

# Newsletter

## Weekly Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents,

Next week is National Storytelling Week and we have lots of exciting things planned to help inspire in your children a love of stories. Reading for pleasure is one of the key things that improves children's life chances. In order to develop this, they must be motivated from a very young age to pick up any book and enjoy immersing themselves in it. One of my favourite parts of being a class teacher was sharing stories with the children. From picture books in the early years, to chapter books as they grow and are more able to understand more complex story lines. I have yet to meet a child who is not mesmerized by a great story told by a great storyteller or author.

It is also St Anne Line Day next Friday and we have a Mass and some nice treats planned for this Feast Day. We will be reminding the children of the sacrifices that Anne Line made for her faith and the fearless way in which she lived her life. All week the children will be encouraged to do things that would make Anne Line proud of us. We will share these with you in next week's newsletter.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful weekend.



Love  
Learn  
Pray



### Special prayers from our children

*Dear God,*


*Thank you for mummies and daddies*

*Amen*

*(Ejiro – Wagtails)*

### Lunch menu next week

Menu Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>
Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Broccoli Florets	Hunters Chicken Wholegram & White Rice Steamed Sweetcorn Fresh Salad	Oven Baked Sausages (Pork) Mashed Potato Gravy Steamed Peas	Build your own Beef Burger Coleslaw Fresh Salad	Omega 3 Fish Fingers Chips Baked Beans
<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>	<b>CHOICE 2</b>
Jacket Potato with choice of filling: tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans	Herby Vegetarian Fillet Wholegram & White Rice Steamed Sweetcorn Fresh Salad	Vegetarian Sausages Mashed Potato Gravy Steamed Peas	Build your own Vegetarian Burger Coleslaw Fresh Salad	Cheese Quesadilla Chips Baked Beans
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
Marble Cake	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 was 95.6%. The highest class attendance this week goes to the Kingfishers class with 98.4%.

## 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



Khaya won the Headteacher's Award this week for being an outstanding role model to his friends.

### Storytelling Week - Next Week (Monday 29 Jan- Friday 2 Feb)

Next week is Storytelling Week. We are very excited to have a storyteller visiting school on Friday 2 February.

### St Anne Line Day – Friday 2 February – 1:30pm

Year 2 will be attending Mass with the Junior School at Holy Trinity Church next Friday.

### Artists of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Artist of the Week this week:

#### Niya - Wrens

Excellent effort and contribution to the lesson.

#### Ella Rose - Kingfishers

Excellent effort, enthusiasm and cutting skills.

#### Logan - Kingfishers

Excellent progress with cutting and sticking.

### Dressing Up Costume Sale – Friday 2 February

If you have any good quality dressing up costumes that you no longer need, please bring them to the school office by Wednesday 31 January. We are planning a sale of the costumes on Friday 2 February (£2 per costume - cash only please). Any money raised will support our Storytelling Day on Friday 2 February. Thank you for your support.

### Ready Steady Read

We will again be holding our Sponsored Read event. A letter has been sent home with your child today. Thank you for your support.

### House Points

The children have been working hard to receive House Points.

### House Points

St John Paul II	St Bernadette
336	305
St Alphonsa	St Martin de Porres
336	283



## Gold Leaf Awards



Amara (Owls) – Love  
Michael (Wrens) – Learn  
Nisal (Kingfishers) – Learn  
Sarai (Hérons) – Love  
Belvin (Sparrows) – Pray  
Amani (Robins) – Learn  
Olanna (Wagtails) – Pray  
Mayah (Ducklings) - 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

**Some parents are still not accessing Tapestry. If you do not have your Tapestry link, please see Miss Roel or come to the school office.**

We need **cereal boxes** for junk modelling, you can bring them in to the school. We are in desperate need of spare jogging bottoms and underwear please.



### Cygnets Nursery

Please ensure your child is wearing sensible shoes and a warm coat at this very cold time of year. We would also be very grateful for donations of tissues please. Please return any borrowed uniform. Many thanks.



