



St. Anne's Gazette

Free Prae Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8ET
Headteacher: Mrs L M Harris

January 2024

Dear Parents,

We had unusual start to the year with some new pupils in the form of ducks. It was amazing how quickly the water came and went. The children thought it was great and lots to learn about why it happened.

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas—it seems a while ago now. We have lots to look forward to this term like Y5 going to Upton Court, St John Bosco day, and Y1 visiting the Milestone museum.

We have been putting the spotlight on our values again this term. We can see the children working hard to live out our values—respect, kindness, perseverance, inclusivity and forgiveness. They can give us examples of each other keeping to our school values which is therefore showing love to all which is truly fantastic.

We have our advert out for Mrs Murphy's successor and we hope to complete interviews before half term so please keep the process in your prayers.



On Wednesday, 17th January the Breck Foundation presented a very informative e-safety talk for parents/carers, highlighting some of the dangers that children may face online and how best to support your child/children.

Thank you to the parents that joined the zoom link, we hope you found the talk helpful.

The foundation also delivered a child friendly assembly to the children in Y1–Y6 on Thursday, 18th January.

The Breck Foundation's priority is to help children develop the resilience and skills they need to live, play and thrive online in safety.



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. A big thank you to all the parents & children for their wonderful gifts and cards, especially the handwritten cards from the children, they were very special.

I was absolutely blown away by your generosity.

Thank you again,
Your Lollipop Lady
Chris Chambers

THANK YOU!

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on **Tuesday, 6th February** (3.30 - 6pm) & **Wednesday, 7th February** (4.30pm - 7pm). We will once again be using the easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers.

Booking will open on **Monday, 29th January** at 9am and will close on **Monday, 5th February** at 4pm.

We will also be issuing you with a mid-term report, on **Friday, 2nd February**, regarding your child's progress. This will provide you with a summary of your child's achievements and progress assessment. The report can then be discussed further at parents evening.

No Key Stage 1 SAT's. Y2 will just fall in line with the whole school assessment week in June.

Key Stage 2 SAT's take place during the week commencing **11th MAY 2024**

*Please do not book holidays during the school year as leave will **NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU MAY BE PENALISED.***

Celebrating The New Year Meal

Thursday, 18th January

On **Thursday, 18th January** the catering team provided a lovely meal to celebrate The New Year.

The children had crispy Italian style chicken goujons or crispy garden goujons, served with waffle fries, peas or beans followed by a delicious chocolate muffin.

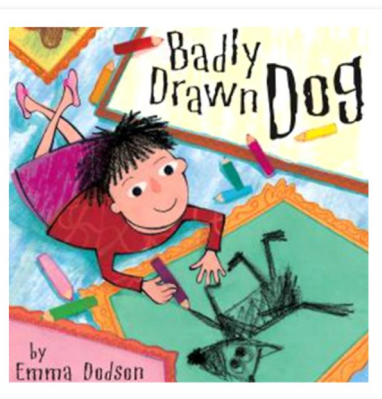


Author Visit

On **Friday, 17th November**, an author visited our school. The children were very excited to work with her.

She read a story and then the children had lots of fun, drawing and writing.

The children loved having Emma visit and hope that in the future she will visit our school again. Emma really enjoyed herself and said that all the children were wonderful.



"I loved listening to Emma's story and now I want to read more of her books." - Max

"Emma was really inspiring and I loved using the stamps. I enjoyed her story and it made me want to write my own stories." - Maya

January Art Camp

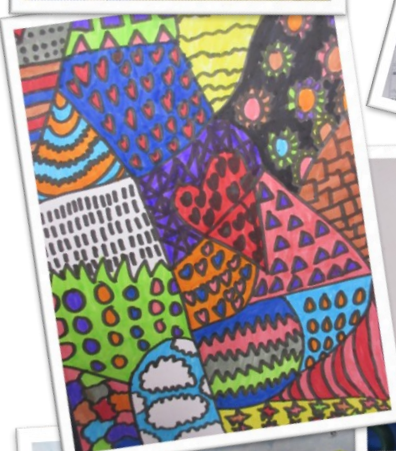
During the first week of January, Ms Dimech and her trusty team of helpers (Mrs Hurrell, Mrs Day, Mrs Bloch, Miss Rose and Mrs Taneja) ran another successful Art Camp.

