



Newsletter

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Headteacher: Mrs C Martin

March 2026



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



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of what has been a short half term, I'm struck by just how much we have managed to pack into these few weeks. It has been wonderfully busy—bursting with learning, laughter, and a whole host of memorable experiences for our children.

A huge well done to our EYFS children, who visited St George's and took part in a beautiful Mass. They represented St Anne's with such confidence and joy. We are incredibly lucky to have them as part of our St Anne's family. Our school choir also did us proud at G Live. Their vocals were outstanding, and they truly blew me away with their confidence and talent. Moments like these remind us how powerful the arts can be in helping children shine. We've also enjoyed a fantastic Science Fair, showcasing curiosity, creativity, and some very impressive investigations. We look forward to celebrating even more of this brilliant work at the upcoming Xavier Science Competition.

We were thrilled to welcome a visiting athlete, Nerys Pearce, who inspired the children with stories of perseverance and determination, as well as author Steve Williams, whose passion for storytelling sparked so much excitement. And of course, a special mention must go to Steel the Gladiator, who was an absolute hit with both children and staff!

Before we break up, I would like to gently remind parents that no child should be left unattended at the front of the school in the morning. Cars should not be parked in the drop-off zone before 8:30am, and mobile phones should not be used on the school site. Please also ensure that children do not play on the equipment at the end of the school day. These are all for the safety of the children and I appreciate your support with them.

As always, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our staff for their incredible hard work, dedication, and energy throughout this term. They make all of these wonderful opportunities possible.

I wish you all a blessed and holy Easter, and I hope the children enjoy a very well-deserved rest.

God Bless

Mrs Martin



Mother's Day Mass

Special thanks to the Year 3 children and their class teachers for making Mother's Day so special by leading a beautiful Mass. The children read and sang beautifully. They made everyone very proud.

I do hope the Mums liked the Mother's day gifts their children chose for them at the PFA's sales. Thank you to all of the parents who organised and supported with manning the stalls last week.

I appreciate the time you gave to this and the quality of the gifts was superb. It is always such a special event but couldn't happen without parental support.

THANK YOU!

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We say a fond farewell...



Mrs Sanchez will be leaving us at Easter. We're very grateful for all the hard work and dedication she has given to the school. She has made a real difference to both children and staff, bringing enthusiasm, care, and a genuine commitment to supporting our learners. Her presence has been a wonderful part of our school community, and she will be missed. We wish her every success as she begins her next chapter.

Miss Limmer, sadly, will also be leaving us after **9 years** at St Anne's. Throughout her time with us, Miss Limmer has provided invaluable one-to-one support to many children under her care, nurturing their confidence and helping them to flourish both academically and personally. She has also supported learning across the classroom, offering calm, consistent guidance to pupils and staff alike. In addition, she helped to establish and run our Nurture Club, creating a safe, supportive space where children could build resilience, develop social skills, and feel truly listened to. Her dedication, compassion, and steadfast commitment to our school community have made a meaningful difference to so many families. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best in her next chapter.

Please join us in extending our heartfelt best wishes to both Mrs Sanchez & Miss Limmer in their future endeavours. We are confident that they will continue to achieve excellence and inspire those around them.

We welcome...

Mrs Parokaran, who joins us as Learning Support in Year 2, **Miss Prickett**, our new Learning Support in Year 1, and **Mrs Holliday**, who joins us as our new school counsellor.

We know they will make a wonderful addition to our school community and contribute greatly to the work we do. We are excited for them to join our fantastic team, and we know that everyone will help make them feel warmly welcomed as they settle into their new roles.

Lent Appeal – Big Lent Walk 2026

The Big Lent Walk is a nationwide initiative aimed at raising funds for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. By participating in the Big Lent Walk, we are not only encouraging our students to stay active but also teaching them the importance of compassion and generosity.

Each class took part in the walk by running, walking, or skipping around our school field. Our collective goal is to reach a total distance of 200 kilometres by the end of Lent. This ambitious target will require the dedication and enthusiasm of all our students, and we are confident that they will rise to the challenge.

There is still time to make a donation. You can do so by using the provided QR code, which will direct you to the donation page. Every contribution, no matter the size, will make a significant difference and help us reach our fundraising goal.

THE **BIG LENT**
WALK



*Thank
You!*

World Book Week

2nd – 6th March 2026

World Book Day 2026, on March 5th, focused on the theme "Go All In" for the National Year of Reading, aiming to make reading a fun, social, and everyday activity. It encouraged children to connect reading with their passions, such as football, film, and music, rather than just academic study.

