



Diary Dates



- 16th December – Infant Christmas Party 1.30pm
- 17th December – KS2 Concert 2pm & 6.30pm
- 18th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th December – Junior Party 1.30pm
- 20th December – 9.30am Christmas Mass, All welcome. Last Day of Term
- 6th January – Inset Day
- 7th January – Back to School
- 8th January – Reception Class, Natural History Museum & Dinosaur 9am – 12pm

Lunch

w/c 16th December Week 1

Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.40 per day

Swimming

Swimming has finished for the term.

Infant Performance

Well done to all our Infant children for their fantastic performance of 'Why Choose The Angel'. The children told the story of the birth of Jesus so beautifully and we are proud of each and everyone of them.



Junior Performance

The Junior performance will be on Tuesday 17th December with shows at 2pm and 6.30pm. No tickets will be issued, but a register will be taken on entry. Two people per family will be allowed at each performance. Pre-school siblings will be admitted to the 2pm performance only. **Only adults will be admitted to the 6.30pm performance.**

Please note seats are not transferable between families.

Please can children arrive at 6.15pm. Please do not arrive any earlier than this to avoid congestion and to ensure our children's safety as we will be dismissing our Double club children. If you arrive before 6.15pm we will ask you to please wait at the front gate. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Money – Christmas Lunch

If your children would like to have Christmas Lunch on 18th December can we please remind you to make payment for this on School Money. The cost of the lunch is £4.00. Thank you.

This cost only applies to junior children – Infant children will be entitled to a free school lunch as normal.

Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2025

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

Prayer of the Week

Sunday 15th December is the 36th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia

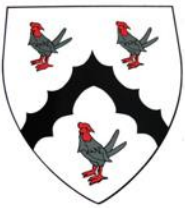
Mother Mary you have blessed us with God's precious son, Jesus.

Pray for us throughout the day and be with us when we are scared in the darkness.

We thank God for all of our mummies who we love and treasure.

Amen

By Year 1



School Money Arrears

As we approach the end of the term we have to settle our accounts. Please could all parents log on to School Money and pay any outstanding balances. If you would like to discuss any outstanding balances please contact the School Office. Thank you in advance.

Carol Singing

Year 6 children will be carol singing at Fairycroft House Dementia group on Wednesday and Gabriel Court on Thursday.

Christmas Parties - Children may come into school in party clothes.

Infant Christmas Party - Monday 16th December

Juniors Christmas Party - Thursday 19th December.

House Competitions

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Christmas House Competition. We had so many fantastic, creative entries and it was really difficult to pick the winners. We tried to think of new ideas for this year's competition and we hope that you enjoyed creating your entries.

The winners are:

St Peter's: Esme (Year 2), Sophie C (Year 6)

St Theresa's: Mason (Reception), Jude (Year 5)

St Francis: Florence L (Year 2), Rupert (Year 4)

St Bernadette: Moira (Year 1), Mairead (Year 5)

More PSA News

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 18th December

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on this day with their school uniform.

More Sports News

On Wednesday 11th December our Cheerleading squad recorded this year's entry for the USSP District Cheerleading competition. After weeks of rehearsals and lots of hair plaiting they were ready. They have all worked so hard during their breaktimes this term to learn the routine. I am delighted to confirm that they won joint gold and will now perform their routine on the stage at Saffron Hall next spring. A huge well done to everyone who took part and to Mrs Coleman who helped choreograph the routine and Mrs Changer whose magic plaiting fingers helped me with all the hair. For those of you keen to see their performance, it can be found on the school website.

