



St. Anne's

Newsletter

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Headteacher: Mrs C Martin

January 2026



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new term we have had. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly after the Christmas holidays, and it has been such a joy hearing all about their festive celebrations and the special memories they made with family and friends.

We are continuing our whole-school focus on developing the children's Oracy and Communication skills, and it has been heart-warming to see the impact already. The lovely, warm greetings that staff receive each morning, the confident conversations taking place as we walk around school, and the increasingly thoughtful verbal answers being shared in class all show just how well the children are growing in this area. This is something we will keep developing throughout the year.

We also have an exciting few weeks ahead. Our Year 5 pupils will be heading off on their residential next week, and we hope they have an amazing time filled with adventure, learning, and plenty of fun. We are also looking forward to celebrating the Feast Day of St John Bosco with a special school Mass.

A huge thank you goes to our PFA, who have very kindly donated £100 to each class for new wet-play games. These have now been ordered and should arrive next week, giving the children lots of lovely new activities to enjoy during this spell of wet weather. Thank you as well to all of you who support PFA events so generously — your contributions make a real difference to the experiences we can offer your children.

Finally, we are beginning the next stage of developing our playground to make it an even more engaging and enjoyable space for the children. Please keep an eye out for an upcoming email with details about donations we would be grateful to receive.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Martin



Online Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will be held on **Tuesday, 24th** February (3.30pm - 6.30pm) & **Thursday, 26th** February (3.30pm - 6pm). **EYFS** Parents' Evening will be held on **Tuesday, 24th** February (3.30pm - 6.30pm) & **Wednesday, 25th** February (3.30pm - 6pm).

These will again be held online. The process for booking your appointment will open on **Monday, 9th** February at 9am and will close on **Monday, 23rd** February at 4pm.

We will also be issuing you with a mid-term report, on **Thursday, 12th** 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.

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

Key Stage 2 SAT's take place during the week commencing **11th MAY 2026**

*Please do not book holidays during the school year as leave will **NOT BE AUTHORISED***

AND YOU MAY BE PENALISED.



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A Fond Farewell...

It is with both sadness and immense gratitude that we say a very fond farewell to **Mrs Della-Mura** after half term. For 17 years, Mrs Della-Mura has been a cherished part of the St Anne's family. Throughout her time with us, she has given her heart, her energy, and her extraordinary dedication to every role she has taken on. She first joined us as a Learning Assistant, supporting teachers and children with patience, warmth, and a natural gift for helping young learners grow in confidence.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, she set her sights on becoming an HTLA and worked tirelessly to complete her training while continuing her work in school. Once qualified, she made a remarkable impact, taking small groups in maths and English where children blossomed under her guidance, and providing PPA cover across year groups with her trademark calmness, kindness, and professionalism. Whether she was teaching Year 1 in the morning or Year 5 in the afternoon, she brought the same enthusiasm and care to every child she met.

Her passion for learning and helping others didn't stop there. She went on to study for a counselling degree at night school, which she passed with flying colours. Since then, she has been our school counsellor, offering a safe space, a listening ear, and a compassionate heart to children and staff alike. Many of us have turned to her for guidance, knowing she brings wisdom, empathy, and a genuine desire to help.

We are incredibly proud of her for taking the brave and exciting step of setting up her own counselling business, **Changing Wings**. Her commitment to the wellbeing of children, and her belief in nurturing the whole child, has always shone through in everything she does.

Mrs Della-Mura will be deeply missed. Her kindness, her humour, her strength, and her unwavering dedication have left a lasting mark on our school community. St Anne's simply won't be the same without her.

We send her off with all our love, best wishes, and heartfelt thanks as she begins this new chapter. And knowing her, this is only the beginning of many more wonderful achievements to come.

CAFOD Club

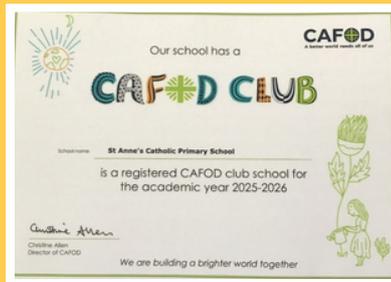
Our school is excited to share that we have officially launched our **CAFOD Club**, now fully registered with CAFOD. The club meets every Wednesday during lunchtime in the chapel, offering pupils a space to explore faith, global justice, and ways to make a positive difference.

This week, our Year 6 leaders led a thoughtful session on **Laudato Si'**, Pope Francis' message about caring for our common home. The children learned why looking after our planet is so important and discussed practical ways they can help protect the environment both at home and around school.