World Book Week started off with the whole school wearing their pajamas on Monday, 2nd March. Everyone seemed so relaxed on the day. Children brought along their favourite bedtime stories to share with the class. On Friday, 6th March, we dressed up as characters from our favourite books. Everyone, including the staff looked amazing.

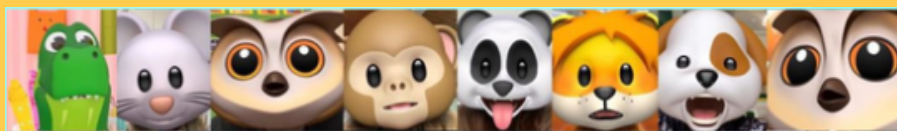


Masked Reader

A group of willing staff members were filmed reading a short extract from a children's book. To keep things mysterious, a filter was applied to obscure faces, so the children couldn't immediately tell who was reading. The video was shown to the children during the celebration assembly. The children had to guess which member of staff was behind each mask.

Thank you to all who took part and helped make this a memorable day for the children.

Congratulations!



Did you guess everyone!

Year Group Winners:

Year 1 - Stanley

Year 2 - Joshua

Year 3 - Kayden & Yashika

Year 4 - Sophie

Year 5 - Ellie

Year 6 - Lillie-Ella

Extreme Reading Challenge

At St Anne's, we believe that reading should be an adventure! To celebrate our love for books, we launched the **Extreme Reading Challenge**, which took place during Book Week. "**Extreme**" referred to the location, not the risk!

We invited pupils to get caught reading in the most unusual, creative, and "**extreme**" places possible. Whether it's at the top of a slide, under the kitchen table, or even in a dugout at a football match, we want to see it!

To see all of the unusual places the children were reading, please click the link below to look at our "[Extreme Reading Wall](#)".

The winners received a voucher to use at the book fair:

Xymon Yr1

Tom Yr3

Lois Yr5

Imogen Yr3

Freddie EYFS

Alissia Yr6

Book Fair

A huge thank you to all our amazing children and families for your wonderful support! Your enthusiasm and generosity truly brighten our school community. Thanks to you, we can keep adding exciting new books to our shelves, sparking imagination, curiosity and a love of reading in every classroom. We couldn't do it without you!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

School Trips & Topic Days

St George's College Mass

Over the last eight weeks, the Reception children have enjoyed a weekly visit from the Upper Sixth Form students at St George's College in Weybridge. The sessions have centered around our RE Topic, and the children have enjoyed taking part in singing, games and crafts.

On the final session, all of our Reception children enjoyed a coach ride to St George's College, where they were met by the students and led to the celebratory Mass. We were so proud of how confident the children were as they performed two songs!



Great Athletes

Thursday, 5th March

We welcomed Great Athletes, Commonwealth Para-athlete **Nerys Pearce** into school for a special visit. This is always a fantastic opportunity for the children to be inspired, take part in activities, and learn more about the importance of staying active and setting personal goals, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life.

Nerys led a high-energy sponsored fitness circuit that had all the children buzzing with excitement. They threw themselves into each activity, having great fun while cheering each other on and enjoying the chance to train alongside a real athlete. The session was followed by an inspiring motivational assembly and a lively Q&A, where the children enthusiastically asked questions and shared their own ideas.

A huge well done to all those who have raised sponsorships. As a school we have already raised **£1066 so far!**

Science Fair

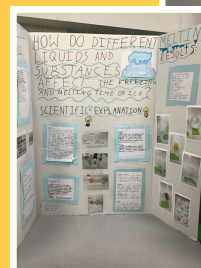
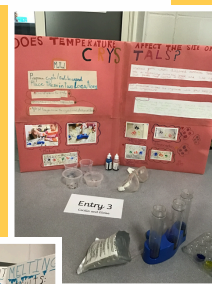
On Thursday, March 12th, our annual Science Fair was held with great success. The event showcased an impressive array of presentations, each demonstrating exceptional quality and depth of knowledge.

The enthusiasm and eagerness with which our budding scientists explained their experiments made the judging process particularly challenging. Each presentation was a testament to the students' hard work, creativity, and passion for science.

This year, in addition to our school's Science Fair, several projects from Key Stage 2 were selected to participate in the Xavier Science Fair Grand Final, on **Tuesday, March 24th**.

