



Newsletter

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Headteacher: Mrs C Martin

December 2025

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and joyful month November turned out to be! Our Celebration of the Arts evening was a real highlight, and I was bursting with pride watching the children share their incredible talents with such confidence and creativity. Every single one of them shone, and it was a privilege to celebrate their achievements together as a school community. We also had some fantastic wins with our football teams, which brought great excitement and pride across the school, well done to all involved!

I'd also like to thank the parents who joined us for our maths and phonics workshops. These sessions really do make a difference, helping you to feel confident in supporting your children's learning at home, and we're so grateful for your time and enthusiasm.

Now, as we step into Advent, we're reminded of the importance of this season, a time to pause, reflect, and prepare with hope in our hearts. December is always one of the busiest months in school life, but it's also one of the most magical. We've already begun our nativity celebrations with the Wintershall Travelling Crib, welcoming Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and even their sheep and donkeys into school. It was such a special way to begin the festive season, and I know there are many more magical moments still to come. I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you at the children's nativities and carol concerts over the coming weeks, these occasions are always such a wonderful way to come together and celebrate the joy of Christmas as a community.

As always, if you need anything at all during this busy period, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or to Mrs Burke, our HSLW, we're here to support you.

God Bless Mrs Martin



Love in a Box Appeal 2025

We would like to invite all families across the school community to take part in a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of other local children and residents at local residential homes. We ask each family to contribute a shoebox filled with various items which will be forwarded to needy children and elderly around the local area to brighten their lives over the Christmas period.

Could we please ask for your contributions to be bought in by **Wednesday 10th December** so that they can be sorted ready for drop off the following week. The boxes can be handed to your **child's class teacher** or given to **Mrs Kemp-Smith**.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children

We would like to ask these pupils to make a box up for an elderly person, which will be given to the residents of **Abbey Chase** residential home in Chertsey and **St Augustine's** in Addlestone.

We know this will mean a great deal to these residents.



EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children

We would like to ask these pupils to make a box up for a child, which will be given to local children at **Chertsey food bank**, children at the **Shooting Star Hospice** and children of families at **Princess Alice Hospice**. These gifts will bring joy and comfort to the children who receive them.



Key Points: If your child is making a box for a child, we suggest they make up a box for a child of their own age. After the box is packed and wrapped, please put a sticker/piece of paper on top with the gender the box is for and for children the age it is aimed for. **Do Not** include used or damaged items, medicines, sharp objects, glass containers, or fragile items. The **'Love in a Box'** appeal is a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

God Bless, Mrs Kemp-Smith

For suggestions on items to include, please see letter sent to parents



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Important safeguarding measures for the end of the school day

- No bikes or scooters: Children should not ride bikes or scooters when leaving the playground. This is to prevent accidents and ensure a calm and safe dismissal.
- Mobile phone use: As lessons are still taking place when parents arrive, we ask that mobile phones are not used on the playground. Please finish any calls before entering, so that your full attention is on collecting your child.
- Leaving promptly: We now require all parents to collect their children and leave the playground immediately. Children should not remain to play on the equipment or field after dismissal. Unfortunately, we have had too many incidents occurring during this time, often because children are unsupervised while parents are standing and chatting.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment for all pupils. By following these guidelines, you are supporting us in keeping every child safe at the end of the school day.

Thank You



Carols Around The Crib

Tuesday, 16th December at 3.30pm

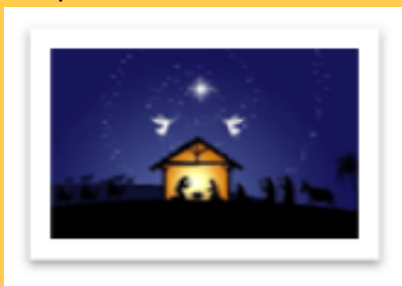
Parents, grandparents and children are invited to hear the Advent story and join in with carols around the nativity scene in the prayer garden to celebrate this time of Advent together.

We hope this will be a special moment of peace and joy that you can share with those closest to you and bring the whole school community together everyone is welcome to join us.

Refreshments will be available for a donation of your choice.

