



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at St Clare's with lots going on!

Thank you to all the parents who came to Parents evening this week—it was lovely to see so many happy children and parents after the meetings and to hear so many positive reports back! **Thank you for your support!**

We had another visit from Gael Hicks, our Diocesan Advisor, who is supporting us to achieve an outstanding grading in our RE inspection. We are a year or two away from the inspection but the staff are working incredibly hard to attain this. They are really amazing!

Father Patrick joined us this morning for our KS2 Penitential Service. It is always appreciated to have such close links with Our Lady of Light Church.

Finally, please remember that it is our last week next week— years 3 and 4 will be performing their Easter performance on **Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm and Friday morning at 9.30am.**

Year 6 pupils will be observing the **Stations of the Cross** next week at **Our Lady of Light church** between **10.00–10.30.** Yr 6 parents are welcome to join us at the church

Meningitis

The outbreak of meningitis in Kent has been heavily covered in the news and may be causing anxiety in Essex. The public health team at Essex County Council have said that there is no increased risk to anyone in Essex unless they have a direct link to a case of meningitis in the Kent outbreak and been contacted by the UK Health Security Agency. Simply being a **contact of a person with a direct link does not increase the risk.** If you would like to know more about the outbreak and how it is managed there is an update on the [UK Health Security webpage](#). If you would like to know more about meningitis and how to spot it the [NHS webpages](#) give good advice.



Well done to all our award winners this week!



St Clare's Dates for the Diary

26/03/2026	Easter Performance at 1.45
27/03/2026	Easter Performance at 9.30
27/03/2026	Year 6 Stations of the Cross At Our Lady of Light
27/03/2026	Easter Holiday
13/04/2026	Return to School
11-14/05/26	Year 6 SATS Week



**LUNCH MENUS FOR Autumn
23/03/2026**

Week 3

All meals for EYFS & KS1 are free

This week we have had to send a letter home regarding the inappropriate use of online devices and how it is affecting the behaviour in school. Below is a summary of what was sent out:

The school highlights its strong values, expressed in its mission statement: *"With Jesus, we learn to love and love to learn."* It emphasises that most pupils reflect these values through positive behaviour and achievement.

However, there has been a recent concern about a small number of older pupils using inappropriate language and behaviour, including swearing, body-shaming, and sharing unsuitable content online. This behaviour is sometimes brought into school and directed at both pupils and staff, which goes against the school's values of respect and will not be tolerated.

The school is increasingly concerned about children accessing age-inappropriate social media, games, and content, which is negatively affecting their behaviour and wellbeing. Some pupils have reported exposure to inappropriate material and contact from strangers on platforms like Snapchat, raising

The school will respond seriously to such issues, involving safeguarding authorities or the police if necessary. Parents are asked to support by monitoring their child's online activity, checking devices, removing unsuitable apps, modelling safe behaviour, and encouraging open discussions at home.

Further guidance, including an online safety agreement will be provided in due course



Our new area is complete! The children have worked really hard with Miss Bailey to create a lovely new space for our school. Well Done!



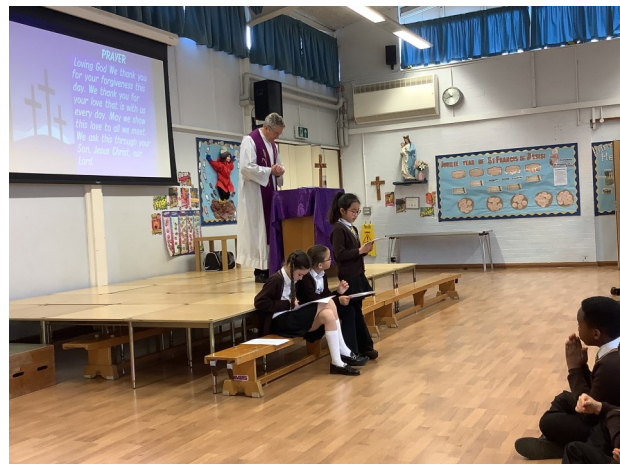
We have had a large donation of bedding, the children have loved making new dens and reading areas with it.



Its lovely to see everybody having fun in the sun.

Lets hope it stays for a while





RE

In year 5 we have been looking in more detail at sin. The children had to describe their understanding of sin. David P from Ospreys said:

' Sin is split into two types of sin. The worst sin is Grave sin which removes us from God and includes things such as killing and stealing. God would still forgive us but we would have to go to Reconciliation. The sin which isn't as bad is Venial sin. All you need to do is say sorry. It includes things such as being lazy. If you make too many venial sins they can become grave sins.'