### Donations of Tissues

Donations of boxes of tissues to the school office would be very much appreciated.

### Nursery - Wagtails & Ducklings

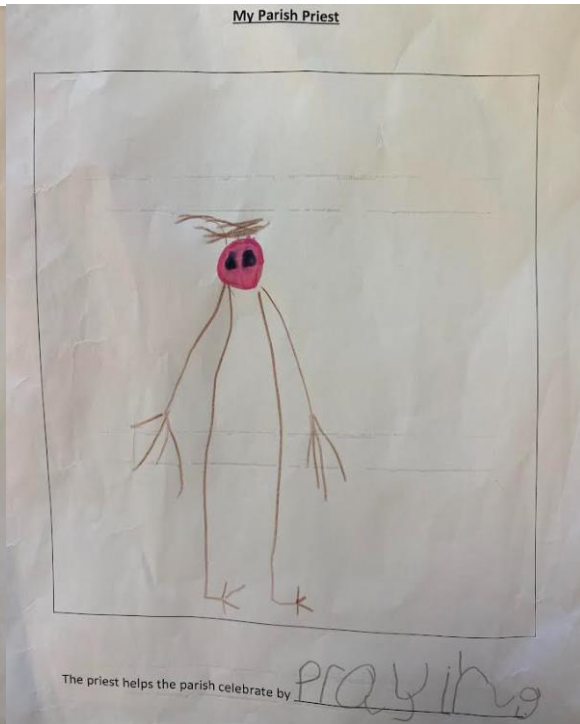
Please look on Tapestry for up to date information. Please check the school website calendar for dates. **Donations of knickers and socks would be much appreciated. We also need boxes of tissues and old newspapers.** If you have any spare please bring in to the nursery. **Please return any borrowed uniform that your child has come home in.**



## Celebration



**Belvin – Sparrows**



**Giulia - Sparrows**

The Reception children enjoyed celebrating being part of the Church family. Belvin and Giulia were very proud of their drawings of Fr Sabu.

## School Library - Family Library Time Sessions

Please see the timetable below:

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

Monday - Nursery/Reception

Tuesday - Year 2

Wednesday - Year 1

Thursday – open to all year groups

On your arrival at school please go to the outside library door (between the year 2 classes).

### Library Coffee Morning

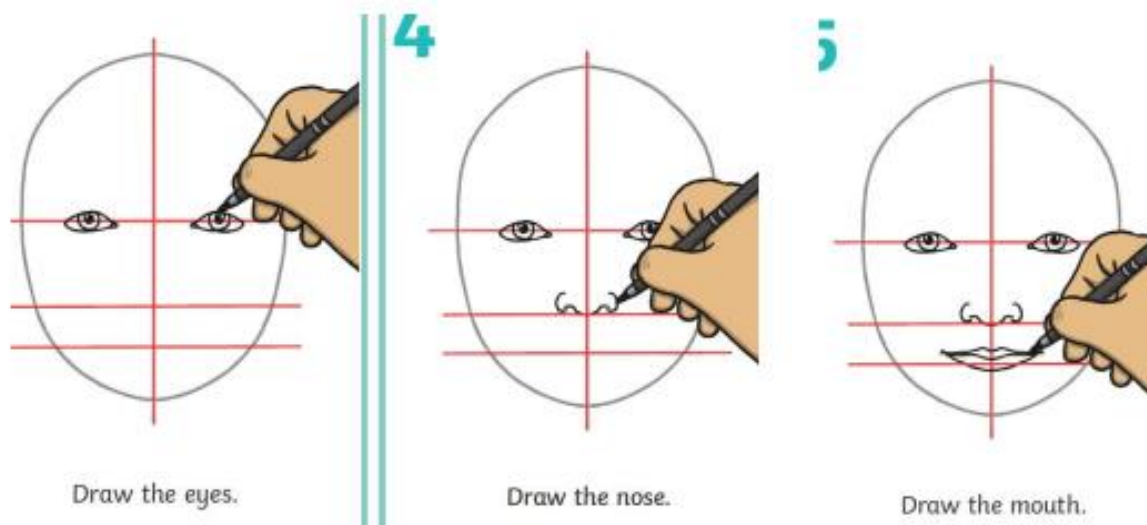
Exciting news! A Library Coffee Morning will take place soon. Date and further details to follow soon.