We look forward to seeing as many families at the service as possible and wish everyone all the very best for the season of Advent.

God Bless,
Mrs Kemp-Smith



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reminder

Online applications for a primary school place opened from 3rd November 2025 applications will need to be completed by 15th January 2026.

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

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Absence

Reminder - if you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

New Regulation in force from 19th August 2024

The amount payable for penalty notice has increased from £60 to £80 per notice if paid within 21 days. If paid between 21 and 28 days, the amount payable has risen from £120 to £160 per notice.

If a parent/carer has incurred a penalty notice for the same child since 19 August 2024, the rolling three year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160, per notice. There will be no reduction for paying within 21 days.

School Trips & Topic Days

Antibullying Week

10th November – 14th November 2025

As a school, we participated in Anti-Bullying Week and the theme this year was "Power for Good". This theme encourages individuals to use their power to challenge bullying by speaking out, standing up for others, and promoting kindness and inclusivity. It focuses on how small, positive actions can collectively create a more supportive environment both online and offline. Throughout the week, we had assemblies on the theme of Anti-Bullying and took part in friendship activities.

On **Monday, 10th** the children came to school wearing odd socks. This was to promote the message that we are all different & special in our own way.

Friday, 14th we celebrated **Friendship Friday** this was a time to promote positive friendships & remind children of St. Anne's that we are a kind school.



Jubilee Celebration Day

Friday, 21st November

We are Pilgrims of Hope, showing how we can offer a sign of hope to others.

The children created paper chains filled with messages about how they could share hope. These thoughtful messages were then displayed on the class prayer tables.



Wintershall Nativity

Monday, 24th November

On Monday, 24th November, we were visited by the Wintershall Travelling Crib! This wonderful event provided our children with a unique opportunity to engage in immersive workshops that taught the Christmas story in a fun and interactive way. During the workshops, the children not only learnt about the significance of Christmas, but they also had the chance to interact with real animals on the school field, enhancing their experience and understanding of the story.

We extended a warm invitation to some of our Xavier primary schools and local schools to participate in the workshops. Hopefully they found this a very memorable experience.

School Trips & Topic Days

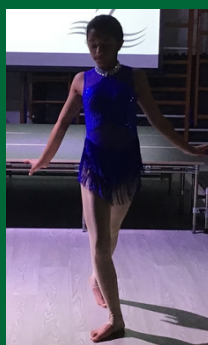
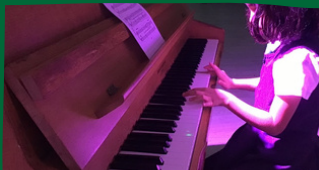
Celebration of the Arts

Friday, 14th November

What a fantastic evening we shared at our recent showcase event! It was a joyful celebration of creativity, talent, and the incredible hard work of our children. Families and friends came together to enjoy a vibrant array of performances, including singing, comedy, dancing, acrobatics, piano, drum playing, and tap dancing. Also, artistic flair was proudly displayed through beautiful paintings and drawings.

The children were truly amazing, each performance radiated confidence, passion, and joy. The audience responded with enthusiastic applause and cheers, showing just how much they appreciated the talent and effort on display. The atmosphere was electric, filled with pride and admiration for our young stars.

We are immensely proud of all our students for their courage, dedication, and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who joined us in making this event such a memorable celebration of community spirit and creativity.



Special thanks to Ms. Dimech, whose technical expertise ensured seamless background slides for every act.

Mr. Rose, whose amazing lighting skills made sure every child had their moment to shine.

Miss Mitchell, who welcomed everyone so beautifully with her piano playing as the audience settled in.

And of course, to our wonderful director,

Miss Manners, who worked tirelessly to organize and bring together this wonderful show.



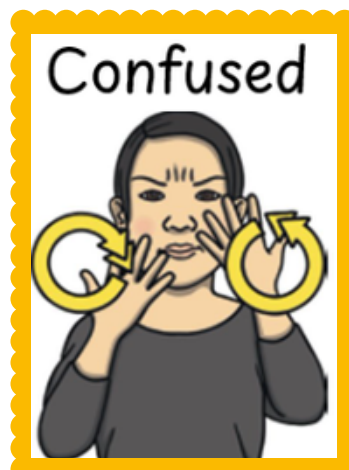
Learning British Sign Language



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.