Pupils shared fantastic ideas, from reducing waste and saving energy to showing greater care for nature and our school grounds. Their enthusiasm and sense of responsibility were inspiring to see.

We look forward to watching the club grow as our young leaders continue to guide others in living out CAFOD's mission through action, reflection, and community spirit.

God Bless,
Mrs Kemp-Smith



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.

Cultures & Inspirations Week



Monday, 9th February - Friday, 13th February

We will be having a whole week dedicated to celebrating culture and diversity and the inspiration we can gain from it. Across the week, the children will have the opportunity to take part in cultural themed activities and celebrations. We would like to invite the many different cultures that we have in the St Anne's family to take part too!

Monday 9th – Cultural Dress Day

All children can wear clothing that they feel represents and celebrates their culture, or any culture from around the world that they wish to celebrate. Children could wear full Traditional Dress, the colours of a country's flag or items that represent their chosen cultures! Teachers will allow children who would like to, time in the afternoon to share something about their culture with their class. This could be a song, a dance, a book, something in another language or a souvenir.

Thursday 12th February – Cultural Exhibition in the hall

All the children will have the chance to visit the Cultural Exhibition in the school hall on Thursday afternoon. Those families who would like to create a stand for the exhibition are invited into school from 1.00pm. In previous years, groups of families from the same culture have grouped together to create stands which has worked well.

We will provide each country with a table/area for you to share and display the things that represent your culture such as food, drink, traditional clothing, artefacts, resources, photos, flags, artwork or maps. If you would like to showcase music, dance or singing from your culture, please let us know as we would love to include performances in our exhibition too. In the past, these exhibitions have been a great success and were an exciting and enriching experience for pupils.

If you would like to contribute to our exhibition, please contact Ms Dimech to arrange. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to find out about traditions, food and languages that are different from our own.

Many thanks for your support

Ms Dimech



NSPCC Number Day

Friday, 6th February 2026

We are pleased to inform you that our school will once again be taking part in **NSPCC Number Day** on Friday 6th February. This event provides a valuable opportunity for pupils to engage in enjoyable and meaningful mathematical activities while supporting an important charity.

To celebrate the day, we invite all children to **'Dress as Digits'** by wearing clothing that features numbers or has a mathematical theme. This could be a T-shirt already owned with a numerical design. In previous years, children have enjoyed dressing as dice, calculators, clocks and other number-related ideas, and we encourage families to be as creative as they wish. Alternatively, children may choose to dress as a mathematical profession, such as a scientist, engineer, astronomer, or architect, highlighting the many careers in which mathematics plays a key role.

Throughout the week leading up to Number Day, each year group will be designing and creating a product to demonstrate the importance of mathematics in real-world contexts. These products will be available for purchase on **Friday 6th February**, between **2:50pm** and **3:30pm**, in the playground. Items will be sold for a minimum of £1, with all profits donated to the NSPCC. There will be a prize awarded to the year group that raises the most money for charity.



Payment Information

- Payments for the children's products may be made via Scopay (products will then be sent home with your child) or in cash on the day.
- We kindly request a £1 donation per child for dressing up, also payable via Scopay.
- The Scopay link for both the dress-up donation and product purchases will be available from Friday 23rd January to Wednesday 4th February.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make this event a success. We look forward to seeing the children's creative number-themed outfits and to enjoying a week filled with exciting learning and fundraising.

Miss Green and Miss Bates
Maths Coordinators

Why your support matters



Last year, we reached **over 1.5 million children in over 6,300 schools** with our Speak out Stay safe safeguarding assemblies.



1 in 5 children across the UK have suffered abuse. That means **7 children in a classroom** experience abuse before they turn 18.



£3 from Number Day fundraising could help pay for the NSPCC **Speak out Stay safe programme** to reach **1 primary school child**.

School Trips & Topic Days



Spanish Day

Wednesday 21st January

Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a variety of engaging activities designed to help them learn about Spain, its culture, and its traditions. One of the highlights was the Spanish Freeze Dance, where the children enthusiastically followed the dance moves while practising the Spanish words for each action.

We were also delighted to welcome Miss Angel and Mr Rubau (Lia's dad), who shared wonderful insights about life in Spain and answered the children's questions. Their visit added a personal and memorable touch to our learning.



Open View Education – Safer Internet Day

Thursday, 26th February 2026

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TRAINING THROUGH THEATRE

Open View Education will be visiting St. Anne's Catholic Primary School to deliver Online Safety Workshops.

As part of their mission to empower young people to live successful happy lives, they have developed an invaluable resource called **Parent Zone**.

Parent Zone is a dedicated space filled with resources and engaging videos specifically created to assist parents and carers in keeping their children safe online.

