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 18th September

It has been another positive and productive week in school, with the children continuing to settle well into their new year groups and routines.

Our Year 6 pupils have been completing their baseline assessments this week. They have approached these with maturity and focus, giving their teachers a helpful picture of their starting points as they begin this important final year with us.

Bikeability has also begun, providing pupils with the opportunity to develop their cycling skills, confidence and understanding of how to stay safe when riding on the road. It has been great to see the children embracing the experience with such enthusiasm.

Year 3 had a particularly busy week. On Wednesday, they took part in their dental checks before enjoying a very different experience on Thursday with their Latin Day. The day provided a fun and engaging introduction to Latin, allowing the children to explore the language and its influence in an exciting and memorable way.

It has been lovely to see another week filled with learning and new experiences across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless, **Miss N. Watson**

Prayer



Generous God,
Thank you for the many gifts and blessings You
give us each day. Help us to be grateful for what we have
and to share generously with those who have less.
Teach us not to compare ourselves with others,
but to celebrate their gifts, achievements, and happiness.
Help us to remember that every person is precious
in Your eyes and that Your love is a gift for us all.
Amen

"The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made." Psalm 145:9

DIARY DATES

Mon/Tues 21st /22nd September 2026

BIKEABILITY – Group 2

*The first session of Bikeability begins today for **GROUP 2 – Please make sure you have your bicycle.***

Thurs/Fri 24th /25th September 2026

BIKEABILITY – Group 3

*The first session of Bikeability begins today for **GROUP 3 – Please make sure you have your bicycle.***

Thursday 24th September 2026

YEAR 3 HOME SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Essex Fire and Rescue will deliver the workshop for the children.

Monday 28th September 2026

FLU VACCINATION

The first group of children will receive their vaccination.

Wednesday 30th September 2026

NON-UNIFORM DAY - £1 Contribution

The children can choose to pay £1 to come to school in their own clothes today to raise money for charity.

Friday 9th October 2026

GREAT ATHLETES VISIT

The children will be visited by an athlete today to talk about their life and experience as a pro athlete.

Thursday 15th October 2026

WORLD FOOD DAY

The wonderful event where our school community comes together to generously share food – information to come.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS! – Use the Church Carpark to drop off and pick up from school, DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL ROAD.

House Points

Week 3	18/09/2026
Anne Frank	Florence Nightingale
245	223
Martin Luther King	Nelson Mandela
233	210

School Dinners - Week 2



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



Gospel Value Award

This week the focus has been on 'HUMILITY' - Seeing life as a gift.

Well done to Tioluwanimi O for demonstrating humility at school this week. To be humble acknowledges one's dependence on God. It is the opposite of arrogance, pride, and self-sufficiency.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3

Weekly Awards

Stars of the Week



* Class 1 - Sofia S
* Class 2 - Aaron C
* Class 3 - Gabriel L
* Class 4 - Nell B
* Class 5 - Isabella S
* Class 6 - Nathan H
* Class 7 - Mia C
* Class 8 - Ethan K



Other Awards

*Music Award - Amara P
*Top Attendance - Class 5
*Tidiest Classroom - Class 4

Instagram/Website

Please take a look at:

St Anne Line Juniors

https://www.st-anneline-jun.uk/

Whole School Attendance 98.3%

Attendance League

	Class	% Attendance	% Unauthorised Absence
TOP	5	100% WELL DONE	0
	6	99.2	0
	1	99.2	0.81 MUST IMPROVE
	8	98.4	0
	3	98.4	0.78 MUST IMPROVE
	2	97.7	0
	4	97.0	0.76 MUST IMPROVE
BOTTOM	7	96.9 MUST IMPROVE	1.60 MUST IMPROVE

==========National Average 95.0==========

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

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

LATE MARKS - Class 1,3,4,8 - BE IN SCHOOL ON TIME

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Wrap-Around Care

The Hive Breakfast ♦ 8-8:30am - £2.50

The Hive Activity ♦ 3-4:00pm - £5.00

(Includes activity and a small snack)

The Hive Feast* ♦ 3-6:00pm - £12.50

(Includes activity, small snack and dinner)

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



As we continue our journey through Ordinary time, this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of God's wonderful generosity and love for everyone. Jesus tells the story of a landowner who invites people to work in his vineyard at different times throughout the day. At the end of the day, he treats each worker with generosity. Through this parable Jesus reminds us that God's love in not something we earn or compete for, it is a gift, freely and generously given to us all.

At St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School, we reflect on how we can follow God's example:

- By being generous with what we have.
- By celebrating the successes of others.
- By treating everyone with kindness and dignity.
- By remembering that every person is precious to God.

Sometimes it can be easy to compare ourselves with other or think, "*That's not fair!*" Jesus encourages us instead to recognise the good things we have been given and be thankful when others receive good things too. May we be a school filled with gratitude and generosity where we share God's love with each other.

