



St Clare's newsletter



With Jesus, we learn to love and love to learn.

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Autumn Week 2

The children have had a great week in the first whole week back. The children have been working hard on building their resilience – as this is our core value this half term. It was great to welcome Father Peter back to St Clare's too in our first Mass of the school year.

First Mass of the Year

This week, we celebrated Mass with Father Peter. The Mass was wonderful with beautiful singing, reading and wonderful behaviour from the children. They really are a credit to St Clare's. Within Father's homily he asked the children to reflect on three things: to GROW, to LOVE and to SHINE. To grow in faith and learning, to love Jesus, their friends and family and those in the St Clare's community and to shine their light so others could follow their path by being kind, honest and hard-working! Wise words indeed – we thank you Father for sharing Mass with us this week

Intentions for this Mass were for those close to us who have been sick or poorly. We would welcome prayers for those in our community who are not well.



The Gift of Prayer



Last week, we launched our Prayers at home initiative, where children could take home a prayer bag to share with their family. Mr Frost's class have had it this week and we are pleased to share some of the photos from the families.



School Uniform - Swap Shop

Thank you to all the parents who have donated uniform or wellies over the last week – we are still collecting these items so please send any black trousers, skirts or wellies, waterproof coats that your children have grown out of.

We've have had a few queries about earrings and hair bows this week and what is expected. We welcome parents putting small yellow or brown bows in your child's hair but these should be very small as opposed to the larger items. Earrings should be studs and children should be able to remove them prior to PE lessons. There are a few reasons and it applies to both: Firstly for safety, these items can get snagged at playtime or PE or caught on clothing or furniture causing harm or damage. Secondly, cost: we understand that uniform costs a lot of money and we would much prefer families to spend the money on school uniform items rather than costly accessories. If wished, cheap, small items are much preferred. Additionally, if broken or lost they are easily replaceable.



Orla Gingham | Yellow Snap Clips

Yellow Gingham Butterfly Snap Clip Grosgrain Ribbon 2.5 inches - Pack of 2 Made with durable grosgrain ribbon this clip adds a fun touch to your uniform. Secured with an...

👉 School Hair Accessories UK / £2.95



Zara | Yellow Gingham Mini Clips

Yellow Gingham Mini Bowtie clips 1.75" Pack of 2 Made with durable grosgrain ribbon this clip adds a fun touch to your uniform. Secured with an Alligator Clip it's perfect for...

👉 School Hair Accessories UK / £2.75



EYFS urgently require any second hand uniform, underwear, socks, PE kit, plimsolls etc to keep in our emergency changing boxes. It would be much appreciated! Thank-you. EYFS staff.

Headteacher's Award



The children have all been working super hard this week and showing their resilience skills! We are super proud of these hardworking children! Keep up the good work. Well done to our golden boot and welly award winners too!



PTA Quiz Night

Quiz night, run by the Friends of St Clares, Friday 9th October 7pm. Come and join us for a fun evening! Funds made supports our children. Tables of 6. £10 in advance, £15 on the night. Please put cash in an envelope, naming your quiz team and give into the school office. Bring your own food and drinks (alcohol permitted). Raffle on night (cash please). Hope to see you there! Winner and booby prizes to be won! If anyone has any unwanted gifts/bottles they would like to donate for the raffle, please leave at the school office. Thank-you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026/27: Any parent wishing for their child to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2027, is invited to attend the 9.30am Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Light Church on 19th September 2025. A meeting with all the parents will commence immediately after the Mass to explain the new programme and to accept applications. The necessary forms will be completed at the meeting. The child should be in year 3 or above at the commencement of the New School Year.

School Lunch



SUMMER MENU
14/09/2026
Week 3

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

Please see menus on the website and in the school noticeboard

Important Dates

14/15 Sept – Bikeability Year 6

12th Oct – Year 6 Residential

19th Oct – 30th Oct – Half-term

16th Nov – School Photos



Last night, Mr Frost was presented with the Platinum School Games Mark award on the school's behalf. The award celebrates the fantastic work the school does to promote school sport and physical activity. Amongst all of the schools in Clacton only three won this award. A special thank you must go to the staff who volunteer their time to provide the children at St Clare's with the opportunity to participate in sport – Mr Allen, Miss Bell, Mrs Cleary, Mr Frost, Mrs Livesley and Mrs Pash. Thank you to the parents/carers who have driven children across Tendring to compete in different events and picking up your children at different times across the week. The biggest thanks must go to the children, for working so hard in PE lessons and extra-curricular activities. This award is for the whole school community.

The green fingered gardening club led by Mrs Bailey has been cooking up a storm providing fresh veg for our Kitchen! Well done all of you!