The camp was attended by children of all ages, and they all had an amazing time getting messy and being creative. We are so proud of the work that the children produced.

The next Art Camp will be in **February half term**, so book your place now! You are guaranteed to have lots of fun and learn a lot!

Thank you to all the staff and children who attended. We cannot wait to welcome you to Art Camp again!

Here is some of the beautiful artwork that was created.



Buy A Brick Campaign

The new school hall is well underway and we are expecting to be open and ready to go on **15th April**.

We will be ordering the first round of bricks which will be displayed on the opening day, these need to be delivered before the Easter holiday so they can be added to wall during the holiday period.

In order to have your name as one of the first up there you must have placed your order and made payment before the deadline – **Tuesday 27th February**

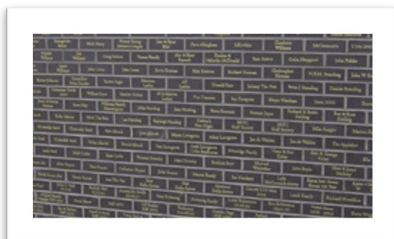
If you would like to order a personal or company brick please make sure you complete this form - <https://forms.office.com/e/9bCivWFs7u> - Details on how to make payment can be found on the form.

Please don't delay if you wish to be on the wall when we open, if we order any later we won't be able to take delivery in time.

The money we make will be used to help fund the finishing touches to the hall including **retractable seating, lighting and sound** to enhance everyone's experience when using the hall.

Please pass on the information to any past parents you think may want to be a part of the St Anne's brickwork.

We have a brick sample in school if you'd like to see one.



Parking

We have had a few complaints recently, from local residents regarding parking. Please may I remind you of some of our rules concerning car parking. 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**

NSPCC

Number Day



We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday, 2nd February 2024**.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents about tomorrow

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as **Childline** – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

On average, a child contacts Childline every **45 seconds**.

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, '**can-do**' attitude towards it.

We will be having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in **Dress up for Digits**. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with **a number on it**. Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help **raise money** for the **NSPCC**, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Safe fundraising

To support the NSPCC, we are asking for a **voluntary contribution of £1 per child**. Please pay your contribution via **ScoPay**.

It all adds up

We're really looking forward to all the fun of **Number Day**, and we really appreciate your support.

All the money we raise at St Anne's will make an enormous difference to children today and help the **NSPCC be there for children tomorrow**.

Thank you.

Mrs Wales (Maths Coordinator)

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit nspcc.org.uk/online-safety



Safeguarding

We know this time of year can put pressure on families and loved ones. For that reason we just wanted to draw your attention to some websites and resources that may come in helpful now and in the future:

Family Lives – very useful parental information website, provides lots of links and resources - they also have a telephone support line for parents/carers

[Parenting and Family Support - Family Lives \(Parentline Plus\)](#)

Mental Health support – suitable for lots of families, especially at this time of year

[Mental health support - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

NHS Talking Therapies – it may be helpful for any parents to be able to talk to someone and this is a self referral service Home

[Mind Matters Surrey - NHS Talking Therapies \(mindmattersnhs.co.uk\)](#)

Family Conflict – SCC pages for parents

[Our resources for reducing conflict between parents - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

Your Sanctuary – Domestic Abuse Support - Services

[YS Home \(yoursanctuary.org.uk\)](#)

Relate – resources for relationships –

[Get Help | Relate](#)

[Find your online centre | Relate](#)

Drug and Alcohol Support Services

[i-access Drug & Alcohol Service : Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(surreydrugandalcohol.com\)](#)

Catalyst – substance and mental health support

[Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Service in Surrey \(catalystsupport.org.uk\)](#)

Citizens Advice – another more general link but useful for newsletters at this time of year

[Citizens Advice](#)

Family Information Service – Families can search for services near to them

[Family Information Service - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

Online Understanding your child guides – Free for all Surrey residents – use access code ACORN.