[Access Parent Zone Resources Here.](#)





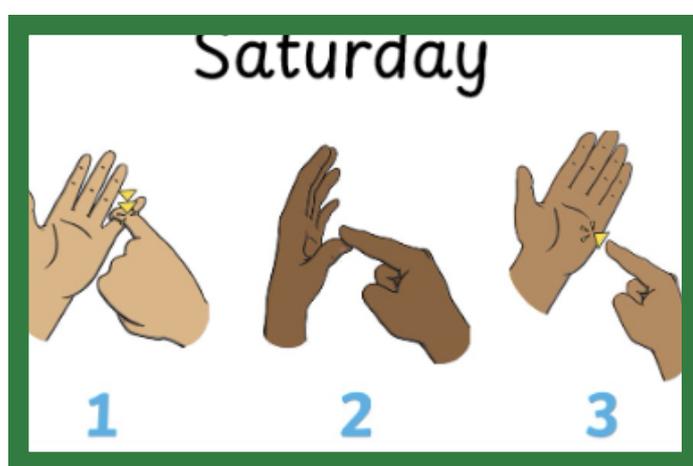
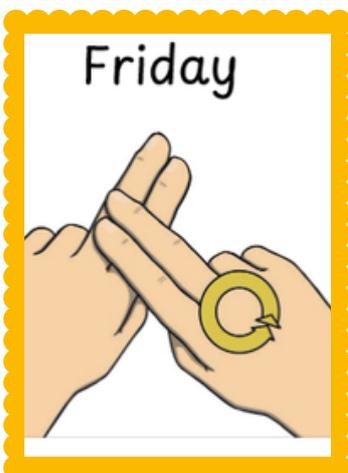
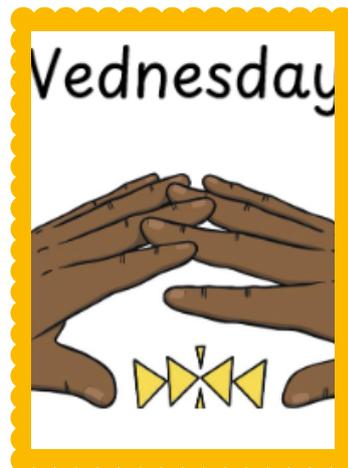
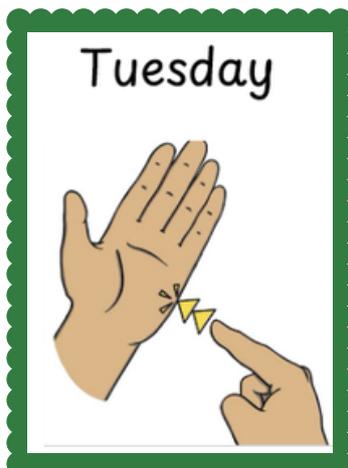
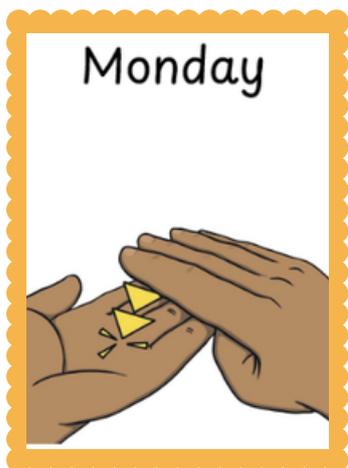
Learning British Sign Language



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 - December 2025

EYFS & KS1

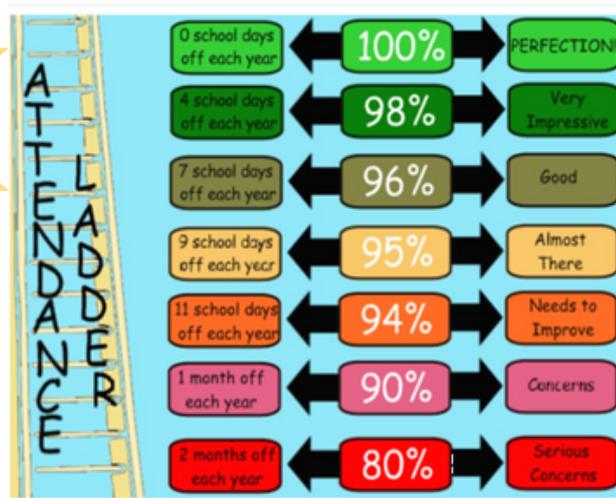
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Sunshine (St. Paul)	91
Rainbow (St. Peter)	95
St. Anne	95
St. Joseph	98
St. Bridget	95
St. John Bosco	97

EYFS

EYFS	93
KS1	96
KS2	96

KS2

	%
St. Cecilia	94
St. John Paul II	98
St. Carlo Acutis	94
St. Jane Frances de Chantal 	99
St. Alphonsa	95
St. Nicholas of Myra	97
St. Francis Xavier	97
St. Josephine Bakhita	93



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 a little lower for December.

