



# St. Anne's Gazette

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Headteacher: Mrs L M Harris

October 2023

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is nearly half term. We've had such a busy half term with lots of firsts. It has been so wonderful welcoming our new reception children to St Anne's and just yesterday they walked out of school with their St Anne's hearts. They have already grown and developed so much in the short time.

This week we have also lost the use of our hall so we have moved to having lunch in the classrooms and assemblies either outside or on Teams. It is logistically a challenge but the children have been amazing and have adapted so, so well. I keep telling myself if we can get through COVID and the logistic nightmare that was we can get through anything. It will all be worth it in the end.

We've also had lots of theme days this term - Y1 Pirates Day, Nurturing Nurses Day and Egyptian Day. These immersive experiences are so important for the children to have. They really do help to enable the knowledge and skills they now learn to be really 'sticky' and the enjoyment is a big bonus.

We've also had our first coffee morning. We had a few newcomers, but it would be really brilliant if we had more parents next time. It is a real opportunity for us to come together as a community and great to hear your views.

## A Reminder For Year 6's

Don't forget the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **31st OCTOBER 2023**

We suggest you submit your application by **Friday, 20th October 2023** (before the October half term).

We advise you check before the half-term break that your online Surrey application and all paperwork required by your preferred choices of schools have been submitted.

Please visit - [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to access an application form.

You can download the app ParentComms to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application. Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

## Meet The Teacher Meetings

Many, thanks to those of you who took the time to come and meet your child's class teacher at the beginning of term.

Your attendance at these meetings really does send out the correct message to your child, i.e. that you know their teacher and that you are interested in what they are learning.



## Parents Evening

Parents' Evenings will be held on **Tuesday, 7th** (3.30pm - 6pm) & **Wednesday, 8th November** (4.30pm - 7pm). These will again be held online. The process for booking your appointment will open on **Monday, 30th October at 9am**.

This initial meeting will be to discuss how your child has settled in and to give you targets for the year ahead. It would be great if everyone was able to join their class teacher. Please, please make a point of booking an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

*Details on how to book an appointment will be sent out soon.*

## Reading the Rosary

As you know, we celebrate the months of **October** and **May** by praying the Rosary together.

We have been joining together for our prayer sessions every morning (**8.45am - 9am in the Prayer Garden**).

I would therefore like to invite parents and pupils, to join us to remember **Our Lady**. It is a lovely opportunity for us to meet and pray together.

The rosary will be led by either the RE council or members of staff. We have an abundance of rosaries if you do not have one.

I am sure it will bring many blessings on both you and our school community.



## Reading

Each year I mention how critical your support is with Reading. I really cannot stress enough how important it is that you hear your child read every night ideally, but at least three times a week.



To develop their comprehension skills, they need to be questioned about what they have read. I have clear evidence that those children who are not heard read at home do not make as much progress as the children who are. This applies to able readers as well as those children who struggle so please help your child by spending time reading with them.



If your child is using Accelerated Reader you can check their progress from home using the web address <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/educatorportal/home>.

In analysing our SATs results we have developed a clear link between the levels achieved by the children.

Those who **do not** read do not achieve the levels they are capable of.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair last week and bought some lovely new books to read, also many thanks to all the helpers.

We hope the children enjoyed choosing and reading their books.



## Individual & Sibling School Photos

Tuesday, 13th October

The photographer will be taking individual & sibling photographs for all year groups.

Please may we ask that you ensure your child wears full school uniform, including tidy hair (tied-back if long), and we will make sure he/she has a radiant smile for the camera!



## Photography and General Consents on Arbor

We have moved all our photography and general consents, e.g. for medication, local visits or use of technology, to Arbor.

Please log in to your **child's Arbor** account and update the information at your earliest convenience.

It is especially important if you have not provided this information before or your child has recently joined St. Anne's.

If you require any help, please contact the school office. Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

## Ordering School Dinners online

The cost of school dinners (**KS2 only**) are **£13.00** per week (**£2.70 a day**).

You can pre-order your child's lunch online using Scopay. Please note that school lunch accounts for **KS2 children will need to be in credit** before ordering a meal online.

**Please order before Thursday evening at the latest for the following weeks lunches as meals can not be ordered on Monday morning for a meal on Monday.**

**Please note - Due to the hall now being out of action we now have a revised menu available online.** Please do check the menu and amend your orders if needed on ScoPay. If you have opted for the third choice and not amended your selection it will be swapped to the veggie option by default.

**The new menu for meals after October Half-Term will be available soon**

## Sporting Achievements

We wanted to share with you Rayan's achievements in tennis. He has recently been selected for **Surrey County Tennis (Boys 9U's)**. The assessment took place at St Georges School in Weybridge where between **55-65** children nominated by their local clubs entered and Rayan was one out of handful selected.

Future County Training will take place fortnightly at the brand new **AELTC** (All England Lawn Tennis Club) in **Raynes Park**. Rayan has worked very hard to achieve this as Surrey has the biggest pool of children compared to all the other counties in the UK.

