult using this resource reads this guide in full before starting, to ensure they are fully prepared.

Tips to help the conversation run smoothly



Give your child plenty of advance notice so they don't feel ambushed. Try to choose a slot that fits into both of your routines.



Sit together in a quiet space without distractions, for example away from other people and without too much background noise.



Make sure you both feel comfortable and consider sitting side-by-side so you can look at the resource together.



Allow your child plenty of time to lead the conversation and focus on the positives at the start. Let them know that you want to work together.



Give them time to think, ask questions and share their thoughts without interruption or blame and listen carefully to any confusion or concerns.

Step-by-Step Guide

Box 1 and 2: Start with the positives

Once you are both settled, explain the purpose of this resource to your child. Together make a list of the devices they have access to. Ask your child what they like doing on these devices. Give them plenty of time to lead this part and let them guide what you make a note of in the boxes.

Box 3 and 4: Recognising online worries

Next, ask your child to share if they have any worries about the online world. Remember that your child's concerns may not be the same as your own. Give them plenty of time to share without interrupting and try to remain calm, even if they share something upsetting.

When you are sure they are finished, move on to speaking about your own worries about your child's life online. It may be helpful to think about these in advance and prioritise the most important ones, so the conversation is not too overwhelming.



Box 5 and 6: Strategies to keep your child safe

Next, ask your child what they already know about staying safe and happy online. This might include rules you've discussed in the past, things they've learnt from school or friends, or safety tools like reporting or blocking. For each 'strategy', discuss how useful and realistic it is.

Ask them to be honest about whether it's something they will do. You may like to suggest some ideas but give your child a chance to assess these in the same way. Afterwards, move the conversation on to things you can do to help your child, like offering emotional support or helping with safety settings.

Box 7 and 8: Wrapping up and agreeing expectations

Finish by summing up your conversation. Recap and agree any rules or expectations you have for staying safe online. Don't forget the positives – explain what your child can do online and the support you and others can offer.

Remind your child that if anything online worries or upsets them, they should tell you or another trusted adult. Add a note of this, and any named adults they might go to, in the final box.

For some children, regular reminders of key expectations may be helpful. Keep the notes you've made to look back on or add to if needed.

Useful questions to help prompt ideas

What should we think about before sharing something online? • What settings can we use to help stay safe? • How can we tell if something is trustworthy online? • What are the age ratings of the games and apps we use? • Who do we talk to online? • How can we stay safe when chatting with people we only know online? • How can we manage the amount of time we spend online? • How can we make sure you only see the content online that you want to see?

For further help and resources visit:
childnet.com/parents-and-carers and childnet.com/thrive

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Online


My Life Online


A conversation between _____ and _____


- 1 These are all the devices I use...



- 2 The things I like to do online...



- 3 The worries I have about life online...



- 4 The worries my grown-up has about my life online...


- 5 I can do these things to keep myself safe and happy online...


- 6 My grown-up can do these things to keep me safe and happy online...


- 7 These are the rules we will use to stay safe online...


- 8 If something online worries or upsets me, I should...



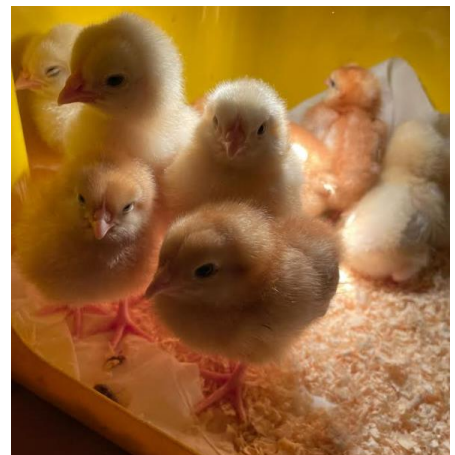
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Our Baby Chicks

This week we saw our chicks beginning to spread their wings as they practised flying. Children across the school had the opportunity to hold and observe them, learning about the life cycle of birds, naming parts of birds and understanding that we must take care of all God's creatures. On Thursday the chicks began their next chapter as they were moved to a small holding farm where they will be able to grow and roam freely.



Autumn Street Safari – International Walk to School Month for all Schools

October 2024 is International Walk to School Month, and [Living Streets](#) are running their annual Autumn Street Safari. This enables pupils to search for, and discover items on their walk to school, or within the school grounds. It's completely free! This year there is also an opportunity to win 10 x £35 ShoeZone vouchers.

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 2024)	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
06 Dec	New Parents School Tour (1:30pm)	New parents
06 Dec	Flu Immunisations (Reception/Yr1/Yr2)	Reception/Yr1/Yr2
09 Dec	Christmas Nativity (AM & PM) EYFS	Nursery & Reception
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