### Library Competition

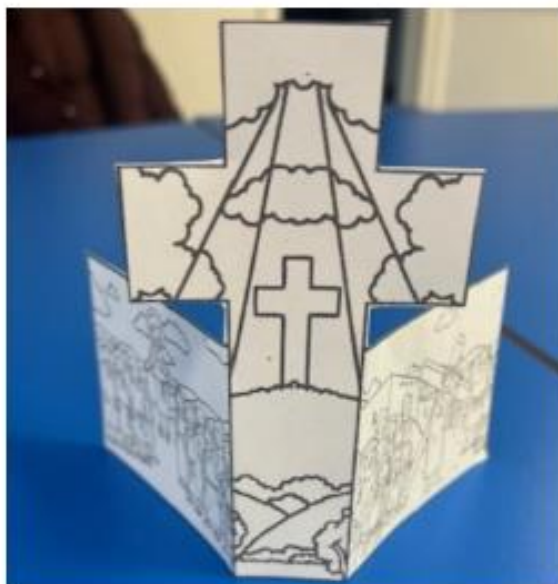
We are planning a Reading for Pleasure Competition. Details to follow soon.

## Art and DT – Year 1

Art and DT- Year 1



In Art year 1 are starting their portrait project. This week and next we are learning about proportions. It would be great if they could practice where features go on a face!



In DT we are really practicing our cutting skills using scissors in preparation of making Easter cards!

Year 1 will be bringing home this cross. Please encourage them to cut it out and colour in. Once it has been cut out can they fold the sides to make it free stand?

## Art and DT – Year 2

### Art and DT- Year 2



Over the next few weeks year 2 will be making clay tiles with a focus on outer space! It would be great (if you have playdough at home) to practice some clay skills. Rolling coils (snakes) squeezing the dough, can they roll the dough flat?



In DT we are really practicing our cutting skills using scissors and folding in preparation of making Easter lanterns

Year 2 will be bringing home an Easter box template. Please encourage them to cut it out (and colour in if they wish). Once it has been cut out can they fold the sides and stick it together to make small basket?



### Reminder - School Problem Solving Project

Don't forget our school problem solving project which ends on 1st February. Click the link below to find out what the children need to do.

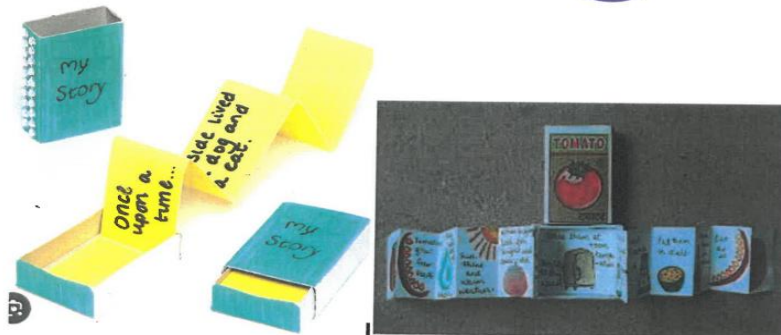
There are also links to support families with problem solving at home.

<https://www.stannelineinfant.co.uk/news/detail/maths-problem-solving-award-project/>

### Book Challenge Competition

There is still time to enter this great competition. The last day to enter is Friday 16 February.

# Book Challenge



Take part in our book challenge. Make a book that will fit into a matchbox.

