



Newsletter

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Headteacher: Mrs C Martin

October 2025



It is not enough to love children
they must know that they are loved



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to October we've had! Our mornings have been filled with joy and reflection as we gather for the Rosary—one morning saw over 60 children join in, which was truly uplifting. Parents are warmly invited to come along, and we're pleased to see the Travelling Rosaries making their way around the school once again.

Recently, we joined the parish for morning Mass. One parishioner kindly remarked that the children were a real credit to us—and I could not agree more. Their reverence, participation, and behaviour were exemplary, and we are so proud of them.

Our recent trips to Haslemere and the Chiltern Open Air Museum were a great success, with children learning so much and representing our school beautifully.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair—your generosity helped raise vital funds that will directly benefit your children.

We're also excited to see children beginning their Duke Awards journey, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements in the months ahead.

In addition, our teachers had a highly successful INSET day focused on exploring how technology can be used to enhance learning for your children. It was an inspiring and practical session, and we're eager to begin implementing these new ideas in the classroom to further enrich their educational experience.

Best Wishes

Mrs Martin



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all children have started the term in the correct school uniform. It has made a real difference, and we're delighted to see everyone looking smart and ready to learn.

The children have made a fantastic start to the term and are working incredibly hard in their lessons. Their enthusiasm and focus have been wonderful to see.

Just a few reminders:

- KS1 children should be bringing a green school bag to school each day as per uniform policy.
- Dogs are **not** permitted on school grounds, so we kindly ask that you do not bring them when dropping off or collecting your child.
- Please **do not** park in the drop-off zone before **8:30am**, as this area needs to remain clear for safe and efficient drop-offs.

Thank you again for your support. We're looking forward to a successful and enjoyable term ahead.

As we approach half-term, it is with heartfelt sadness that we prepare to say

goodbye to one of our most cherished colleagues, whose dedication, kindness, and unwavering support have left a lasting imprint on our school community.

We will be bidding a fond farewell to **Mrs Edwards**, who is retiring after **11** wonderful years of nurturing and inspiring our children in her role as a Teaching Assistant.

Throughout her time with us, Mrs Edwards has been a constant source of encouragement and positivity. Her gentle approach and deep understanding of children's needs have made her an invaluable presence in the classroom. She has played a vital role in supporting group work across year groups, fostering collaboration and confidence among pupils.

Mrs Edwards will be deeply missed by staff, pupils, and parents alike. We wish her all the happiness and relaxation she so richly deserves in her retirement.

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School Tours for Prospective Parents

- Tuesday, 11th November at 1:30pm
- Tuesday, 25th Nov at 9:30 am

All prospective parents are very welcome. Please click on the link below to book a tour.

CLICK HERE



Online Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will be held on **Tuesday, 21st October** (3.30pm - 6.30pm) & **Thursday, 23rd October** (3.30pm - 6.00pm). These will again be held online. The process for booking your appointment will open on **Monday, 13th 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 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 shortly.



Rosary in October

The Month of the Rosary

We are delighted to be able to invite you once again to celebrate the month of the **Rosary in October**.



We celebrate the months of **October** and **May** by praying the Rosary together. In October, we warmly invite anyone who would like to say a decade of the Rosary together at **8.35am** in the prayer area at the front of the school.

The Rosary will be led by either the Faith Ambassadors or members of staff. Feel free to bring your own Rosary but we do have rosaries if you do not have one.

It is a lovely way to start the day and a good time for some quiet and reflection before the new day begins.

We warmly welcome as many of you as possible to join us in this special prayer time. Please do not worry if you do not know what to say, it is all about coming together during this month.

Please try and support this special time in which we can pause to reflect as a community.

The Travelling Rosary

Each class will have a special folder - their **Travelling Rosary!** This thoughtfully prepared folder is filled with meaningful items designed to bring you and your family together during October, offering a space for reflection and prayer.

Inside, you'll find a special reflection book where you can express your thoughts in a way that feels personal to you. Whether it's a drawing, a written reflection, or simply a few words about what the Rosary means to you, this book is yours to make your own.

Take time with your loved ones to explore the contents of the folder, share conversations about the month of the Rosary, and reflect on the significance of the Rosary in your life.

Once you've had your special time with the *Travelling Rosary*, please return the folder so the next person in your class can experience it too.



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reminder

Don't forget the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **31st October 2025**. We would suggest you submit your application by Friday, 24th October 2025 before the half-term holiday.

Please visit - 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.

To request a paper application form for either a primary or secondary school or for all other enquiries, you can call 0300 200 1004

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival this year on **Friday, 17th October 2024**.

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 - living out our Catholic Social Teaching Values.

