



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

In last Sunday's gospel, John retells the story when Jesus appeared to his disciples and said **"Peace be with you."** In this same encounter, Thomas refused to believe that Jesus had arisen and would only believe when he saw proof for himself. There are two themes at play here: Jesus offering peace and love to those around him and his challenge to Thomas that faith should not always require proof to believe.



**Pope Leo echoed these two sentiments this week**, when he challenged our world leaders to seek peace rather than anger and even in the most troubling of times **we should always keep the faith.**

At St Clare's, we have been thinking of ways we can show kindness to others rather than cruelty and I hope that through the next term we will see that flourish.

## St Clare's Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th May	May day bank holiday ·
11th May ·	SATs week
25th May ·	Half term
1st June ·	Back to school
12th June ·	MTC check -
8-12th June ·	Phonics Screening
15th June ·	New entrants week beginning
22nd June-	Year 6 transition week
24th June	22/23rd St Bens, 25th Lift Tendring
26th June	Sports day KS2 10am/KS1 2.30 ·
29th June	Summer fayre after school 3.15-5.15
30th June	assessment week ·
1st July	Robins induction 1
2nd July	Wrens induction ·
7th July	year 6 Deanery Mass Harwich ·
8th July	year 6 production 9.30 ·
9th July	Meet the teacher???
· 9th July	year 6 production 1.30
14th /15th July	BBQ and rounders 3.30-5pm ·
16th July	year 6 CCA ·
17th July	Leavers Mass 10.30 ·
	last day of school ·

**Dates for the diary—please check through the dates or on dojo.**

**St Clare's Coffee morning 23rd April 9:00am with SEND Inclusion partner and SENCO.** If any parents have any questions or just want to have a chat with the school staff or the experts in SEND. Please speak with the office.



## AMAZING ATTENDANCE

Well done to Ospreys class with



**97.8%**

Overall for the school week we have achieved 94.6% . This is fantastic! Well done to families for getting your children in to school.



### EYFS new starters

This week parents will have found out if they have got a space at St Clare's. Once again we are full with many pupils coming from the Nursery—which is fantastic news. Information about next year will be coming out to you over the next few weeks from Mrs Smith and the school office.

### Arbor Log-in

**From 1st June, St Clare's will no longer be using Scopay for communication and payments.**

You will have recently received log-in information for Arbor by email. Please sign up as soon as possible so that you do not miss any important communications from us. **Currently we have 52% of parents signed up to the new parent portal. Let's keep it going!**

If you are having any problems or questions with this, please contact the school office.



### **NEW SUMMER MENU**

**20/4/2026**

**Week 2**

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

Please see menus on the website and in the school noticeboard



Rosie and Lilly took advantage of the free tickets to the BBC Essex County Cup Final last night. Here they are pictured with the Women's FA Cup and the Women's European trophy!

The Year 3 and 4 children have had a wonderful day at Colchester Castle. I am sure they will be coming back to families to tell them about all the fantastic things they have seen.





**Well done to all our award winners this week!**



**Golden Welly and Brush Awards**



**The children are really enjoying the outdoor gym, messy kitchen and digging area. The rangers have a summer uniforms so the children know where they all are.**

**In the next few weeks, we will be opening the "mound" and large swing! We are really excited about these opening to make our lunchtimes even better.**