**A prize per class!!!**

<https://www.stannelineinfant.co.uk/> for more ideas

# Spring Term Come and See

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2024 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This Spring term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

### LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY

Early Years CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church  
Year 1 SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family  
Year 2 BOOKS - The books used in Church

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.  
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

### EUCHARIST - RELATING

Early Years GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist  
Year 1 MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal  
Year 2 THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

### LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Early Year GROWING - Looking forward to Easter  
Year 1 CHANGE - Lent: a time for change  
Year 2 OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

## **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

### **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1 January

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7 January

### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8 January

### **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

14 February

### **ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

19 March

### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

24 March

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

28 March

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

29 March

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

31 March

**Public Health**  
County Hall  
Chelmsford  
CM1 1QH



Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian

**re: Measles**

Cases of measles are increasing in England currently. If your child has not been fully vaccinated with the MMR vaccine it is a good time to get this done to protect them. This can be arranged through the child's GP practice. You can check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations by looking at their personal health record (Red Book) or by asking their GP.

The early symptoms of measles can look like other illnesses: runny nose; cough; conjunctivitis. The child may also have a high fever. The distinctive rash of measles begins around day 3 of the illness, a rash of flat red or brown blotches appear, beginning on the face, behind the ears and spreading over the body.

Any child thought to have measles should not be sent to school. Where possible NHS 111 or the GP should be phoned for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E. This is to avoid passing the infection on to others. Further details about measles can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Showell".

**Danny Showell**  
Public Health Consultant

**We are proud to share that we have been recognised as a problem-solving school.**



The nrich project is run by the University of Cambridge. They explain that:

*Problem-solving is a critical skill when it comes to empowering students for the future. It opens up a world of possibilities as students have to apply their knowledge, think laterally and use their creativity to solve challenges. Problem-solving is also a crucial part of helping students to discover the joy of mathematics. "Imagine only engaging with football through practice drills and never seeing Messi score, or learning music through scales and never hearing an orchestra play," say the NRICH team.*

Problem solving and reasoning is central to the maths national curriculum and all our children have the opportunity to develop these skills and apply their maths knowledge in their maths lessons.

As part of our promise to be a problem-solving school we want to raise the profile of problem solving and reasoning and support our families with this key area of maths.

We know that many people worry about maths and may find it hard to know how best to support and developing their child's problem solving skills.

Nrich have many resources that the school can use. Below is a link to a video for parents about problem solving at home.

<https://youtu.be/Px5taGF1gAE>

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### Whole School Problem Solving Project

Is it true that your foot is the same length as the distance between your elbow and wrist?

**Problem Solving Skill:** Generalising  
**Math Knowledge:** Measuring



- How will we measure? (string, Lego bricks, a ruler)
- Is this true for everybody in your family?
- Compare your upper and lower arm sizes, are they the same?
- Is it true that your height is the same length as the distance between your outstretched arm span?

**We would love to see some photographs, drawings or posters! Please send into the school office or class teacher by 1<sup>st</sup> February**

There are fun problem solving activities that you can do at home available on the link below:

<https://nrich.maths.org/parents/primary>

#### Primary Parents



08/01/2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Essex County Council is committed to supporting the national wraparound program as part of the childcare reforms announced in the 2023 spring budget. It is the Government's ambition that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it, will be able to access termtime childcare, in their local area, from 8am-6pm to enable parents to access employment.

As a parent or carer of a child who attends primary school or who will be attending in the next two years, we want to know what are/will be requirements for wraparound care and we are asking you to complete this short survey –

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZLwjRBQ0e02BCvDZWV2-UaK9UQVhXVEtPOE9RT0hYWTJaSVdJRUJOWDdHNC4u>

Your answers will help us understand where Essex County Council should target support and/or funding. Participation is completely voluntary, and we really do appreciate your time in doing this. This survey will remain open until 28th of January, 2024.

If you need support with completing this form, or if you have any questions please email- [wraparound.childcare@essex.gov.uk](mailto:wraparound.childcare@essex.gov.uk)

Kind regards

**Caroline Brown**

Business Management Consultant (South)

Education Operations

Education Directorate

Essex County Council

## **IMPORTANT – PARENT PARKING**

We have been sent more photos of parents parking without consideration for our local residents. This is not acceptable. The Parking Enforcement Team visited the area around school this week and we are asking again, please park in the Church car park. The school is a very short walk from there.



# Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

**No need to book, just drop in!**

Parent/carer workshops will also be running. More information to follow soon.

Scan the QR code to  
find out more  
information



or go to  
[The Essex Local  
Offer Website](#)

## Join us...

**Monday 4 March 2024**  
The Holiday Inn, Basildon

**Thursday 7 March 2024**  
Hamptons Sports and Leisure,  
Chelmsford

**Wednesday 13 March 2024**  
JobServe Community Stadium,  
Colchester

**Tuesday 19 March 2024**  
The Harlow Hotel, Harlow



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## **Autism Central - Support Provided by Families/Carers for Families/Carers**

[Autism Central](#) offers information, group online sessions and 1:1 support via telephone or Teams. A diagnosis is not needed to access this free service. Upcoming events include:

- Tuesday 23 January 2024 - Supporting Sensory Needs
- Thursday 1 February 2024 - Supporting After-school Distress
- Thursday 8 February 2024 - Supporting Sleeping
- Thursday 15 February 2024 - Holiday Survival

# HIDDEN TALENTS KIDS CLUB

THE ULTIMATE  
PERFORMING ARTS  
KIDS CLUB!  
DANCE DRAMA  
SINGING THEATRE  
ARTS AND  
CRAFTS,

EVERY SATURDAY  
MORNING @ ST  
ANNE LINE INFANT  
SCHOOL  
BASILDON  
9.30 - 12.30  
AGES 3 - 11

CALL/MESSAGE 07789715157  
TO BOOK YOUR SPACE





St Anne Line Catholic Infant School & Nursery

**DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR  
FOR  
2023/2024**

**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 2023

DATE	EVENT	YEAR
05 Sep	Children return to school	Yr 1 & Yr 2
23 Sep	Big Help Out (10am-12pm)	Whole school
26 Sep	Meet The Teacher (8:45am)	Yr 2
27 Sep	Meet The Teacher (8:45am)	Yr 1
03 Oct	Flu Immunisations	Reception/Yr 1/Yr 2
03 Oct	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
04 Oct	Photographer (Individual photos)	Whole school
04 Oct	Langdon Hills Nature Reserve Visit	Yr 1
05 Oct	Phonics Workshop (9am)	Reception
10 Oct	Maths Workshop (8:45am-10:15am)	Reception/Yr 1/Yr 2
16 Oct	Film Night (3pm-4:45pm)	Reception/Yr 1/Yr 2
18 Oct	School Open Day (9am)	New parents
18 Oct	Year 2 Visit to Southend	Yr 2
19 Oct	Harvest Festival (8:45am)	Reception/Yr 1/Yr 2
20 Oct	Father's Forum (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
20 Oct	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
23-27 Oct	HALF TERM	Whole school
30 Oct	Children return to School	Whole school
30 Oct	Videographer	Whole school
06 Nov	School Admissions Applications Start Reception/Yr 3 (until 15 January 2024)	Nursery/Yr 2 Parents
06 Nov	Reception Visit to Basildon Library	Reception
08 Nov	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 2 & Yr 2 Parents
08 Nov	Year 1 Visit to Basildon Library	Yr 1
08 Nov	KS1 Parents Evening (1pm-7pm)	Yr 1 & Yr 2
13 Nov	Year 2 Visit to Basildon Library	Yr 2
13 Nov	Consultation to Convert to Academy Status (Open Meeting) School Hall 4.30pm	Parents
16 Nov	PTA Meeting (additional meeting) (8:45am-9:15am)	Parents
22 Nov	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 1
23 Nov	Breakfast Morning (8:30am-9:30am)	Whole school
24 Nov	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school

