



# Newsletter

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April 2026



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



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school this week, along with the sunshine — long may it continue. It's hard to believe we are already entering the final term of the academic year; the months really have flown by.

We have a busy term ahead, including our Year 6 pupils preparing for their SATs. Please do keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We know they will give their very best, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Today we were delighted to welcome author Phillip Kavvadias into school! It was wonderful to see so many children leaving with excitement, eager to dive into his books this evening. Moments like these really do spark a love of reading.

A gentle reminder that children should not be using the play equipment or playing on the field at the end of the school day. At this time, we do not have full supervision in place, and their safety is our priority.

Please do keep an eye on our Instagram page and school website, where we regularly share updates about what the children have been learning and enjoying in school. We also encourage all parents to read the RE newsletters so you can support the children with their learning at home. It makes such a difference when school and families work together, and taking time to talk with your children about the positive things they do in school really helps to build their confidence and oracy.

Wishing you all a positive start to the term ahead.

God Bless

Mrs Martin

## Rosary – Month of May

As you know, we celebrate the months of **October** and **May** by praying the Rosary together.

We are delighted to be able to invite you once again, during the month of May, to remember **Our Lady**.

We will warmly welcome as many of you as possible to join us, to say a decade of the Rosary together at **8.35am** at the front of school.

Please do not worry if you do not know what to say, it is all about coming together during this month and pausing to reflect as a community.



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# May Procession – The Month of Mary

MONTH OF MAY  
MAY PROCESSION

To mark **May** as the month of Our Lady, the whole school will join in a May Procession on **Tuesday, 19th May**.

After a short service in the hall, children will visit prayer stations around the school field, each focused on **Mary**. As they move through the stations, they will help create a collaborative artwork that will be placed at Mary's feet.

This will be a beautiful way for our school community to honour **Our Lady**.

God Bless,

Mrs Pigot



## Prayers

As May is the month of Mary, I would like to challenge all of the children to learn one of these important prayers.

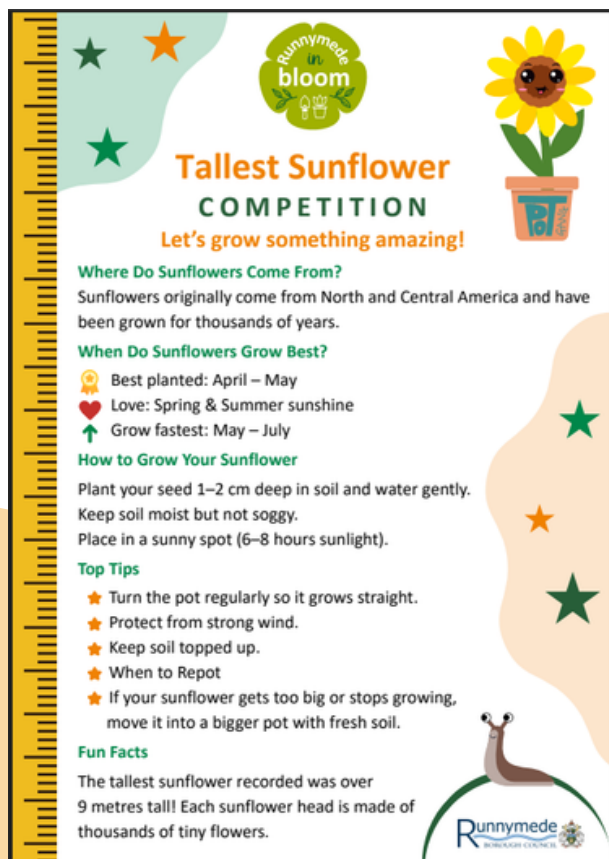
### KS1 – Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed are thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.



### KS2 – Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen,  
Mother of Mercy, Our life,  
our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us, And after this our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!  
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Amen.



**Runnymede in bloom**

### Tallest Sunflower COMPETITION

Let's grow something amazing!

**Where Do Sunflowers Come From?**  
Sunflowers originally come from North and Central America and have been grown for thousands of years.

**When Do Sunflowers Grow Best?**

- ☀️ Best planted: April – May
- ❤️ Love: Spring & Summer sunshine
- ⬆️ Grow fastest: May – July

**How to Grow Your Sunflower**  
Plant your seed 1–2 cm deep in soil and water gently. Keep soil moist but not soggy. Place in a sunny spot (6–8 hours sunlight).