"Are you envious because I am generous." **(Matthew 20:15)**

YEAR 6 PARENTS

Secondary School Applications open on 12th September and close on 31st October 2026

Applications can be made online via:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Ofsted

Read our report

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Safeguarding at the Heart of Our School



Education Sunday 2026: Why Catholic Education Matters



Last Sunday, I had the privilege of speaking at St. Therese Catholic Church on Education Sunday. It gave me an opportunity to reflect on a question that goes far beyond examination results, attendance figures or league tables:

What do we believe education is actually for?

In St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School, we believe that every child who walks through our doors is created and loved by God. Their worth cannot be measured by a test result or statistic. Education should help our children discover not simply **what they can do**, but **who they are called to become**.

That is why Catholic education matters.

Being a Catholic school must mean more than having a crucifix on the wall, celebrating Mass or beginning our day with prayer.

Christ has to be at the centre: recognisable in how we treat one another, how we forgive, how we welcome others, how we respond when someone gets things wrong, and how we recognise the God-given potential in every child.

During my address, I also reflected on my own faith journey. I am what people might call a *cradle Catholic*. I was brought up going to church and made my First Holy Communion and Confirmation. For many years, however, my faith was perhaps more of a habit, something I did because it was expected.

My faith was driven by my **head**.

Today, increasingly, it is driven by my **heart**: by a longing to know Jesus more deeply and to have a closer relationship with Him. My journey has taught me that faith cannot simply be something we inherit and put safely on a shelf.

It has to be lived. It has to be chosen. And sometimes, it asks something of us.

We live in a world where convenience understandably influences many of our decisions. Family life is incredibly busy and parents balance work, childcare, finances, transport and countless other demands. But perhaps our faith sometimes calls us to ask a different question, not simply, *"What is easiest?"* but **"What do we value?"**

Generations before us built and supported Catholic schools when many Catholic families had very little. They made sacrifices because they believed passionately that handing the faith on to the next generation mattered.

They did not build Catholic schools because they were convenient.

They built them because they believed.

Today, that precious inheritance has been entrusted to us.

But St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School cannot hand on the faith alone.

Catholic education is at its strongest when **home, school and parish walk together**.

Imagine the strength of a child hearing at home that they are loved by God; experiencing at school that they are loved by God; and entering church to discover a community which shows them that they belong to God.

Home. School. Parish. One community helping a child encounter Christ.

Our children notice what we say is important, but they notice even more clearly what we **demonstrate** is important. When they see us pray, attend Mass, forgive, serve others and make choices informed by our faith, they learn that Christianity is not simply something we talk about, it is something we live.

We cannot guarantee that every child who receives a Catholic education will remain a practising Catholic. **Faith can never be forced.**

But we can give them **roots**.

We can give them a language for prayer. We can introduce them to Jesus Christ. We can teach them that forgiveness is possible, that every person has dignity, that hope is stronger than despair, and that their life has meaning because they are known and loved by God.

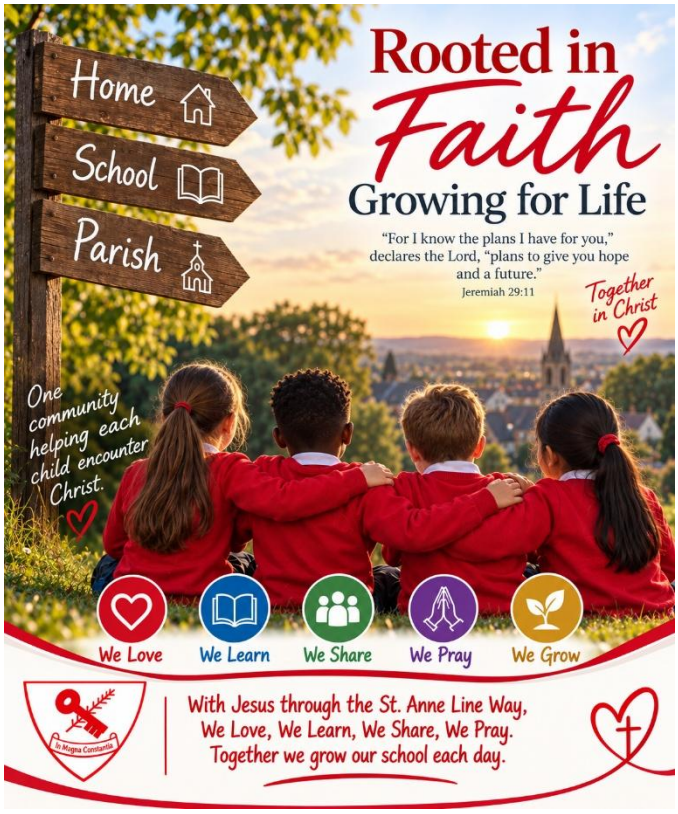
And perhaps, years after they leave us, when life becomes difficult, something they experienced at home, at school or in their parish will remind them:

God has not forgotten me.

That is why Catholic education matters.

Not simply because it is familiar. Not simply because it is ours. And not because it is always the most convenient choice.

Catholic education matters because faith matters.



Together, as home, school and parish, may we give our children not only an excellent education, but something even more enduring:

Roots in faith,

the knowledge that they are deeply loved,

and the confidence that wherever life takes them,

Christ walks beside them.

Miss N. Watson