



St. Anne's

Newsletter

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



End of Term December 2025



"And all the angels sang for him, the bells of heaven rang for him, For a boy was born, King of all the world."

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a truly wonderful autumn term, filled with so many achievements and moments of pride across the school. From classroom successes to wider opportunities, the children have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination, making this term a genuinely great one.

The nativities and festive celebrations have been a real highlight; the children have been absolutely amazing in every performance and activity, and I am so proud of each and every one of them. Christmas is always a special time in school, a season that brings people together, encourages kindness, and gives us space to reflect on the joy of shared experiences.

I am incredibly grateful for parents' continued support, which underpins everything we do, and I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our teachers and all members of staff for their incredibly hard work, dedication, and care throughout the term.

I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy New Year, and I look forward to welcoming you and the children back in **2026**.

Love and God Bless

Mrs Martin



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Carols Around The Crib

Tuesday, 16th December

Our school community came together for a very special Carols Around the Crib service. It was a wonderful evening and, thankfully, much warmer than last year, with the rain staying away. Sadie, Amelia, Evelyn, Nevaeh-Rose and Hailie sang the carols beautifully, and it was lovely to have so many adults joining in as well.

Special thanks to our readers, including members of the choir, Theo, William, Mrs Pigot, Mr Greaney and Father Stephen, who led the service.

Thank you to everyone who came along to share the evening with us. We are also grateful to the PFA for providing much-needed refreshments, the biscuits and hot chocolate were very welcome.

Finally, a big thank you to both Mrs Kemp-Smith and Mrs Pigot for organising another wonderful Carols Around the Crib.

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

Love in a Box

I am incredibly proud and very humbled by the generosity and kindness with this appeal.

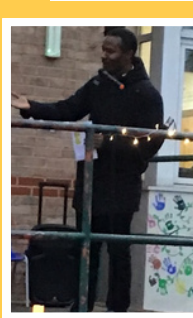
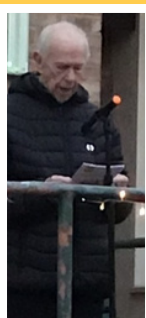
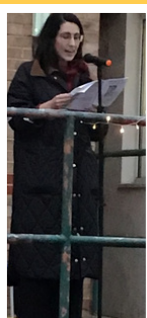
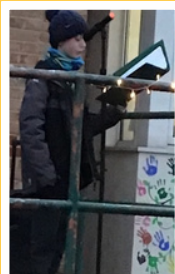
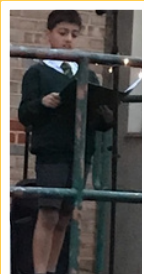
The impact you will have made to other people's lives is incredible and something, as a school, we should be truly proud of.

I would like to thank every single family who were able to put a box together. We will never know the true effect this will have had but we are safe in the knowledge that we have done something very special.

Year 3 children delivered some of the boxes to Abbey Chase care home, the residents were delighted with their boxes.



Thank You



School Trips & Topic Days

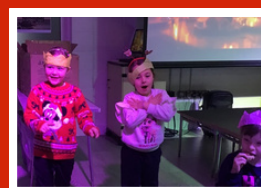
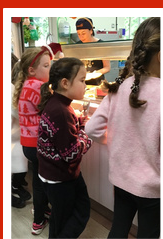
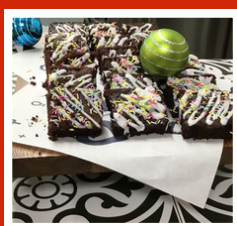
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch



11th December 2025

We enjoyed another truly wonderful festive event this week, as the whole school gathered on Thursday for our much-loved Christmas Lunch, and you can just imagine the excitement. The hall was filled with the sound of children singing and dancing along to festive songs, proudly wearing their Christmas hats and colourful Christmas jumpers. There were smiles all around as they pulled their crackers, shared jokes, and soaked up the joyful atmosphere.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to Sonia and her fantastic kitchen team for preparing such a delicious meal and creating a beautifully festive atmosphere with their lighting and decorations. We are also grateful to our lunchtime supervisors and to Mr Marek, whose support ensures the event runs smoothly for everyone. We're always grateful to our kitchen staff for their hard work, but most particularly on this special day!



Choir Christmas Concert

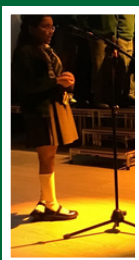
Tuesday, 9th December



Our School Choir presented their Christmas Carol Concert under the wonderful leadership of Miss Taylor. The children sang beautifully, sharing the story of the Nativity through a thoughtful selection of traditional and modern carols.