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.

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.

Thank You

School Trips & Topic Days

Whole School Mass

Years 2-6

On **Thursday, 11th September** our school community came together to celebrate Mass. This was a lovely way to start the new term.



Haselemere Trip Year 4

Thursday, 25th September

We organised a trip to Haslemere Museum for the children in Year 4 as part of our topic Ancient Egyptians.

During the visit the children took part in a themed workshop and practical activities for the children to enhance their learning of this subject.

As well as discovering about the afterlife in the workshop, 'Ancient Egyptian beliefs about life after death', the children learnt about mummification by disembowelling a mummy-doll, visited a real mummy (Par-Er-Abu) and mummified their own toy.



Chiltern Open Air Museum Year 3

Monday, 29th September

As part of our topic this term 'The Changes to Britain - Stone Age to Iron Age' 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!





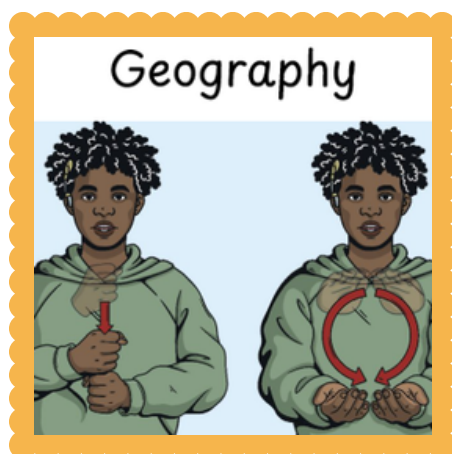
Learning British Sign Language



This year, we are excited to introduce a new whole-school initiative: **British Sign Language (BSL) of the Day**.

Each day, children will learn a new sign as part of our commitment to promoting inclusivity, communication and awareness. Learning BSL helps children develop empathy, enhances their communication skills and supports a more inclusive environment for everyone.

We encourage you to ask your children about the sign they've learned each day - it is a great way to reinforce their learning and share in the experience together.



Attendance

At St Anne's, we closely monitor attendance and are committed to working together to improve school attendance in line with the statutory guidance set out by the Department for Education. Regular attendance is crucial for academic progress and overall development. Data clearly shows a direct correlation between attendance levels and later educational outcomes.

We understand that absences are sometimes unavoidable and unforeseen; however, we actively encourage promoting good attendance. When a pupil's attendance falls below 94%, parents will receive a letter.

If a pupil's attendance is significantly lower than this, parents will be asked to support further absences with medical evidence. These letters are standard practice regardless of previous reasons for absence.

Pupils will now receive termly attendance awards by email. A gold award marks 100% attendance, a silver award is for 99%-98%, and a bronze award is for 98%-97%. Pupils who have excellent attendance at the end of the school year will receive a special treat.

We are here to support you and your child in achieving the best attendance possible. If you have any concerns or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

By working together, we can ensure pupils attend school regularly and benefit from their education.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education. Together, we can make a positive difference!

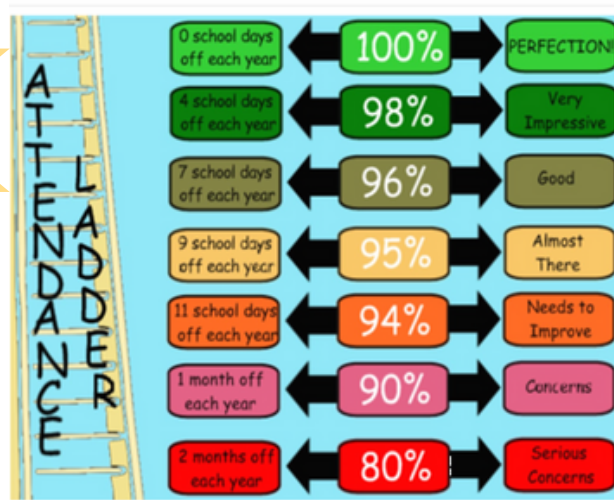
Class Attendance - September 2025

EYFS & KS1

	%
Sunshine (St. Paul)	98
Rainbow (St. Peter)	97
St. Anne	97
St. Joseph	98
St. Bridget	94
St. John Bosco	98

KS2

	%
St. Cecilia	97
St. John Paul II	99
St. Carlo Acutis	98
St. Jane Frances de Chantal	98
St. Alphonsa	96
St. Nicholas of Myra	98
St. Francis Xavier	96
St. Josephine Bakhita	95



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 **St John Paul II** 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 2025						
Important information: Star Reader Tests Month of Remembrance						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					31	1
2	3 Back to school	4 Whole School Flu Jab	5	6	7	8
9 Remembrance Sunday	10 Anti-Bullying Week Year 6 Boys home match against Manorcroft.	11 Open Afternoon for Prospective parents 1.30pm	12	13	14 St Anne's Celebration of the Arts Evening. 5pm	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Y3 St Cecilia attend Mass for St Cecilia and Y6 Francis Xavier attend Mass for SFX	25 Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.30am	26	27 Drama Club extended rehearsal (3.15-6pm)	28	29

Thank you all, once again, for your support and co-operation.

