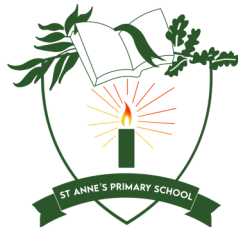


ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

With Christ at the centre of our lives, we live out our call to serve the young:

'It is not enough to love children, they must know they are loved.'

St. John Bosco



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 2023

OUR CURRICULUM

Our well balanced and broad curriculum, based on Christian principles, ensures all children experience a sense of achievement which helps to develop their self-esteem. The close liaison amongst our dedicated and committed teachers, non-teaching staff, parent and other adult helpers ensures that the development of all children is fully supported and monitored.



Not only do we offer a broad and balanced curriculum, we also put a big emphasis on the children's well-being and happiness. The children can acknowledge their emotional state at any point during the day using our 'Zone of Regulation'. This is a whole school policy, and each child knows what each emotion means to them and how to move through the zones, if necessary, e.g. when I am feeling 'red' how can I move back to feeling 'green'. With this, we also have three trained emotional literacy support assistants (ELSAs) and a school counsellor who provides support for children one day a week. We really do believe that in order to make academic progress each child needs support and encouragement to be happy in themselves too.

Appreciating that we live in a technological world, we have an ICT Suite, laptops and iPad access to all children. All of this equipment is essential and the children tell us that they believe these help to make learning more enjoyable.



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

We believe our school values will motivate the children to work hard and achieve their very best, not only now but in the future.

Here are our 5 values:



Iggy Inclusivity - we include everyone all of the time.

Peter Perseverance - we never give up.



Freda Forgiveness -



we forgive one another and move on.

Kitty Kindness - we are kind in our thoughts, words and actions.



Ralph Respect - we treat others well through our actions.

The reason for including values within our school culture is because research shows when the children actively engage with values they start to understand their implications for making choices about our attitudes and responses.

A values-based approach encourages reflective and aspirational attributes and attitudes. These can be nurtured to help people discover the very best of themselves, which enables them to be good citizens and prepare them for the life of work.

The idea is that if everyone fulfils these values our mission statement will always be lived out.

The children are fortunate in having the chance to participate in a wide variety of themed days in school.

Learning Experiences & Opportunities	
EYFS	Chinese New Year, Farmers Day
Year 1	Pirate Day, Alien Day
Year 2	Florence Nightingale Day, Great Fire of London Day, Royalty Day
Year 3	Spanish Day, Romans Day
Year 4	Victorians Day, Egyptian Day
Year 5	Tudor Trip at Ufton Court Residential
Year 6	WW2 at Henley Fort, Activity-based Residential



"My favourite part about St, Anne's is the school trips. We have also had lots of great dress-up days. In Year 3 we dressed up as Romans and in Year 2 we had Florence Nightingale Day. It was so much fun!"

Year 2 study Florence Nightingale and participate in all sorts of activities ending with a wonderful Florence Nightingale Day where they all get dressed up.

"In Year 2 we had a 'Great fire of London' day, where we made houses and got to burn them down in the playground. I will never forget that!"

Meanwhile children in Year 3 study Spain which culminates in a Spanish Day when the children dress up in the Spanish colours, take part in Spanish dancing and taste some delicious Spanish food. An Egyptian Day takes place for the children in Year 4 who study this fascinating period of History.



Year 5 participate in a residential trip where they enjoy life as it was in Tudor times and stay for two nights.

"My favourite trip was Ufton Court, where we got to learn about the Tudors."



The children also have a variety of day visits related to various topics. Year 6 attend Henley Fort for their World War Two topic. Year 3 go to the Chiltern Museum for their Stone Age to Iron Age Topic. Many year groups also visit our local museum for lots of wonderful activities and hands-on learning.

"In Science, we get to do lots of great experiments. I love learning about new things and teachers always make our learning fun!"

"I love learning at St Anne's because the work is challenging. We've been on lots of great trips. My favourite was Winchester Science Centre in Year 5 where we got to go in a planetarium."

Our Year 6 children are offered the opportunity to go on a residential trip where they participate in a whole range of outdoor activities. This is always a popular and enjoyable trip.

"St Anne's has always been a happy place where we get the most phenomenal opportunities. The teachers are lovely and will support us no matter what. I have learnt so much from being here and I'm always going to have happy memories. The trips are fantastic and we get to enjoy lots of fun dress up days. I'm very thankful for being part of this school."



We believe our children are thoughtful, kind and caring, always willing to help others. Each year we support either a specific Charity or a variety of worthy causes. Throughout the year the children organize a wide range of interesting and innovative fundraising events, enabling us to donate to organisations such as CAFOD, Bee-lieve Foundation and various eco charities.

Our children enjoy their school experience feeling safe and supported. They also feel they have a voice and an important role to play in school. The children willingly take on various responsibilities, thus we have effective Peer Mentoring and Monitoring systems in school where the older children support younger children.

Visitors regularly comment on the children's excellent behaviour and good manners.

"St. Anne's is an amazing school to be a part of. Our learning is fun and the staff here are very supportive. We have lots of fun trips and workshops that help us understand our learning. "

We have specialist music and PE teachers who help to provide an exciting and broad curriculum for our children.

In Key Stage 2, as our 'Modern Foreign Language' we teach Spanish. The 'Early Start' lessons are interactive and focus on spoken language.



The children are also encouraged to take part in extra curricular activities and we offer a wide variety of after school clubs to choose from. We are very fortunate to offer a number of sports at St. Anne's that include: football, netball, dodgeball, judo, athletics, rugby and tennis.