

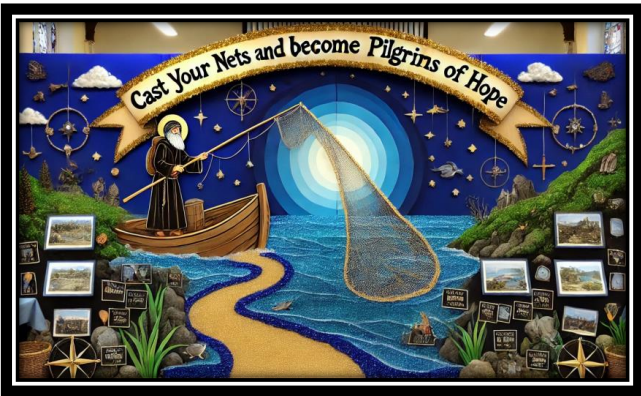


Loving and learning together, with Jesus

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

From now on, **Year 6** will be contributing towards the newsletter. Because 2025 is a Jubilee year, we will relate to this year's theme - Pilgrims of Hope - by including messages of hope, kindness and positivity.

Ben 6B



This year is a Jubilee year. Each jubilee year has a special theme chosen by the Pope - this year is Pilgrims of Hope.

Although we may not have made a pilgrimage, we can still be pilgrims of hope.

Jesus made many pilgrimages in his life - his first one was before he was born. When Mary and Joseph left their home and travelled to

Bethlehem they made a pilgrimage. Also, when Jesus was baptised (by John) he took a step in his journey: bringing him closer to God.

Most importantly, he sacrificed himself, showing that he hoped for us all to become better people and believe in God's power. To be Pilgrims of Hope we need to love each other, share, be thankful and be kind.

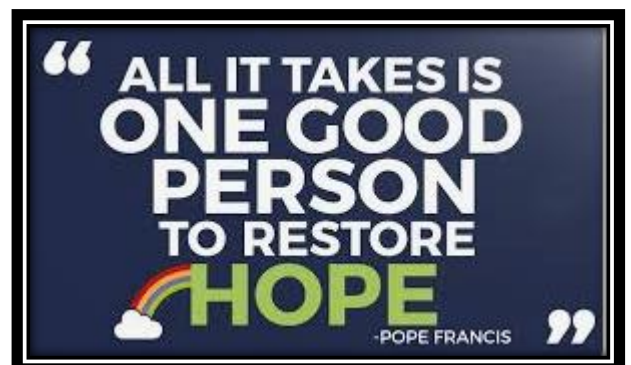
Amelia 6B



A prayer written by **Evie 6B**

Dear God and his family,
Please show me hope this Jubilee year.

I pray and have hope in You.
I pray that you will walk by everyone in this world every day.
Amen.



Catholic Social Teaching

For our last newsletter, we looked at the principle of **Common Good**.
This week, we are focusing on:

Distributive Justice

Distributive Justice is like making sure everyone gets their fair share of something. Imagine you have a big chocolate bar, and there are four of you wanting a piece. Distributive justice is about making sure each person gets a piece that is **fair**, so no one feels left out or gets too much.



What can you do?

- When playing together, make sure you share and take turns so that everyone gets a fair opportunity to participate
- If you see a person being left out or on their own, make sure they feel included
- Instead of competing, you can appreciate and encourage each other's unique talents and abilities, helping create an environment where everyone feels valued



"The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all."

Laudato Si', #95, 2015



[CST: Distributive Justice — Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

CURRICULUM IN ACTION

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*Year 1 had a fantastic day on Friday
learning about Yayoi Kusama*

*They used different tools, learnt about
primary and secondary colours
and how to make different shades.*





Year 2 have been using practical resources to divide into groups in their maths lessons.



FOCUS ON LEARNING

BEHAVIOUR

Rules:
Ready
Respect
Kind
Safe

At St Peter's everyone follows our behaviour blueprint of ready, respect, kind and safe.

Every day, through high expectations and relentless routines, the children live and breathe the four rules.

