



St. Anne's

Newsletter

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Headteacher: Mrs C Martin

February 2026



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



St. John Bosco Mass - the "Father and Teacher of Youth"

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an incredible few weeks it has been in school. I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful support during Cultures Week. It was a true joy to celebrate the rich diversity of our school community together. The atmosphere throughout the week was vibrant, uplifting, and full of pride. A very special thank you goes to all the parent volunteers who generously gave their time to run stalls at the Cultures Fair. Your contributions made the event truly memorable, and the staff and children are still buzzing from the experience.

Year 3 had a fantastic Roman Day, which brought history to life in such an exciting and immersive way for the children. This was followed by Number Day, where the enthusiasm across the school was infectious. We are delighted to have raised vital funds for the NSPCC through your generosity and support.

This week, we also marked Safer Internet Day. I strongly encourage you to take a look at the parent resources shared via the link below—they offer practical guidance to help keep children safe and confident online.

Please also take a moment to review the information page, where you'll find key dates and upcoming events for the term.

Finally, a gentle reminder that ongoing gas works in the local area are causing increased traffic during the morning rush. Please allow extra time for your journey. Good attendance and punctuality make a real difference to your child's learning, and we appreciate your support in helping them start the day calmly and on time. Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership.

God Bless

Mrs Martin



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Online Parents' Evening

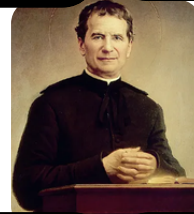
A big thank you to all the parents who joined our online meetings with class teachers. Your participation sends a powerful message to your child, that you value their education, know their teacher, and are actively engaged in their learning journey. That kind of support makes a huge difference

Thank you!

St. John Bosco Mass

30th January 2026

Mass is a special time for us to gather as a community and a school, but the real work starts when we leave the church. St. John Bosco, the "**Father and Teacher of Youth,**" believed that every child has a spark of goodness that can change the world.



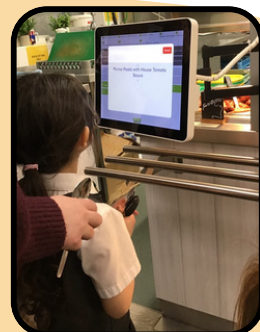
New School Lunch Ordering System

We are pleased to report that the new school meal ordering system is working well.

It is really important that as parents you decide at home if you would like your child to have a school lunch or a packed lunch, if ordering a school meal please discuss what is ordered with your child so you know they are happy, we can not change your orders in school or feed your child anything other than the option you have requested.

If you decide to send a packed lunch, but already have a meal ordered, you must cancel it in the system before **8:55am**, if not you will still be charged for the meal and in the case of **UFSM** children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 the school will be charged for these meals. Likewise if your child is absent you must cancel the meal to avoid charges.

Thank you for your support with this new system.



Getting the hang of selecting their meal order



Cultures & Inspirations Week



Monday, 9th February – Friday, 13th February

We enjoyed a whole week dedicated to celebrating culture and diversity and the inspiration we can gain from it. The children had the opportunity to take part in cultural themed activities and celebrations.

On Monday, 9th children came to school wearing clothing that represented and celebrated their culture, or any culture from around the world that they wanted to celebrate. We enjoyed a wonderful array of traditional costumes.

On Thursday, February 12th, our school hall was transformed into a breathtaking global village, thanks to a group of incredibly dedicated parents. As flags unfurled and the air filled with enticing aromas, the stage was set for an unforgettable cultural exhibition.

When the students arrived, they were absolutely transfixed. From tasting new flavours to exploring traditions, every child walked away with a broader perspective and a deeper understanding of the world around them. This immersive experience was only possible because of the generosity, time, and heart our parents poured into it. Thank you for making our school community stronger and more vibrant than ever!

In our school community, we are reminded each day that we don't walk our journey of learning and growing alone. God has placed us together, students, teachers, families, and staff, so that we can encourage one another, share our gifts, and help each other become the people He created us to be.

As Saint Paul says, *"You are called in one body; and be thankful"* (Colossians 3:15). Today, we take a moment to be grateful, for the friends who brighten our days, the teachers who guide us, the support we receive, and the joy of belonging to a community rooted in faith.

Thank you again to everyone in our school community.

Ms Dimech



School Trips & Topic Days

Roman Day

Monday 2nd February

We took part in a workshop run by Chertsey Museum where we designed our own Roman-style shields and then headed outside to practise real Roman shield formations. It was an exciting way to explore Roman life and architecture, and we were amazed to learn that many Roman roads are still used today.

We also discovered how disciplined Roman soldiers had to be, how carefully their equipment was crafted, and how much teamwork their formations required. The hands-on activities helped us imagine what life might have been like in a Roman legion. It was a day full of learning, creativity, and fun



NSPCC Number Day

Friday, 6th February 2026



Thank you for your generous support during Number Day. It was wonderful to see the children's creative outfits, and we are sincerely grateful for your donations to the NSPCC. Your contributions will help support the charity's vital work in protecting children and providing essential support to families in need.