**Top Tips**

- ★ Turn the pot regularly so it grows straight.
- ★ Protect from strong wind.
- ★ Keep soil topped up.
- ★ When to Repot
- ★ If your sunflower gets too big or stops growing, move it into a bigger pot with fresh soil.

**Fun Facts**  
The tallest sunflower recorded was over 9 metres tall! Each sunflower head is made of thousands of tiny flowers.

**Runnymede**  
COUNCIL

## Runnymede Tallest Sunflower Competition

We are absolutely delighted to announce that every primary school in Runnymede is now taking part in the Tallest Sunflower Competition organised by Runnymede Council.

Each class received a special sunflower booklet filled with fun facts, growing tips, and a tracker chart to record progress. The pots, soil, and seeds were delivered on **Tuesday 14th April**, ready for the start of the competition on the **15<sup>th</sup> April**. All class sunflowers will be kept outside by our green house.

This project provides a great opportunity for children to take on outdoor responsibilities such as watering, giving them plenty of sunlight and general plant care.

Each class will also be given a growth-tracking chart so pupils can measure and record their sunflower's progress over time. A fantastic way to see how quickly their sunflower grows and adds a fun, hands-on learning element to the project.

**Let's see which class can grow the tallest sunflower in Runnymede!**

# School Trips & Topic Days

## Year 6 Shine at Sportshall Athletics

On **Thursday 5th March**, a team of our **Year Six** pupils took part in a fantastic Sportshall Athletics event.

Throughout the morning, the children competed in a wide range of activities, including relay races, standing jump and chest throw.

From start to finish, they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, determination, and a wonderfully positive attitude. They supported one another, pushed themselves to do their best, and represented our school brilliantly. I was incredibly proud of every single one of them.

A huge *Congratulations* to the whole team!



Miss Green

## Cross-Country Event – A Morning of Determination and Pride

On **Saturday 21st March**, 24 pupils took part in a highly competitive cross-country event. Throughout the morning, the sun shone brightly, creating an uplifting atmosphere as our runners took to the course with confidence and determination.

With over **80 children** competing in each race, the standard was exceptionally high. Every one of our pupils displayed admirable perseverance and team spirit, encouraging one another and demonstrating the values we are so proud to uphold as a school.

I was incredibly proud of all who represented us. Their resilience, positivity, and commitment made the event a true celebration of character and effort.

We were especially delighted to acknowledge a standout performance from **Esme in Year 5**, who delivered an exceptional run and secured a place on the podium, finishing **3rd overall** a remarkable achievement.

Well done to all of our runners for representing the school with such pride and determination.

Miss Green.



## Rocksteady Performance

On Wednesday, **March 25th**, the school community, along with proud parents and carers of the band members, enjoyed a fantastic performance from the children taking part in the Rocksteady music lessons.

The pupils created their own imaginative rock band names and took on a variety of roles, including keyboard players, drummers, guitarists, and lead singers. Each group worked together brilliantly, showing teamwork, confidence, and amazing creativity.

Their performances were a wonderful celebration of the musical skills they have been developing. It was clear to everyone just how much effort and practice the children have put into their lessons. The hall was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of applause!

**Well done to all our young musicians for putting on such an enjoyable show, we are incredibly proud of you!**



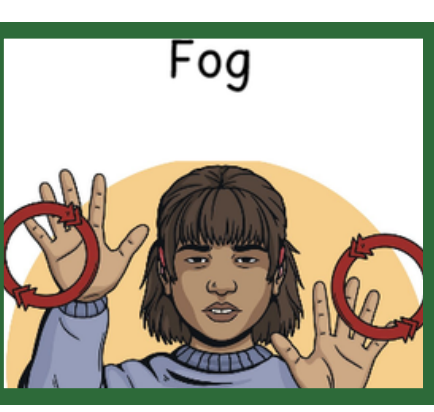
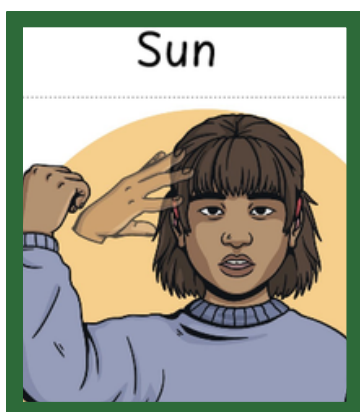
# Learning British Sign Language