Ofsted February 2024 stated, "The school has high expectations of pupils. They rise to meet these expectations and behave incredibly well. Pupils are consistently thoughtful, kind and considerate towards their peers and adults."

"I know if I need timeout, I can take 5 minutes to clear my head and then restart. This gives me the thinking time I need to reflect and make good choices."

Austen 5B

"We have a set of rules -kind, ready, respect and safe, that we are reminded of in the classroom and around the school to keep us on track." Evie 5B

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



This year's Mental Health Week was a great success, with students engaging in a variety of fun and meaningful activities. The fair



included stations like the Hopes and Dreams Branch, where students shared their aspirations, and the Be Active Sports Table, encouraging physical

activity for mental wellbeing.

Other highlights included Kindness Rocks, where students decorated rocks with positive messages, and the Cool Down Table, teaching relaxation techniques. Students also participated in Connect with a



Conversation, where they expressed their feelings, and Exploring Emotions, which helped them understand and manage their emotions.

They also had the chance to create Positive Affirmations to promote self-belief and



shared these with others. The fair was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn new

tools for mental health and wellbeing, and it was inspiring to see how engaged the

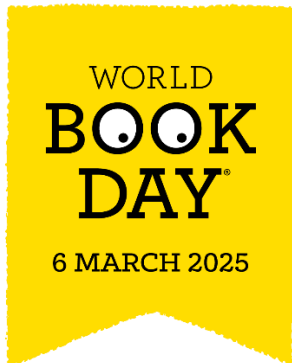
students were. We will all carry something valuable forward from this week to help us grow and support



each other. Thank you to the Mental Health Reps who helped run and prepare this day, well done everyone!



UPCOMING EVENTS



World Book Day

St Peter's will be celebrating World Book Day on 6th March 2025

We are excited to link our book day with the Pope's Jubilee Year entitled 'Pilgrims of Hope' with the theme 'Stories of Hope'. We would like each child to share a favourite story or book that gives them hope.

We are inviting parents/carers to come in during the day to share a short story of hope. Please contact the school office if you would like to take part.

All children are invited to dress up as a character from a book/story or a real-life person that brings them hope and makes them feel happy.

Scholastics Book Fair

The hugely popular Book Fair will be visiting St Peter's on Wednesday 5th March until Tuesday 11th March and will be open each day after school.

SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

Parent Support Groups

Please be aware of the parent support groups provided by SNAP at Brentwood Library. This is a fantastic service that is at risk of being discontinued if it is not used. It is a free session designed for parents and carers to access advice and support. Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to access this session.

Upcoming sessions are on 25th February and 25th March at 11:30-12:30.

SEND Drop in

Co-hosted with SNAP Charity
Free and safe space for parent and carers.
To access advice and support for families of children with SEND.

Free Tea, Coffee and biscuits provided
Children are welcome to attend, no diagnosis required.

Time
11:30 -12:30

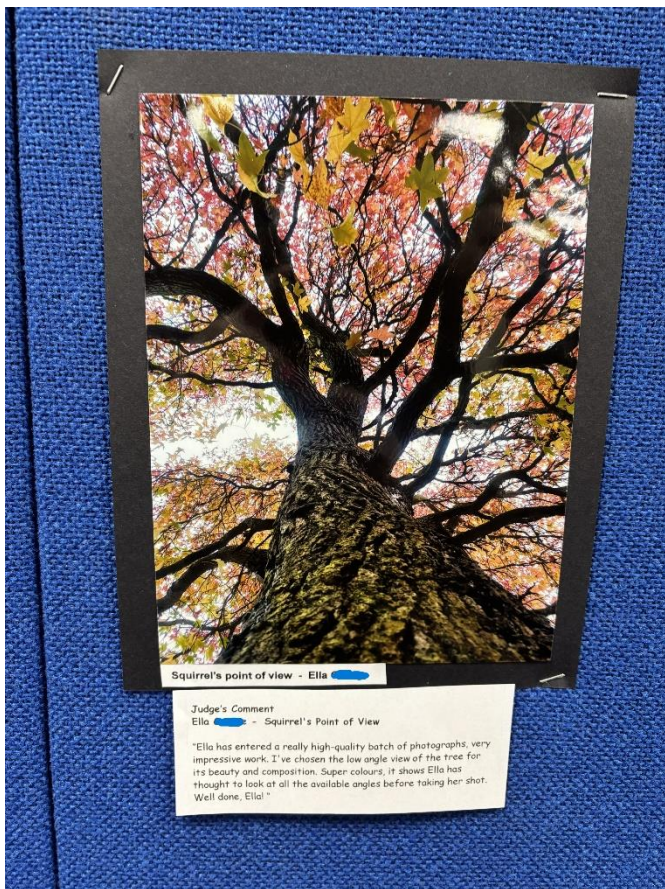
Upcoming Dates :
28th January 2025
25th February 2025
25th March 2025

