Newsletter

~St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School~

Reporting Absence

Please report your child's absence on Study Bugs or phone the school office *before* 9:15am 01268 470444

School Emergency / Snow Closure - Please check the school website

Head Teacher's Notice

Friday 9th January 2026

Welcome back to school in 2026!

I hope that all families celebrated a joyous Christmas, and have also enjoyed some time for relaxation during the break. I trust that this New Year has begun well for you, and I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year ahead.

We began this New Year celebrating mass for Epiphany. Well done to Ruby, Max, Nicky, and Isabella for planning and preparing the service.

This week the children have been introduced to their new Topic area for the Spring Term:

RE - Galilee to Jerusalem

Year 3 - The Stone Age / Ice Age

Year 4 - The Shang Dynasty

Year 5 - The Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Year 6 - The Victorians

Please be aware that new clubs start next week. To reserve a place, payments MUST be made in advance (on ARBOR).

Have a lovely weekend and

God bless,

Miss N. Watson

Prayer

Lord,
Thank you that as we look to the year
ahead and all the potential challenges,
opportunities, and possibilities,
the safest place to be is with You.
Amen.

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him I will trust." Psalm 91:2

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

ANNE FRANK HOUSE POINT REWARD BREAKFAST — **Wednesday 14/01/26**

The children in Anne Frank House are invited to a special breakfast for achieving the most House Points las half term. **Arrive at 8am**

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY ASSEMBLY — **Tuesday 27/01/26**

The children will be attending a whole school remembrance assembly.

ST. ANNE LINE DAY — Friday 30/01/26

We start the day with our infamous ***BIG Breakfast*** *(8:30am),* ***Open Morning*** *to look at your child's work (until 10.30am), and we finish the day with our Feast Day Mass at Holy Trinity Church (1:30pm). All are welcome.*

INTERNET SAFETY DAY — **Tuesday 10/02/26**

The children will be attending a whole school Internet Safety Day assembly and be completing activities throughout the day.

HALF TERM BREAK

16th - 20th February 2026

Ash Wednesday - 18th February

Uniform

We remind children to wear the correct school uniform (including the school tie), and correct PE uniform (**Black** tracksuit bottoms, NO leggings, and **School PE jacket** during this colder weather).

PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS!

Use the church car park to drop off and collect your child, or walk to school.

House Points

House Points	Week 1	09/01/2026
Anne Frank	Florence Nightingale	
256	286	
Martin Luther King	Nelson Mandela	
301	228	

School Dinners - Week 2



Please see our school website for the new menu.
Please ensure that all accounts are up to date on the Parent's ARBOR Account - Thank you.



Gospel Values Award

This week the focus has been on 'FORGIVENESS - Reconciling with ourself and others. Well done to **Eden F** for demonstrating Forgiveness in school this week. To demonstrate and offering forgiveness is at the heart of the Bible, it is about recognising your emotions about the harm done to you and showing love to others.

"If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven." John 20:23

Weekly Awards

Stars of the Week

* Class 1 - Alfin S
* Class 2 - Julianne A
* Class 3 - Valeria N
* Class 4 - Jemimah T
* Class 5 - Keziah A
* Class 6 - Emily R
* Class 7 - Angeline G
* Class 8 - Zara K

Other Awards

* Top Attendance - Class 1
* Tidiest Classroom - Class 8
* Lunchtime Award - Class 4 & 8
* Music Award - Amara P

Instagram/Website

Please take a look at:
St Anne Line Juniors
https://www.st-anneline-jun.uk/

Whole School Attendance 95.0%

Attendance League

	Class	% Attendance	% Unauthorised Absence
TOP	1	98.8% WELL DONE	0.39 MUST IMPROVE
	4	97.4	2.60 MUST IMPROVE
	6	96.8	3.20 MUST IMPROVE
	3	96.1	0.78 MUST IMPROVE
	2	95.2	0
==========National Average 95.0==========			
	5	94.2 MUST IMPROVE	0.83 MUST IMPROVE
	7	93.5 MUST IMPROVE	4.90 MUST IMPROVE
BOTTOM	8	88.3 MUST IMPROVE	0.78 MUST IMPROVE

Total Late Marks - Please be in school and on time GATES CLOSE AT 8:45AM

No Late Marks - Class 2,4,5,6,7 - WELL DONE FOR BEING IN SCHOOL ON TIME

LATE MARKS - Class 1,3,8 - NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL ON TIME.