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 - March 2026

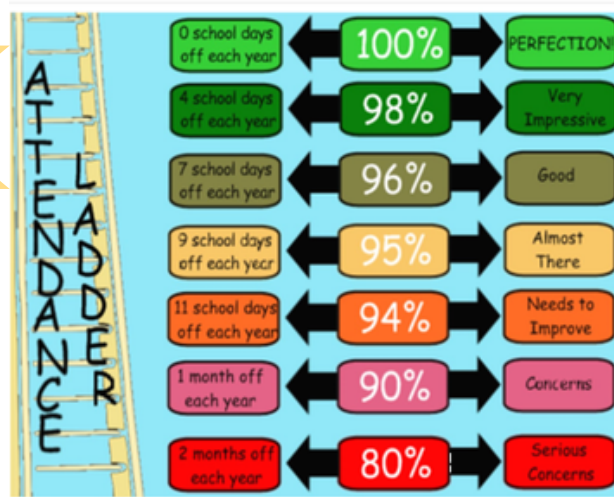
### EYFS & KS1

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

### KS2

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

Some class attendance was a little lower for March. Congratulations to **the five classes** who reached **98%** attendance for the month.

Many thanks for your cooperation.





# Safeguarding News

Please visit the safeguarding section of our school website for more information and useful resources.

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## Online Safety

While the internet is a valuable and exciting resource for learning and entertainment, children need guidance and support to help them use it safely and responsibly. Below are some top tips on how children can use the internet safely at home.

### Set up parental controls

Check settings are up to date and controls are applied on all devices and apps. Information on how to do this can be found on the school website.

### Supervise online activities

Ensure online activities are supervised by an adult and in a public space in your house such as the living room.

### Check age restrictions

Many apps have age restrictions to protect children from inappropriate content, and being aware of these can help you support your child to stay safe online.

<b>13+</b>		<b>16+</b>	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter	<b>17+</b>	<b>18+</b>
TikTok	Kik	Sarahah	MeetMe
YouNow	Yubo	YOLO	LiveMe
House Party	Monkey		

### How to set up parental controls on iOS

#### STEP 1

**Access settings**  
• Open your device's settings app.



#### STEP 2

**Turn on screen time**  
• Tap on "screen time" and then tap "turn on screen time".



#### STEP 3

**Choose your device**  
• If you're setting up screen time for your child's device, select "This is my child's [Device]".



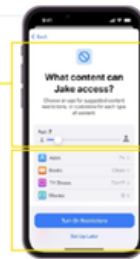
#### STEP 4

**Create a screen time passcode**  
• Enter a passcode and confirm it. This passcode will be required to change or disable screen time settings.  
• Make sure the passcode you set here is different from your device's unlock passcode (if any) to make sure your child cannot change your settings.

#### STEP 5

**Activate Content & Privacy Restrictions**

- Tap "Content & Privacy Restrictions" and enter your passcode.
- Make sure this passcode is distinct from your device's unlock passcode.



#### STEP 6

**Set age-related restrictions**  
• With iOS 16, you can set age related restrictions for content in apps, books, tv shows and movies during the screen time setup for a child's device.

## Pick up reminders

Please see below some important safeguarding measures we have in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children at 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.

## Resources for parents:

- Thinkuknow: Advice from the National Crime Agency.
- Childnet: Guidance on starting conversations and safe browsing.
- NSPCC & O2: Advice on setting up parental controls and internet safety.
- Internet Matters: Support for apps, social media, and managing screen time

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](#)



May 2026		Important information: KS2 SATS Rosary before school every day for pupils and parents				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <b>Bank Holiday</b>	5 Year 4 Chertsey Museum – Victorians	6 Year 4 Chertsey Museum – Victorians Class Assembly St Cecilia– parents invited 9.10am	7 Class Assembly 1 St Anne's – parents invited 9.10am	8	9
10	11 Year 6 SATS	12 Year 6 SATS	13 Year 6 SATS	14 Year 6 SATS	15	16
17	18	19 May Procession 9.10am	20 Class worship – St John Paul II– parents invited 9.10am	21	22  End of term	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>May Half Term</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> May						

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

Take care & God bless

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Martin  
Headteacher

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

Monday, 4th May (May Bank Holiday)



# Information Zone

## Sports Days

**Thursday, 11th June**

Reception Sports Day

**9:30am - 11:30am**

(Snacks & drinks on field from 11am - 11:30am with parents. Children back to class for lunch.)