Congratulations to Year 4 who made the most profit selling their ceations.



Open View Education – Safer Internet Day

Thursday, 26th February 2026



Open View Education visited School to deliver very informative 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.



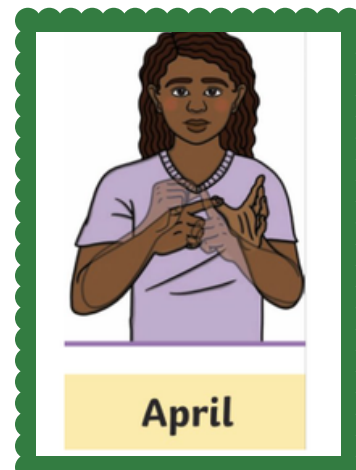
January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



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 - January 2026

EYFS & KS1

	%
Sunshine (St. Paul)	97
Rainbow (St. Peter)	97
St. Anne	98
St. Joseph	97
St. Bridget	95
St. John Bosco	96

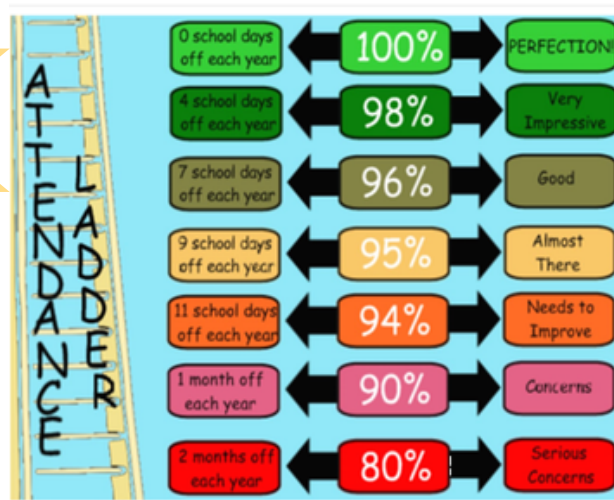


EYFS KS1 KS2

97
97
96

KS2

	%
St. Cecilia	96
St. John Paul II	98
St. Carlo Acutis	95
St. Jane Frances de Chantal	96
St. Alphonsa	93
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 much improved for January.

Congratulations to **St. Anne & St. John Paul II** 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](#) 

March 2026		Important information: Star reader tests				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Boys Football match AWAY against Manorcroft Pyjama Day	3	4	5 1. Sportshall Athletics Yr 6 – Out in AM 2. Great Athletes Visit - Whole school	6 World Book Day- Dress up Day	7
8	9 Book Fair arrives	10 EYFS & Year 6 Photos	11 Year 6 SATS information for Parents – 3:30 start	12 Science Fair – hall 3:30-4:00	13 Inset Day	14
15 Year 3 Mother's Day Mass	16 Y1 St Joseph attend Mass for St Joseph Choir – Performance at G-live	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Neurodiversity Coffee Morning 9-10.30am Author visit – Stephen Williams 1:15pm	20 District Cross Country @Notre Dame	21 World Poetry Day
22	23	24 Year 3 trip to the Look Out Xavier Science Fair Grand Final	25 Rocksteady performance to parents 10:30-11:00 in the hall	26 Year 4 Easter play and celebration 9:15am	27 End of Term	28
29	30	31				
Easter holidays Friday 27 th March – Monday 13 th April						

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

Take care & God bless

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Martin
Headteacher




Information Zone


NEURODIVERSITY COFFEE MORNING


BUILDING CONNECTIONS • SHARING EXPERIENCES • SUPPORTING EACH OTHER



 Date: 19th March 2026




 Time: 9-10.30 am

 Location: St Anne's Catholic Primary School

 Join us for a warm and welcoming coffee morning! Meet other parents and carers to explore:

- Understanding neurodiversity
- Celebrating strengths and differences
- Sharing stories and practical ideas
- Creating a supportive parent group within our school community

Who's it for?

-  All parents and carers — whether you're familiar with neurodiversity or simply curious
-  Anyone looking to connect, listen, and learn
-  Those interested in helping shape a supportive school community

Come for the coffee... stay for the conversation! We'd love to see you there.
Please confirm your attendance to Mrs Lewthwaite so she knows how many biscuits to buy.
Email: rlwthwaite@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk



BOOK FAIR

Support our school by buying a book. You can redeem your World Book Day voucher at the Book Fair.

DATE OF EVENT :
9th - 16th March 2026

15:00 - 15:45pm



MEET THE AUTHOR

On Thursday 19th March, Stephen Williams will be visiting our school. Your parents can pre-order his books on Scopay and then he will sign it on the day! He has written 2 books:

o Teachers vs Aliens vs the Kids

o Teachers vs Aliens vs the Nativity

Which book do you want to read?



Stephen Williams

Author

Save the Date!

 19th March 2026