Congratulations to **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** 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](#) 

February 2026		Important information:				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Year 3 Roman Day Y2 St John Bosco attend Mass for St John Bosco	3	4 Year 2 Great Fire of London Day	5 Science Fair Assembly	6 NSPCC Number Day (dress up) PFA School Disco	7
8	9 Culture's Week – Dress-up	10	11	12 Cultural exhibition – Mid Term Reports sent home	13	14
15	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23 St Josephine attend Mass for St Josephine Year 3 Feet First	24 Year 5 Reconciliation Service Parent's Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm EYFS Parent's Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm Year 3 Feet First	25 EYFS Parent's Evening 3.30 - 6pm	26 Openview Education – Safer Internet Day workshops and Assemblies. Parent's Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm	27	28
February Half Term Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February						

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

Take care & God bless

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Martin
Headteacher



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FAMILY LEARNING



SAL FAMILY LEARNING **Free Courses for parents and carers**
Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?
Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

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Courses available

- Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



SURREY ADULT LEARNING
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Anxiety around ADHD

Free online workshop for parents and carers

The workshop can help you navigate:

- Understanding ADHD
- The links between ADHD and anxiety
- Strategies to help support you and your child
- Other support that is available

Tuesday 27 January 2026, 9.30am - 11.30am
Thursday 29 January 2026, 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Please indicate which session you would like to attend.

To book your place:

- Call Lesley on 020 4522 8701
- Email services@familylives.org.uk
- Scan the QR code for our referral form



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Multi Sports Camp February Half Term
Hosted by Planet Soccer | Location: St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Book via Planet Soccer - https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps_99

Spring Term Holiday Art Camps
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
Tuesday 7th April - Thursday 9th April
8:30am – 4:30pm
For children in School Years R-6
£32 per day if booked before 5 working days prior to the School Holiday start date (i.e. 9th February for half term and 23rd March for Easter)
£35 per day if booked later than 5 working days for the start of the school holiday
Bookings for a late space can be done on the day. Proof of payment must be shown to staff on the gate and a screen shot email to jchallenger@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk

St Anne's Children can be booked via ScoPay.
Non-St Anne's Children can be booked using these forms
February Half Term [St Anne's Catholic Primary School - February Half Term Art Camp 2026 Booking Form](#) – Fill in form up until 10am on Monday 9th February
Easter Art Camp [St Anne's Catholic Primary School - Easter Art Camp 2026 Booking Form](#) – Fill in form up until 10am on Monday 23rd March



10% SIBLING DISCOUNT
*on all sports...

Football & Multi Sport Camp
St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Free Prae Road Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8ET
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
Price £30 per day or £125 for all 5 days!
Drop off 8:30am - 9:30am, Pick up 3:30pm - 4:30pm
To book and for more information, please visit the web address below or scan the QR code
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Coin Collection - now until 6th March

The PFA are launching a coin collection fundraiser and would love your help by donating money you won't miss. We are collecting any coins or banknotes that are, or once were, money, including:

- Foreign coins or banknotes (from any country)
- Old British or Irish coins and notes
- Obsolete or out-of-date currency
- Current coins or small notes you no longer need

This includes items such as old £1 or 50p pieces, farthings, pre-decimal coins, pesetas, dollars, marks, francs, and many more. Many of these coins and notes cannot be exchanged at banks, but they can still be turned into a valuable donation. By simply clearing out drawers, purses, or holiday leftovers, you can help without spending anything extra.

All donations will be exchanged through **Cash4Coins**, who will convert them into funds.

To make it more exciting, each class have a collection jar, and a prize will be awarded to the class with the heaviest jar at the end of the competition.

School Disco

We are excited to announce we have a DJ coming to school on **Friday 6th February** and Disco tickets are now on sale, priced at **£6 each**. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stanneschertseypfa/>

3:15-4:15 - Years 1 & 2. Children can go straight from class to the hall, you won't need to collect them at 3:05.

4:45-5:45 - Years 3 & 4

6:15-7:15 - Years 5 & 6

EYFS will be having a 30 minute disco in the afternoon, during school hours. Parents are **not** required to buy tickets however if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the DJ, please use the following link

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QY5DLUU7>

If you have any questions, please contact us at stannespfa@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you for your support

The PFA