



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fun packed week with children singing and reading beautifully in Mass with Father Peter. We held our **St Clare's day** on Monday wherein the pupils created wonderful work for our whole school display. The Year 5 and 6s have been creating some amazing artwork as shown here by Amber (Y5):



When the weather has allowed the children have been practising their cross country and St Clare's took part in the a sitting volleyball competition.



FEBRUARY HALF TERM FAMILY WARM HUB

St Clare's Primary School
Cloes Lane, Clacton CO16 8AG
Monday 16th February 2026
10am-1pm

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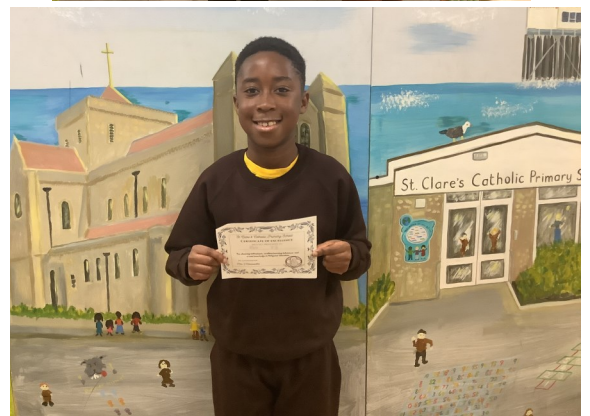
- Breakfast/ lunch and refreshments
- Local information & support for families
- Winter Warmers
- Smoke alarms
- School Uniform bank
- Term-time programmes / Activities
- Library services
- Children's services and activities

All families welcome (children must be accompanied)



Well done to all our award winners this week!

Many of our winners won their awards due to their kindness and care for others highlighting our love value.



The best attenders this week were **Hummingbirds** with **95.8%**. We want to get every class to this number—the more days in school, the better the learning outcomes and more fun at school with their friends.



St Clare's Day Mass

In Father Peter's Gospel on Monday he spoke to the pupils about how St Clare lived her life about being a bright light for



others to follow: to love and obey your parents and to love and obey God. Wise words to follow. The children produced some wonderful work of St Clare too—well done!



On Tuesday we held the Tendring District Sitting Volleyball competition. We are really proud to have hosted this competition, as well as the Boccia before Christmas. Hosting inclusive events something we aim to continue for many years to come.



Our A team, consisting of children from UKS2 medalled, finishing third in the tournament. Our B team, many of whom tried Sitting Volleyball for the first time improved throughout. **Congratulations** to all who played.



The children have been having a wonderful time at lunch time, even in the bad weather. The children are really enjoying the mud kitchen and the water play—especially the Year 6s brushing the playground: Mr Gormley will be pleased!



St Clare's Dates for the Diary

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| 16 to 20/02/2026 | Half Term |
| Monday 16th Feb | Winter Warmer Hub |
| 17 & 19/03/2026 | Parents Evenings |
| 26 & 27/03/2026 | Easter Performance |



LUNCH MENUS FOR Autumn
09/02/2026
Week 1

All meals for EYFS & KS1 are free and for those entitled to FSM

Tesco Stronger Starts Grant!

In May 2025 we secured a Tesco Stronger Starts Grant for £1000 with the hope of developing our outside environment. This was with the help of the local community placing blue tokens into our boxes. With this money we were able to purchase the following equipment: A wooden boat, fairy houses, chinks, Polydron XL and a music frame. All of these resources are versatile and can be used both indoors and outdoors. The equipment purchased is also movable, meaning we can use the equipment in all areas of the garden, this is essential during wetter weather. The equipment helps to build upon the children's development in the following ways: Practicing gross motor skills such as climbing. Communication and language by encouraging role play, singing, supporting EAL and multicultural families. Personal, Social and Emotional by sharing and taking turns, building friendships and encouraging cooperative play. Maths and Literacy skills such as singing songs and rhymes, building story narratives, shape, size and measure, spatial reasoning and building. Expressive Arts and Design by making structures, imaginative play and Understanding The World by creating stories and narratives, exploring cultures through music and role play.

We are very grateful to have received this money, and the children have enjoyed exploring and playing with the new resources. This grant will help us to continue providing high quality provision and an enriching environment for all children that attend St Clares Nursery!