A huge congratulations to all the participants! Your contributions have made this event a remarkable success, and we eagerly anticipate the innovative projects you will present next year.

Miss Taylor - Science Lead





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 - February 2026

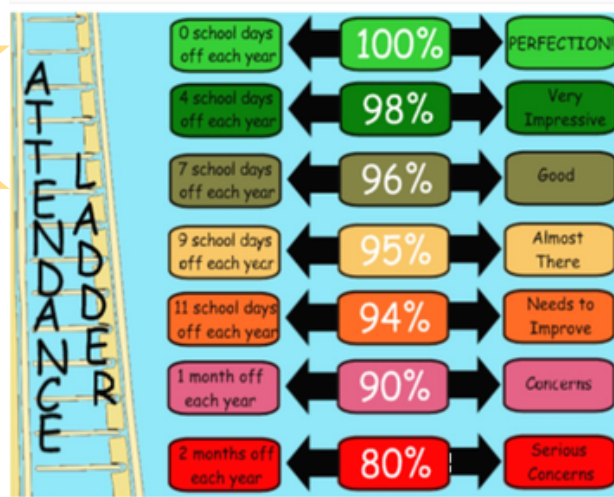
EYFS & KS1

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

KS2

	%
St. Cecilia	96
St. John Paul II	97
St. Carlo Acutis	95
St. Jane Frances de Chantal	97
St. Alphonsa	94
St. Nicholas of Myra	96
St. Francis Xavier	96
St. Josephine Bakhita	96

	%
EYFS	96
KS1	96
KS2	96



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 February.

Congratulations to **St. Paul, St Anne, St John Bosco, St. John Paul II & St Jane de Chantal** classes for reaching **97%** attendance 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](#)



April 2026		Important information: Summer Term Curriculum info to parents				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Start of Summer Term World Earth Day	14	15	16	17 Author Visit Philip Kavvadias	18
19	20	21	22 Class Worship St John Bosco – parents invited	23 St George's Day	24	25
26	27	28	29 Class worship – 2 St Bridget – parents invited	30 Parent Workshop: Supporting Emotional Regulation at Home 9-11am		

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, relaxed holiday, and the joy and happiness of the Easter Season. 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, 27th March (End of Term)

EYFS: 12 noon

KS1: 12.05 pm

KS2: 12.10 pm

SUMMER TERM COMMENCES ON

Monday, 13th April 2026

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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



Coin Collection

We are delighted to share the results of our recent Coin Collecting Competition, and we have been absolutely blown away by the enthusiasm and generosity shown by the children and families.

In total, the school collected an incredible **94 kg of coins** — roughly the same weight as a **baby elephant** or a **giant panda**! It was amazing to see such a huge volume of coins come in.

Competition Results (by weight)

1st Place: St Cecilia Class – 15.9 kg

We also discovered some fascinating and historic coins, including:

- An 1889 Queen Victoria Crown
- An 1889 Victorian penny
- Commemorative coins from the 1981 Royal Wedding
- Coins from the reign of King George VI (the current King's grandfather)
- International coins from Hawaii, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, India, Fiji and old French francs



All the coins have now been sent off for processing, and we will share another update once we know the total value of the coins collected.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. The volume and variety of coins collected has been truly remarkable, and it has been wonderful to see such excitement around the competition.

Gladiator Visit

On **Wednesday 18th March**, our school was buzzing with excitement as we welcomed **Steel**, the Gladiator for a very special visit!

From the moment Steel arrived, the children were captivated, listening eagerly, asking fantastic questions, and feeling truly inspired by his message.

One of the biggest highlights of the day was his incredible 30-second hand walk, which left everyone amazed and cheering! Every child also received a bottle of water, a sticker, and a signed photo to take home as a memorable keepsake.

The whole experience brought so much energy and joy to our school community. Both children and staff absolutely loved the visit, and it will certainly be remembered as one of the standout moments of the term!

Many thanks to the **PFA** for organising this very special event and for keeping it a secret!

Click on the picture below to see more photographs of the visit.



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Thank you for joining the Zactiv movement. I hope you found the Workshop enjoyable and that you share the valuable lessons we learned with your friends and family.

You and your family are now part of the exclusive ZACTIV COMMUNITY

Kindly ask your parent or guardian to scan the QR code provided below so you and your family can be part of the Zactiv Community Facebook group. To gain access, please use the code ZACTIV.