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Safeguarding at the Heart of Our School

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Wrap-Around Care

Week beginning 12th January 2026

The Hive Activity ♦ 3-4:00pm - £5.00

This Week's activity is : Mix 'n' Match

The Hive Feast* ♦ 3-6:00pm - £12.50

(*Includes activity and dinner)

Booking can be made daily, before 2:30pm, on ARBOR, or contact the school office. (For Year 2 upwards)

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

If you are concerned about your child's mental health and well-being, please reach out. It's okay to ask for help.

At St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School, we are here to help; either to listen, to offer support, or to help direct you to agencies for further advice.

Need help? Call us on 0300 303 9988

EWS Essex Wellbeing Service

The Essex Wellbeing Service provides Essex residents support in the following areas:

Child Lifestyle Service; Mental Health; Sleep; Physical Activity; Carers; Stopping Smoking; Social Isolation; Alcohol Reduction; Health checks; Weight Management.

Click the link below to find out more information:

Essex Wellbeing Service

2026 IS THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year, created to help children and adults in the UK enjoy reading more. Everyone is encouraged to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, with the theme 'GO ALL IN'. Throughout the year, schools, libraries, and communities will run fun events and challenges to help everyone find a type of reading they love.



Try reading in a new place next week

- This could be at home, outside, whilst travelling, at school, or in the library.

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Prayer and Liturgy – January 2026

A New Year

January often feels like a fresh page: a new year, a new term and a chance for new beginnings. Many families use this time to think about hopes for the year ahead – perhaps to grow in kindness, gratitude or faith. Through our January resources, children will be reminded that God is with them at the start of this new year, and that Jesus is the light that guides them each day. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout January and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

BOLD STATEMENT

In the week beginning 12th January, the assembly points to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Matthew 3:13-17). Children will hear of Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan, where God the Father declared from Heaven that Jesus is His beloved Son.

Through this, children will understand that Jesus' Baptism was a bold statement about who He is God's Son and that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit were all present at this significant event. Children are given the opportunity to reflect on how the sacrament of Baptism welcomes people into God's family and invites them to make a bold statement for God in their own lives, knowing that they too are God's beloved child.

With your child/ren, you may also like to…

Look at photos or keepsakes from your child's Baptism and talk about what it means to be "God's beloved child".

Encourage your child to make a simple "bold statement for God", e.g. "Today I will include someone who is left out."

Trace a small cross on your child's forehead at bedtime and quietly say, "You are God's beloved child".

BORN TO FISH, CALLED TO FOLLOW

In the week beginning 26th January, the assembly focuses on the calling of the first disciples (Matthew 4:12-23), who left their boats immediately when Jesus said, "Follow me."

Children will be invited to think about their own gifts and talents, and how Jesus calls them to use these for good. Through simple prayer actions, children will be given time to reflect on listening to Jesus' voice and trusting Him with their "yes".

With your child/ren, you may also like to…

- *Talk about your family's gifts and how each person can use them to help others at home, school or in the parish.*
- *Choose one simple "yes to Jesus" action your family can take this week, for example, visiting someone who is lonely or making extra time to pray together.*

JESUS IS THE LIGHT

Throughout January, the daily classroom prayers will allow children to reflect on Jesus, the Light of the World. In the first week, they will pray with words from the Gospel of John (John 1:1-18) and from St John Henry Newman, asking Jesus to be the true light of life, who lights their path. Children will be encouraged to shine Jesus' light by helping others to see His love, kindness and goodness through what they say and do.

You might like to use this prayer as a family at home:

Jesus,
You are the true light.
The light of life,
The light on my path,
The light of glory!
May your light shine brightly
through my words and actions each day.
Amen