Mr & Mrs Rezapour



## Mass Years 2-6

On **Tuesday, 12th September** our school community came together to celebrate Mass at St. Anne's Church.

This was a lovely way to start the new term.



## Chiltern Open Air Museum Trip

On **Monday, 25th September** Year 3 had a fantastic day at the Chiltern Open Air Museum being immersed in Stone Age and Iron Age life.

During the day, they visited a Stone Age camp, where they created paint, made their own shelters and even used flint stone to make fire!

We then jumped in time and visited an Iron Age house where we were taught how to make flour, whisk our own butter and created a clay pot. A brilliant day had by all!



## Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival this year on **Friday, 20th October 2023.**



We see this as an important opportunity for the children to learn about their food, about children who may not have enough food and how we can serve others.

For this service we encourage children to bring in **tins of food or non-perishable items**. Tins of meat/fish/beans/soup/pasta/vegetables/baby food or dried goods like rice/pasta would be gratefully received.

The food donated will be parcelled up by The Salvation Army and distributed amongst those who need it in the community.

**Thank you for your support.**



# The BIG Little Nativity!

A fabulous evening performance by  
St Anne's Drama club, accompanied by  
St Anne's school choir.

Wednesday, The Big Little  
Nativity 20th December 2023

Salesians College, Highfield Rd, Chertsey  
KT16 8BX

Save the date! Tickets and timings will be  
released soon!

## Parking

Please may I remind you once again, of  
some of our rules concerning car parking.

We have had several complaints from neighbours about  
inconsiderate parking over driveways, also parking so far  
on the pavement that there is not enough room for a  
pram to safely pass by, so parents are having to walk on  
the road with their children. It is so important that all  
parents and visitors abide by these for the sake of the  
children's safety:



- Please be thoughtful and respectful towards the residents and each other when parking on the roads
- No Parking on the pavements
- No Parking on the Yellow Zig-Zag Lines, or the Double Yellow Lines
- Please make sure you're not blocking any driveways before leaving your car

Please report any inconsiderate parking to the police  
<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

## Governor News

At our most recent Governor meeting we voted to have two Chairs of Governors who will co-chair going forward. Our new co-chairs are **Paula Hardman** and **Chris Saunders**. The Bishop requires at least one Chair to be a Foundation Governor therefore Paula has stepped down as a Parent Governor and going forward will be a Foundation Governor.

This has now opened a vacancy for a **Parent Governor** and therefore you will have all received the information to nominate yourself.

[Governors Page](#)

Paula and Chris will do their best to support and challenge myself and the team to ensure St Anne's continues to be the wonderful school it is.

## Absence / Lateness reminder

If your child is going to be absent or late please ensure you **always** ring the school office and leave a message on the answerphone or send a message via Arbor, so the absence can then be recorded on the register. You may also email the teacher but **contacting the office in the first instance is a must**. The absence then needs to be followed up with a written note on return to school.

Please also give us plenty of detail. It is not enough to state a child has a **'high temperature'** we need to know other symptoms. Our registers are scrutinised by the local authority Inclusion Officers but also Ofsted too, so please help us to help you by giving us enough detail.

## Covid Absence

Since March 2022 when the final Covid restrictions were lifted the UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) has advised that COVID-19 should be managed like other respiratory infections, such as flu.

COVID-19 presents a low risk to children and young people. This, combined with high vaccination rates in the population, means there are no longer specific rules relating to COVID-19 in schools, colleges, childcare and other education settings.

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can still attend school even if they test positive. Your child can wear a mask to school if you wish, but this is not compulsory.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone/e-mail the school office each day your child is absent to let us know that your child won't be in, stating the reason for absence.

## Buy A Brick - Fundraiser



We have made a bit more progress with our building work to construct our new school hall, as you know our hall is now out of action. This new space will be big enough for the entire school to gather, as well as offering a new exciting place for hire in Chertsey.

Be a permanent part of the brick work in exchange for a one off donation, for more details please visit:

[www.stannes-cherysey.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stannes-cherysey.surrey.sch.uk)

*Click About Us, New School Hall, Buy a Brick Fundraiser.*



## First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme 2024 - St. Anne's Parish

The programme is *family based* - each candidate will be required to attend 12 weekly facilitated sessions with at least one parent/guardian supporting them every session. The programme will run from **January to June 2024** weekly, apart from school holidays.

The **Parent's Evening will be held on 23rd November 2023 at 7-30 p.m. in the Savio Centre. It is compulsory** that at least one parent attends this information evening.

On the weekend of the **21<sup>st</sup> January 2024** the candidates and families will be enrolled in the programme and parishioners will be asked to pray for your family's journey to a deeper loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

To apply for this programme, please complete the online form on the parish website or use the following link by **Friday the 3rd November 2023**.

<https://stanneschertsey.wufoo.com/forms/z19a2s1q0p57nnj/>

All families applying for this parish First Holy Communion Programme **must** collect a copy of the additional page of the Parish Newsletter, with the subheading **St Anne's RC Parish First Holy Communion Programme**. This section of the Parish Newsletter you need to read with care and to retain the copy.