Take care & God bless

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Martin
Headteacher



Information Zone

CALLING ALL...

Musicians
Poets
Artists
Comedians
Actors
Dancers

ST ANNE'S
CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Friday 14th November
5pm at St Anne's Primary School

This is a chance for you to perform a dance, scene or song. Or showcase a piece of writing or artwork you have produced!

To showcase your talent at the event and secure your place in the line up, please see Miss Manners or Ms Dimech by Friday 17th October.

JUNIOR DUKE
EST. 2006

I am delighted to let you know that we are offering the children the chance to take part in the Junior Duke Award Scheme this year!

The Junior Duke is a nationally recognised award programme that encourages children to develop independence, resilience, and life skills through a range of fun and practical challenges.

To take part, you will need to sign your child up and pay the £10.50 fee via Scopay by **Thursday 23rd November**.

You will be able to sign up and make payments from Monday 6th October.

Once you have completed payment, your child's Junior Duke pack will be ordered by the school, and you will be notified when they have arrived, and you will receive some additional information and guidance prior to starting.

The pack includes a booklet of challenges which your child will have to complete in their own time at home. These may include cooking, artwork, active based challenges, public speaking etc. Each job or task will need to be signed off by Miss Manners (Junior Duke Lead) as your child works through the booklet.

This is a new scheme for our school, and I am very much looking forward to trialling this with you and seeing many of our children sign up and take part.

Miss Manners
Duke Lead



Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the Book Fair. There was an exciting buzz as the children browsed the books.

We hope that the children enjoyed choosing and reading their books



Our next book fair will be in **March** to coincide with **World Book Day**. Hope to see you there!

Thanks to all of you we raised **£250**
Ms Dimech

Little Liturgy Leaders

I am delighted to announce we have our first team of St Anne's KS1 Little Liturgy Leaders, who began their role this **Monday during KS1 Worship through Song**. They did a tremendous job leading the children with confidence and enthusiasm, and I am very proud of them. Just as Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others" (Matthew 5:16), our Little Liturgy Leaders have already begun to shine brightly in their new roles, and they are a real credit to our school. I look forward to working with them throughout this next academic year.

Miss Manners





Information Zone

Art Camp

Age 4-11

October Half Term

27th-31st October
8:30AM - 4.30 PM

Registration

Pre-Booked Admission Fee
£32 per /Child/per day

Booking can be made online up until 17th October
Any bookings made after this date will be charged at £35 per child/per day. We will **not** be able to accept childcare vouchers for late bookings - please do book early!

Late bookings - please arrive on the day between 8:30-9am to complete a manual form. There will be no access to the camp for anyone who has not paid in advance or has proof of payment for late bookings.

For More Information see Parents tab and holiday clubs

BOYS THURSDAY FOOTBALL

1 Day October Camp

WHAT?
Technical development/1st touch/receiving the ball.
Team games / combinations / 3v3, Defensive techniques and understanding.
Finishing & 4 aside transitions – attacking and defending.

WHERE?
3G Pitch
ABBEE RANGERS FC
Addlestone
KT15 2QH

WHEN?
Thursday
30th October

AGE?
Under 5 (Reception)
Under 6 (Year 1)
Under 7 (Year 2)
Under 8 (Year 3)
Under 9 (Year 4)
Under 10 (Year 5)

COST & TIMES?
£35.00 per day
8.30am – 4.00pm

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GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE

Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)
Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm
£35.00 Daily / £70.00 Two 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



Bikeability and cycling for all the family

We are looking forward to seeing our **year 4** and **year 6** children take part in Bikeability courses during the autumn term – has it got you interested in having a go on a bike? If so, and you don't have your own, did you know that you can **Borrow-a-Bike** from Chertsey Library for **free**? For more information, please visit: [Borrow bike – free bike loaning scheme in libraries - Surrey County Council](#)



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Join us for a **Coffee Morning**



Wednesday 22nd October

Parents and carers, come along for a coffee and a chat
in the school hall, straight after drop off.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents
and we will have a selection of 'good as new' uniform
to purchase too.

Mrs Wales and Mrs Burke look forward to welcoming
you!