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Information Zone



The Case of the Lost Easter Eggs

Someone has stolen all the eggs from the Easter Bunny!

The children will need to search the playground for clues to eliminate suspects and help discover who the culprit is.

They will be rewarded with a chocolate egg delivered by the Easter Bunny. This will take place on **Friday morning 27th March**, during school hours.

We are asking for a donation of **£3** which will be collected on **Friday morning** at the school gates.



Tesco Blue Tokens – We Need Your Support!

We are very excited to share that St Anne's has been selected for the Tesco Grants Programme!

From **Tuesday 28th April**, you will be able to vote for us using the blue tokens available at the checkout in participating Tesco stores.



Every blue token helps us get closer to securing funding for our school project, so please do consider adding yours to the St Anne's pot when you shop. We'd also love your help spreading the word! Please encourage friends, family, neighbours, and anyone you know who shops at **Tesco** to pop their **blue tokens** into our pot too. The more votes we receive, the bigger the difference we can make for our pupils.

We'll be sending out more information, including which local stores are taking part, before voting opens.

Thank you for your support, every token really does count!

Fundraising Updates – A Huge Thank You!

We are absolutely delighted to share some fantastic fundraising news!

Thanks to your amazing support, the **school discos raised an incredible £1,200**, and the **Mother's Day Stall brought in over £800**. Your generosity makes a real difference, in fact, the only reason we were able to arrange the Gladiator Steel visit was because of the funds raised through your support.

A big thank you also goes to **everyone who has volunteered** this term. It has been wonderful to see so many new faces getting involved. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm help make our events possible.

As we look ahead, we're now turning our focus to **exciting plans for the summer term and beyond**. We'll be holding a meeting after the Easter break, and we would love to hear from as many of you as possible. More details will follow soon.

Thank you once again for your kindness and continued support, it truly strengthens our school community.



Information Zone

For All The Family 1st Saturday of the month 1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!

FREE DROP IN SESSION

Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 9AT chertseymuseum.org

Easter Holiday Activities

Egg Cup and Cosy
31 March
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Decorate an egg cup and create an egg cosy. Cost: £4

Easter Craft and Trail
2 April
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Make pom-pom chicks and bunnies, and a basket from card. Then follow an Easter trail with a little treat at the end. Cost: £3

Victorian-Style Zoetropes
7 April
11am-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm
Make a Zoetrope and watch a Victorian-style moving image. Cost: £4.50

Abbey Tiles
9 April
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Find out about Chertsey Abbey tiles. Then make one of your own. Cost: £4

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Activities for ages 6-12 (5 year olds with parent)
<https://www.zelly.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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@barnardos.org.uk

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Primary School Music Fundraiser

Mr Ellson from the Diocese has been visiting our school since the autumn to deliver Music lessons and is currently teaching Year 5. He will be walking the entire **Camino Frances Pilgrimage** in April to help support our and other schools' **music budgets**.

He will be dividing the funds equally among the nine schools he teaches at, and every penny raised will go directly to this cause.

Please follow link below to find out more and to donate to this great cause.

[Fundraiser by Fraser Ellson : Primary School Music Fundraiser](#)



Royal Holloway Science Festival

DISCOVER SCIENCE DAY
Saturday 28 March 2026

Join us for a day of science exploration and discovery at Royal Holloway, University of London

royalholloway.ac.uk/sciencefestival

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EASTER TIMETABLE

WORKSHOPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT:
VINTAGE CHIC RELOVED, FERRY LANE, SHEPPERTON, TW17 (UNLESS STATED)
MAXIMUM CLASS SIZES OF 8

- 31.3 MAKE A SUSTAINABLE EASTER WREATH YEAR 1-6 10AM YEAR 7+ 1PM
- 1.4 UPCYCLED EASTER BASKETS (FOR CHOCOLATE HUNTS) 10AM KIDS AND TEENS
- 2.4 UPCYCLED EASTER BUNNY PLANTERS 10AM KIDS AND TEENS
- 4.4 ADULT, TEEN OR CHILD UPCYCLED PLANT POT PAINTING 10AM AND 12PM
- 9.4 PARENT AND TEEN FURNITURE PAINTING WORKSHOP. 10.30AM RIVERHOUSE BARN ARTS CENTRE WALTON

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Friday 1st May 9:00am-11:00am

Sixth Form in Focus
Tuesday 9th June 8:20am-5:15pm

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