Location:
Brentwood Library
Brentwood
CM14 4BP

For further information please call **0300 247 0013**
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Service commissioned by: Essex County Council **NHS**

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Ella (Year 5) who was a junior finalist in the Friends of Lake Meadows photography competition. She took part in the October half term junior photography course at Lake Meadows and her photo "squirrels' point of view" was chosen to be a finalist! Ella's photo is on display in Billericay Library during February.



School Uniform – Summer Dresses

Please note that our uniform supplier – Red Oak Roller have had an early delivery of summer dresses for this year. They are now live on their website in all sizes.

Healthy Snacks

Please be reminded that snacks brought into school to be eaten during the morning break must be healthy. A healthy snack may consist of a piece/combination of fruit/vegetables, plain popcorn or plain breadsticks and rice cakes. High sugar items such as cereal bars are not to be brought into school to be eaten at break times. Please also refrain from bringing items containing nuts into school.

Please see the separate email regarding our Healthy Snacks and Treat Day requirements.

Parent Calendar

Parents are reminded to check the Calendar in the Information section on the School Website for upcoming dates and events.

Polite Reminder

Parents and carers are politely requested to be mindful of parking restrictions and the local residents when dropping off and picking up from school. We appreciate that the areas around the school do get very congested, but the children's safety is our top priority.



Visit the online safety section on the

Internet Matters website:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

which gives advice for parents on talking to their children about online safety and what children are to do if they come across inappropriate content.

News from The Most Holy Redeemer



Parish Parent and Baby Friendship Group:

Our Parish Parent and Baby Friendship Group is now open to welcome families with babies or toddlers up to 2 years old. We meet every Thursday morning in term time from 10am until midday in the Pastoral Centre. Come along for a tea or coffee, a chat, toys and singing for the little ones, and a chance to make new friends.

Billericay Catholic Pre-School Open Day:



Open Day

Friday 14th March
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Prospective parents and carers are warmly invited to come and take a look at our indoor and outdoor learning spaces. Our highly experienced Early Years Practitioners will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Come along and discover why Billericay Catholic Pre-School is the perfect place for your child to begin their Early Years learning journey!

Find us here:



Canon Roche Centre
(Behind the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church)
Laindon Road
Billericay
CM12 9LL

Billericay Catholic Pre-School offers term time provision from 9am-2.45pm Mondays to Thursdays and 9am-12.15pm on Fridays. Fully funded places available for eligible families.

Enquiries: billericaycatholicpreschool@gmail.com

Attendance

Missed lessons result in missed learning.

What could that mean?

- Missing an aspect of Phonics
- Missing an introduction to a new class book
- Missing a piece of music that is needed for the next lesson

Whilst illness cannot be avoided, we ask for your continued support in avoiding time off from school.



Fire Museum Open Day

Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Tuesday 18 and
Sunday 23 February
2025

10:30AM
To
4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now 

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

There are two family open days coming up at the Essex Fire Museum:

Tuesday 18th February 2025
Sunday 23rd February 2025

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, enter a haunted house, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water)

The museum is free entry, but visits are by appointment only as we are on the site of an operational fire station.