Dates For Christmas Events



Christmas Performances

EYFS Nativity	Tuesday, 9 th December - 10am
Year 1 Nativity	Friday, 12 th December - 2pm
Year 2 Nativity	Thursday, 11 th December - 9.30am
Year 3 Nativity	Wednesday, 10 th December - 1.30pm
Year 4 Play	Monday, 15 th December - 1.30pm
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carols	Tuesday, 16 th December - 2pm



Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday, 11th December

The whole school community is invited to wear a wonderful Christmas jumper. Please note - **School uniform** is to be worn as normal with just the addition of the Christmas jumper.



Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 11th December

We will be holding Christmas lunch for the whole school.

Parent Access to Book Meals <https://app.impactfood.co.uk>



Choir Concert

Tuesday, 9th December 6pm

St. Anne's School Hall

Christmas Mufti Day

Friday, 19th December

We will once again celebrate the end of term with a Christmas themed Mufti. We will not be asking for a donation of money, just lots of happy children spreading Christmas joy!

Carols Around The Crib

Tuesday, 16th December 3.30pm

Outside in the Prayer Garden



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 - November 2025

EYFS & KS1

	%
Sunshine (St. Paul)	98
Rainbow (St. Peter)	98
St. Anne	97
St. Joseph	98
St. Bridget	97
St. John Bosco	99

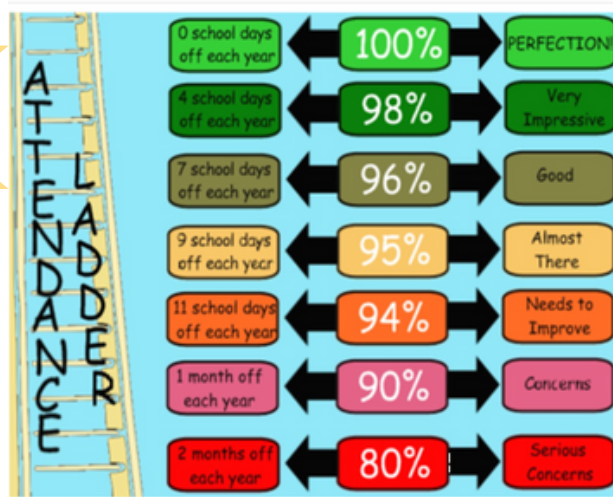


EYFS

	%
EYFS	98
KS1	98
KS2	97

KS2

	%
St. Cecilia	94
St. John Paul II	99
St. Carlo Acutis	97
St. Jane Frances de Chantal	98
St. Alphonsa	96
St. Nicholas of Myra	99
St. Francis Xavier	97
St. Josephine Bakhita	98



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 November.

Congratulations to **St. John Bosco, St. John Paul II & St. Nicholas of Myra** classes 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](#) 

January 2026		Important information:				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Back to School	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Year 5 Ufton Court Residential	27 Year 5 Ufton Court Residential	28 Year 5 Ufton Court Residential	29	30 Year 1 Milestones Museum Don Bosco Mass 9.30 Whole school	31

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

Take care & God bless

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Martin
Headteacher



SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

Friday, 19th December (End of Term)

EYFS: 12 noon

KS1: 12.05 pm

KS2: 12.10 pm

SPRING TERM COMMENCES ON

Monday, 5th January 2026

For further information on the way we use your data, please see the Xavier Catholic Education Trust Privacy Notice.

This can be found on the Xavier Catholic Education Trust website in the About section under the list of Central Policies and Financial statements



Information Zone

Pupils Selected for District Football Team!

We are delighted to share that three Year 6 boys - **Jacob, Larry, and Max** - attended trials and were successfully selected to play for the **Elmbridge & Runnymede District Football Team**. This is a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of their dedication and talent.

On 11th October, they took part in the **Southern Football District Tournament**, where they represented both the district and St Anne's with confidence and skill. The boys performed brilliantly on the day, winning four matches and losing only one - a result they should feel extremely proud of.