28 Nov	Cinderella Pantomime (Towngate) 1:30pm	Reception
29 Nov	Cinderella Pantomime (Towngate) 1:30pm	Yr 1/Yr 2
29 Nov	School Open Day (9am)	New parents
05 Dec	Reception (Sparrows) Visit to Grotto (9am)	Sparrows Class
06 Dec	Nursery (Cygnets) Sing-a-Long (10:30am)	Cygnets Nursery
08 Dec	Reception (Robins) Visit to Grotto (9am)	Robins Class
08 Dec	International Christmas Fayre (2pm-6pm)	Whole school
11 Dec	Nursery Visit to Holy Trinity Church with parents - Wagtails & Ducklings (11am)	Wagtails/Ducklings & Parents
12 Dec	Reception Visit to Holy Trinity Church with parents (1:30pm)	Reception & Parents
13 Dec	Christmas Singing (Eastgate Centre) 1:30pm	Yr 2
14 Dec	Christmas Nativity (9am & 2pm) EYFS	Nursery & Reception
15 Dec	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
18 Dec	Christmas Nativity (2pm) KS1	Yr 1 & Yr 2
19 Dec	Christmas Nativity (9am) KS1 Christmas Jumper Day (Whole school) Class Christmas Parties (Whole school)	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Whole School Whole School
20 Dec	Christmas Dinner (Reception/Yr1 & Yr2) Christmas Jumper Day (Whole school) EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE – 1:15PM	(Reception/Yr1&Yr2) Whole School Whole School
21 Dec–3 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	Whole school

## SPRING TERM 2024

DATE	EVENT	YEAR
04 & 05 Jan	Non Pupil Days	Whole school
08 Jan	Children return to school	Whole school
26 Jan	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
29 Jan – 2 Feb	<b>Storytelling Week</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
02 Feb	<b>St Anne Line Day</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
02 Feb	<b>Storyteller Visiting School</b>	<b>Whole School</b>

<b>02 Feb</b>	<b>Year 2 Mass (1:30pm)</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>02 Feb</b>	<b>Dressing Up Costume Sale</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
06 Feb	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
<b>07 Feb</b>	<b>Freshwater Theatre Visiting School (Yr 2)</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>
13 Feb	Pancake Race (2:30pm)	Whole school
14 Feb	Year 2 Trip to Chelmsford Museum	Yr 2
16 Feb	Father's Forum (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
16 Feb	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
19-23 Feb	HALF TERM	Whole school
26 Feb	Children return to school	Whole school
28 Feb	Breakfast Morning (8:30am-9:30am)	Whole school
06 Mar	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 2
13 Mar	Cross Country	Whole school
20 Mar	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 1
20 Mar	Parents Evening (1pm-7pm)	Reception/Yr 1 & Yr2
22 Mar	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
25 Mar	Easter Passion Play Yr 2 (2pm)	Yr 2
26 Mar	Hot Cross Bun Run	Selected children
27 Mar	Year 2 Trip to Science Museum	Yr 2
29 Mar-12 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS	Whole school

## SUMMER TERM 2024

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
15 Apr	Children return to school	Whole school
26 Apr	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
06 May	BANK HOLIDAY	Whole school
08 May	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Yr 2
14 May	PTA Meeting (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
24 May	Father's Forum (8:45am-9:45am)	Parents
24 May	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
27-31 May	HALF TERM	Whole school
03 Jun	Children return to school	Whole school
05 Jun	Mini Olympics	Selected children
05 Jun	Breakfast Morning (8:30am-9:30am)	
12 Jun	Stay and Pray (8:45am)	Reception

28 Jun	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
05 Jul	Family Beach Day	Whole school
05 Jul	Used Uniform Sale (2:45pm-3:15pm)	Whole school
10 Jul	Sports Day (Junior School Field – AM)	Reception/Yr 1 & Yr 2
10 July	Display Evening	Whole school
12 Jul	Family BBQ Celebration (3pm-5:30pm)	Whole school
18 Jul	Leaver's Mass (11am)	Yr 2
19 Jul	Leaver's Assembly & Lunch	Yr 2
19 Jul	Last Day of Term	Whole school
22 & 23 Jul	Non pupil days	Whole school
24 Jul–30 Aug	SUMMER HOLIDAYS	Whole school