[Online Learning \(heiapply.com\)](#)

As a safeguarding team we are always here to support, to be a listening ear, and guide in anyway you feel appropriate. Do get in touch with any member of the team via phone or email. (DSL@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk)

You are not on your own and many individuals or families do come and ask. We've supported **37 families** just this term.

Miss Dorgan, Mrs Harris, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Burke, Mrs Lewthwaite, Miss Lawrence, Ms Alba, Mrs Dyer

Class Attendance - December 2023

EYFS & KS1		%	KS2		%
Sunshine		92	Monet		93
Rainbow		89	Delaunay		95
Ladybird		98	Tolkien		94
Bumblebee		93	Rowling		93
Squirrel		93	Earhart		95
Hedgehog		92	Fiennes		94
			Einstein		95
			Somerville		96



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.

Congratulations to Ladybird Class for the highest attendance figures for December.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that the pandemic has had an effect on families, but the expectation is still that every child should now be attending school full time. If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carers for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

- **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**
- **The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**
- In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance,

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours.

This duty applies to the ***first five days of each exclusion***. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is currently £60 if paid within **21** days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after **21** days but within **28** days.

If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130 South West - Tel: 01483 517179

North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 737777

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

February 2024		Important information:				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Mid-Term reports to parents NSPCC Number Day	3
4	5 Eucharist topic begins Year 2 Great Fire of London Day	6 Parents Evening 3.30 – 6pm Safer Internet Day	7 Parents evening 4.30 – 7pm	8	9 Inset Day	10
11	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday LENT BEGINS	15	16	17
18	19 Back to school	20 Y4 Reconciliation Service	21	22	23	24
25	26 Year 6 Boys football match – home game Year 5/6 Girls football match – home game	27 Y5 Reconciliation Service	28	29		
February Half Term 12 th – 16 th February						

Thank you for your support and co-operation

Take care and God bless

Yours sincerely

L Harris

Mrs L M Harris
Headteacher

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES
Friday, 9th February - Inset Day
Friday, 15th March - Inset Day



For All
The
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1st Saturday
of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

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and learn how to sew.

11.15am
to
12.30pm

Learn a new stitch each
month and take home your
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3 February
2 March
6 April

Suitable for ages 7 to 12
£3.00 per session
Advanced booking required

Book online at <https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Chertsey Museum 33 Windsor Street Chertsey KT16 8AT
Tel 01932 565 764

February Holiday Activities

Create a Toy Car

13th Feb 2024
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm
Cost: £4

Create your own toy car out of cardboard,
complete with moving wooden wheels. Then
paint and decorate it.

Age: 4-12. (4, 5 year olds with an adult)

Roman Mosaic Tiles

15th Feb 2024
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Cost: £4

Find out about Roman mosaic tiles and then
make your own mosaic creation. Fun and
useful too!

Age: 5-12 (5 year olds with an adult)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>
Or by phone 01932 565764



www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place





TA SPORTS



GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

Monday 12th February

Tuesday 13th February

Wednesday 14th February

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!



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

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- ❑ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- ❑ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
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wadokaratechertsey@gmail.com

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Thursdays 7.30pm - 9pm £7.50 per lesson
richard.barham.1965@gmail.com
(free trial for beginners)

at: The River Bourne Club,
Heriot Road, Chertsey

(All instructors carry insurances and are DBS checked)

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CAMPS RUN FROM 12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY*

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TRUMPS GREEN (VIRGINIA WATER) | WEST BYFLEET PRIMARY (WEST BYFLEET)
WESTFIELD PRIMARY (WOKING)

*DATES REGISTRATION AND PICKUP TIMES VARY, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR VENUE INFORMATION

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15% USE CODE 'EARLY15' - ENDS 26/01/24 @ 11.59PM
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