The team will now move on to the next round of the tournament in April, and we look forward to seeing how they get on as the competition continues.

We are incredibly proud of Jacob, Larry, and Max for everything they have achieved so far and for representing the district and St Anne's with such commitment and enthusiasm. Well done, boys!

Miss Green.



Year 6 Football Success at Salesians!

On Monday 17th November, eight pupils from Year 6 - Larry, Max, Sonny, Arthur, Molly, Maisie, Maya, and Lily - took part in an exciting football tournament at Salesians. Despite the cold weather, they showed incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience from start to finish.

Their hard work truly paid off as they battled their way through each match and ultimately secured first place in the tournament!

I couldn't be prouder of every single one of them - their sportsmanship, effort, and positive attitude were a credit to the school. Well done, Year 6!

Miss Green.



To all of our talented footballers,
we are very proud of you!





Information Zone



We have lots going on leading up to Christmas. Please follow us on Instagram to keep up to date with all our latest news - [stanneschertseypfa](#) - and check our noticeboards around the playground for information on our events.

We had another very successful **Quiz Night!** Special thanks go to our amazing duo – **Ms Dimech** and **Mr Rose**. We raised a staggering **£1,077** on the night.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes or plucked up the courage to enter a team – it really was a fabulous evening. Be sure to add the next quiz to your diary; you won't be disappointed!

Thank you for your ongoing support

Chess Tournament

On **Saturday 22nd November** - We ran a junior Chess tournament for all the children that we teach in our schools, plus the 2 out-of-school chess clubs that we run. Over 30 children took part, at the Fircroft Centre in Surbiton.

I am very pleased to report that **five** St. Anne's players participated!

Yelisey (4/5) - He finished joint second and got a medal!

George (3.5/5) - He did very well and also got a medal! (if he had won his last game, he would have won the tournament!)

Sophia (2.5/5) - She exceeded all expectations - well done!

Dalia (2/5) - Dalia was a higher seed, and so I put her against slightly stronger opponents - she did well.

Max (2/5) - Had good games and did decently for his first ever event.

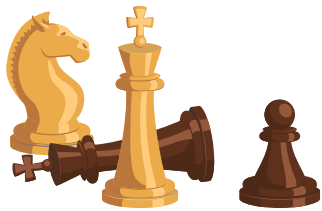
All played in their first ever out-of-school chess tournament!

I was impressed with all.

Well done to them!

Mr Briscoe

Chess Club Teacher



Huge selection of 3 – 14ft freshly cut trees from £10. See website for price list.

Find us by the Ottershaw roundabout (near Chertsey & M25 Jct 11) Postcode KT16 0PJ

Open 27th November until 23rd December 2025

Weekdays 9am – 7.30pm / Weekends 7.30am to 7.30pm (Father Christmas times differ – see website)

Website [mauricemandry.com](#) Instagram [@ottershawchristmastreefarm](#)

Visit Father Christmas for **FREE** with purchase of any tree (or £10 without tree purchase)

Please see website for his visiting times & T&Cs



Safety



As the evenings are drawing in and getting darker, can I please encourage you to talk to your child about safety matters.

If you are dropping off/collecting from after school clubs, can I ask that you do not walk across the staff car park please. It is sometimes hard to see little ones when staff members are leaving, please use the footpath where possible.

It is most helpful if they are wearing a fluorescent armband or something similar, which means they can be seen clearly by traffic.

St Anne's Drama Club presents....

The Polar Express

Friday 5th December - 6pm
£2 per ticket via SCOPAY

"The True Spirit Of Christmas Lies In Your Heart." The true meaning of Christmas is not found in material gifts, but in the love and joy that resides within each individual.
The Polar Express

Xavier Trust Governance Professional

Xavier, which is our school's Catholic Education Trust, are looking to appoint a person with the suitable skills and experience to lead on governance within the Trust. The successful applicant will go on to play a key role in securing excellence in Catholic education across Surrey. Please see the link below for more details:

[Trust Governance Professional](#) -