Throughout the performance, pupils confidently delivered their readings, helping to guide families through the Christmas story with clarity and pride. Their hard work and dedication to choir rehearsals shone through in every moment, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere for everyone who attended.

It was a truly lovely way to begin our Christmas celebrations and a perfect opportunity for parents and carers to see just how much effort the children have put into their singing this term. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.



School Trips & Topic Days

Drama Club Christmas Production

Friday, 5th December

I want to give a big congratulations to our Drama Club children for their amazing performance of The Polar Express. I was so proud of all of you, and I loved watching you bring the story to life with such excitement and joy. You have worked so hard this term and I am looking forward to seeing you perform in our summer finale show! You reminded us that Christmas is about believing, being kind, and sharing love with others, just like the first Christmas, when God gave us the greatest gift of all. Your smiles, teamwork, and hard work truly made my Christmas.

Well done to every actor and director who made this show so special. I hope the joy of Christmas stays in your hearts all season long!

Miss Manners



Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady

Sign your child up for band lessons online at rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents

If you have any questions about Rocksteady, call 0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate) or email info@rocksteadymusicschool.com.

Rock Steady

Friday, 12th December

Did you know, we partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at St Anne's! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun.

It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time, all at school!

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

The Rock Steady band visited us last week for a whole-school assembly, and it was a fantastic experience. The children were introduced to all the key instruments that make up a rock band, from electric guitars and keyboards to drums and vocals, and they were completely captivated from start to finish. They loved joining in with familiar rock songs, and there was plenty of toe-tapping and hand-clapping from both staff and pupils. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event for everyone.

After the assembly, KS2 pupils took part in hands-on workshops where they had the opportunity to try out the instruments for themselves.



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](#) 

On behalf of all the staff at St Anne's I wish you all a holy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Take care and God bless

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Martin
Headteacher



**SPRING TERM COMMENCES ON
Monday, 5th January 2026**



Information Zone



Wow, what a term we've had. We have raised just over **£7,000** which is phenomenal. This would not have been possible without all our volunteers who have wrapped gifts, served hot drinks and doughnuts, hosted quizzes, sold uniform and helped the children pick gifts.

They are incredible and so are you for continuing to support each and every event. Thank you, we hope to be able to update you soon on where these funds will be spent.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS TERM. WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

GOOSE FAIR £362	CHRISTMAS QUIZ £1,077	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE £2,667
UNIFORM £310	CHRISTMAS REFRESHMENTS £165	CLASS FUNDRAISING £369
DOUGHNUT SALE £180	AUTUMN QUIZ £795	ELFRIDGES OVER 800 GIFTS! £1,115

FUNDS WILL BE SPENT ON AN EXCITING PROJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

Support programmes for parents & carers of children with autism

A variety of 6-part support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism (or suspected autism) are available online and in-person around Surrey. Your child must live in Surrey or attend a Surrey education setting.

Early bird programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

Cygnets programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old


- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

Teen life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

Can I ask some questions?
Email us on parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk

How do I join a course?
Please scan the QR code to register your interest & be part of our mailing list. We will email you each time a new set of courses are available for booking.



Runnymede Family Centre
Every Monday
10 - 12

Family Support at the Revive Cafe
99 Guildford Street, Chertsey, England, KT16 9AS
www.revivecoffeeshop.co.uk

Family Support Workers from Runnymede Family centre will be available to offer support and advice on all aspects of family life.
Drop in, no booking required.

If you would like more information please scan the QR code or email:
runnymedefamilycentre@barnados.org.uk



BARNADO'S Changing childhoods. Changing lives.



The day has finally arrived! Your children will have now received their Junior Duke Booklets. We are so proud of our children - we have 174 signed up to complete their Junior Duke challenges! You have until June 2026! Good luck to you all. See you at the Junior Duke Ceremony!
Miss Manners

Thank you to **Mr Dawson** who made an incredible manger for the year 4 production! Everyone is so grateful!

It looks fabulous and so authentic!

The Year 4 Team





Information Zone

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.

Mrs Martin, Mr Cassidy, Mrs Wales,
Mrs Lewthwaite, Mrs Burke, Miss Gullick,
Miss Taylor, Mrs Kemp-Smith & Mrs Dyer.