It is important that you notice whether you are eligible for application and that you can sustain attendance and involvement with each of the sessions, so that you do not disappoint your child.

Thank you

# Safeguarding

**St. Anne's school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, governors, and volunteers to share this commitment.**

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is **Miss Dorgan** and our Deputy DSL's are **Mrs Harris, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Lewthwaite, Mrs Burke, Ms Alba, and Mrs Dyer.**

Please inform Miss Dorgan or one of our Deputy DSL's if you are concerned about a child at St Anne's.

In June 2021 Ofsted published a report on the issue of sexual harassment and sexual violence in schools in the UK. The report highlighted that all schools, including primary schools needed to do more to address this.

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 talks about child-on-child abuse and states children can abuse other children. This is generally referred to as child-on-child

This can include bullying (including cyberbullying); sexual violence and sexual harassment; physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm; sexting and initiating/hazing type violence and rituals.

At St. Anne's we know the importance of teaching children about how to keep safe. This includes how to keep safe in school, out of school and of course, online. We use Connect and Journey in Love to support the teaching of PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education). This includes teaching about healthy relationships.

St. Anne's community should be one in which children, staff and parents/carers are always respectful of each other. Children are taught what language and behaviour is acceptable and what to do and who to speak to if they are worried or feel unsafe. If you are concerned about child-on-child abuse in school, then please speak to Miss Dorgan or one of our Deputy DSL's.

St Anne's is fully committed to ensuring that children affected by child-on-child abuse are getting the help that they need.

## Class Attendance - September 2023

<u>EYFS &amp; KS1</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>KS2</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Sunshine	98	Monet	98	
Rainbow	98	Delaunay	99	
Ladybird	98	Tolkien	96	EYFS 97
Bumblebee	97	Rowling	96	KS1 97
Squirrel	97	Earhart	96	KS2 96
Hedgehog	95	Fiennes	95	
		Einstein	94	
		Somerville	97	



Now more than ever your child attending school is crucial to their education and future. We will be sharing these figures with you each month and celebrating those classes who have high attendance. We appreciate some absences cannot be avoided and in these cases you do need to let the office know the reason on a daily basis.

Overall, attendance was very good for September. **Congratulations to Delaunay Class** for the highest attendance figures for the month.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dear Lord,

May Christ be at the centre of all we do.

With your help, fill our school with laughter and learning.

With your guidance, help us listen and respect each other, no matter our differences.

With your love, encourage us to be kind and gentle.

With your light, shine on our school family, so we can be a light for others.

We are all part of St Anne's community and we know that we are loved.



**Amen**



Please click on the link below, to find the latest Parish Newsletter

[St. Anne's Parish Newsletter](#)

November 2023		Important information: Month of Remembrance				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Judaism topic (2 weeks) Open Afternoon 1.30pm	7 Parents Evening	8 Parents Evening	9	10	11 Armistice Day
12 Remembrance Sunday	13 Anti-Bullying Week	14	15	16	17 →	18
19	20 Advent / Christmas topic	21 Open Morning 9.30am	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 St Andrew's Day		

Thank you for your ongoing support

Take care and God bless

**October Half Term 23rd October - 27th October**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Yours sincerely

*L Harris*

Mrs L M Harris  
Headteacher

# October Holiday Activities



## Dancing Skeleton Puppets

Tuesday 24th Oct  
11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm  
Ages 7-12, £4

Come along to the museum to put together a wooden skeleton marionette puppet. Then decorate it to be as scary or friendly as you want!

## Autumn Bunting

Thursday 26th Oct  
10-11am or 11:30-12:30pm  
Ages 4-12, £3

Create a string of paper bunting. It can have a spooky Halloween theme or an autumn theme - your choice! (An adult must stay with 4 and 5 year olds.)

Booking is essential  
Book online at

<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk>  
or by phone: 01932 565 764

[www.chertseymuseum.org/events](http://www.chertseymuseum.org/events)  
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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(4+ years)

10.00am - 4.00pm  
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## GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)

Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm

£28.00 Daily / £55.00 Two Day / £80.00 Three Day

Designed for girls of all abilities aged between 5yrs  
to 13yrs!

- ☐ Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- ☐ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- ☐ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- ☐ Professional FA qualified coaching
- ☐ 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.



If you would like further  
information or would like to  
book a place for your daughter  
to attend please kindly contact  
Tom on 07825 089500 or email  
[tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk)



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## Open Mornings

Dates: Thu 5th, 12th, 19th Oct 2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Experience our inclusive learning environment during the school day.

Booking required

At each event there will be an opportunity to hear from our Headteacher, Mrs Mary Gould.

For more detailed information, including how to register for Open Mornings or any other enquiries, parents can visit our dedicated Open Evening page on our website: [Chertsey High School Open Evening](#).

Kind regards,

Mr Mike Hayter  
Assistant Headteacher