**Monday, 15th June**

Yr 1/2 - **1:45pm**

**Tuesday, 16th June**

Yr 3/4 - **9:15am**

Yr 5/6 - **1:45pm**

On the day of Sports Day, children should wear a top in their house colour, along with PE shorts or jogging bottoms. They are to wear this to school, ready for the event.

In the event of a hot day, please ensure your child arrives at school with sun cream applied and a sun hat. If the weather is cooler, we ask that your child brings a jumper or cardigan they can put on.

We look forward to seeing you at the event and hope that everyone has a fantastic time!



## 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!



## Colour Run

We've received lots of feedback from parents, and the message has come through loud and clear — you'd love a colour run!

We're really keen to make this happen, but it's a volunteer-heavy event. To move forward with planning and booking, we need your support. We're asking you to sign up now to help us bring this exciting event to life.

We've been allocated Friday 10th July, and the event will take place straight after school.

Please use the link below to sign up as a volunteer. We need at least 30 volunteers to go ahead, so please feel free to involve aunts, uncles, siblings, grandparents — everyone is welcome to help!

<https://forms.gle/gDWez9HpLXLcUT58>



As soon as we have enough volunteers, we'll share more details and tickets will go on sale.


Thank you so much for your support.

The PFA Team



# Information Zone

## COFFEE MORNING



**PARENT WORKSHOP  
SUPPORTING EMOTIONAL REGULATION AT HOME**

**Where: St Anne's School  
When: 30th April 9-11 am**


We have invited **Stacey Reynolds** from **Freemantles** into St Anne's to hold a workshop for parents.

The Workshop will look at general tips for children who are **autistic** and/or have **ADHD**.

The Workshop will also focus on supporting emotional regulation at home. The strategies discussed will be relevant for any children and families who experience emotional dysregulation.

This promises to be a very informative morning. Please do try to come along; get some helpful advice, chat with other parents & have a coffee/tea and biscuits too!

**RSVP: [rlwthwaite@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rlwthwaite@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk)**



## Quiz Night

Bring your family, friends and brain power for another fun night of quizzing

Tickets on sale now  
Bar & Raffle on the night

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**DOORS OPEN 6.30PM**

**START AT 7PM**  
**ST ANNE'S SCHOOL HALL**


Run by the St Anne's Catholic Primary School Parents & Friends Association



The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for **Bikeability Cycling Instructors**. Please click on the link below for more information.

[Cycling Instructor - Surrey County Council](#)

Regards  
The Cycle Training Team  
Surrey County Council



St George's College  
WEYBRIDGE

## Acres of Opportunity

**OPEN MORNING  
FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2026**

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# Information Zone



## Bugs and Bloom Creative Workshop with A Line Art

**Chertsey Library**  
**25th April, 2026**



11.30-12.30 and 1.30-2.30



## MAY HALF-TERM BASKETBALL CAMP

**GLEBELANDS SCHOOL, CRANLEIGH:**  
Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May

**GUILDFORD HIGH SCHOOL:**  
Thursday 28th & Friday 29th May

**YEARS 2-8 (AGES 6-13)**

10am-3pm  
£36 per day

10%  
EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNT

- Fun games and matches.
- Learn new skills from experienced coaches.
- Cool prizes to be won.
- Everyone is welcome.

**BOOKINGS: [jessaustin.co.uk/basketball](http://jessaustin.co.uk/basketball)**

**THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK**  
6 - 14 June

Scan QR Code for more info on our photo competition

Our Beautiful Borough Photo Competition

Enter for FREE between 6 April - 31 May

Save the date for Great Big Green Week 6 - 14 June 2026

[www.runnymede.gov.uk/GBGW](http://www.runnymede.gov.uk/GBGW)

**Great Big Green Week**, the UK's largest celebration of community action to address climate change and protect nature, is returning to Runnymede from **6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### 'Our Beautiful Borough' Nature & Wildlife Photography Competition Launched

We think Runnymede is beautiful and we would like our communities to help us celebrate this. As a lead-in to Great Big Green Week, our photography competition is returning for a third year. We are asking entrants to send us their best nature and wildlife photos taken anywhere in the borough of Runnymede. The competition is now open for submissions and will run until **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026** in two categories: **Under 18 and 18 & over**. To enter, entrants need to email a maximum of 3 photographs to [climatechange@runnymede.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@runnymede.gov.uk) with their name, age category, and the location and a short description of each photo. More information and full terms and conditions can be found on our website: **Great Big Green Week – Runnymede Borough Council**.