



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week of sunny spring weather—it has been a blessed week. Hopefully it will continue into the weekend where we will be celebrating a number of our children's **First Holy Communions at Our Lady of Light on Saturday morning 9:30—10:30**. Father Patrick and I invite you to join us at Mass tomorrow to celebrate with the children.

In school, the children have been taking advantage of the weather by playing on the field, running up that (new) hill and playing on the Giant Swing—they are loving it! Our Year 6s are working super hard and with only 4 school days to go until the SATS we are super proud of their hard work and efforts—they truly are showing our core value of **Resilience**. We hope you have a lovely long weekend and will see you on **Tuesday 5th May**.

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
	22/23rd St Bens, 25th Lift Tendring
24th June	Sports day KS2 10am/KS1 2.30 ·
26th June	Summer fayre after school 3.15-5.15
29th June	assessment week ·
30th June	Robins induction 1
1st July	Wrens induction ·
2nd July	year 6 Deanery Mass Colchester
7th July	year 6 production 9.30 ·
9th July	Year 6 production 1.30
· 9th July	BBQ and rounders 3.30-5pm ·
14th /15th July	Year 6 CCA ·
16th July	Leavers Mass 10.30 ·
17th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

NEW SUMMER MENU



04/05/2026

Week 1

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

Please see menus on the website and in the school noticeboard

Nursery

We are now taking bookings for children in September. If you have any questions or would like to look around please call

01255 560195.

The Parable of The Good Shepherd

Jesus is our Good Shepherd.
He knows us, loves us and takes care of us.

The Story

Once there was a shepherd who loved his sheep. He would look after them, feed them and keep them safe.



We Learned



"I am the Good Shepherd.
The Good Shepherd
lays down His life
for the sheep."

John 10:11



We Listened



We Talked



We Care

-  We listen to God.
-  We are kind to others.
-  We look after one another.
-  We help and share.
-  We follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Thank you, Jesus, for being our Good Shepherd.

Amen.





Well done to all our award winners this week!



Golden Welly and Brush Awards



Lunchtime Award



May

The Month of Mary

We love Mary!
Mary is our Mother in Heaven. She loves us, cares for us and brings our prayers to Jesus.

Mary, Our Mother
We can talk to Mary about everything. She listens to us and helps us be closer to her Son, Jesus.

Pray the Rosary
The Rosary is a special prayer. When we pray the Rosary, we think about the happy, sad, joyful and glorious mysteries from Jesus' life.

1. We make the Sign of the Cross
2. We say the Our Father
3. We say the Hail Mary on each bead
4. We think about the mysteries of Jesus' life

Praying the Rosary helps us to:

- Love Jesus more
- Grow in faith and kindness
- Have peace in our hearts
- Become closer to Mary

A Simple Prayer
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Let's pray the Rosary every day in May and ask Mary to help us love Jesus more and more.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."
- St. Maximilian Kolbe

Art Competition

We invite you to take part in our **Art Competition**

Mary- the holy Mother of many faces

Looking at how different cultures and traditions portray Mary.

Be creative!
Draw, paint or design your own picture of Mary inspired by different cultures and traditions from around the world.

Entries received by e-mail: jkonikowska@st-clares.essex.sch.uk

All entries must be received by: **30th May 2026**

The winners will be announced on: **5th June 2026**

Open to all pupils. Be inspired by Mary's love and share your beautiful art!

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee."
- Luke 1:28



The children from our nursery came to try out the OPAL play areas. The children had a great time exploring the different areas



Gardening club have been growing sweetcorn to make popcorn, strawberries, potatoes, leeks, squash, peas, sweet peppers, garlic onions and herbs.



In our art lesson, Kingfisher class made weather symbols out of natural resources that we found around our school grounds.