



Newsletter

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



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension with Fr Graham leading us in a beautiful mass, a moment in the Church's year that invites us to pause and reflect on hope, purpose and the promise of new beginnings. It reminds us that even as we look upward with faith, we are called to move forward with courage — a message that feels especially fitting this week.

Our wonderful Year 6 children have shown exactly that. As they completed their SATs, their resilience, determination and sheer positivity have been nothing short of inspiring. I could not be more proud of each and every one of them. They approached each day with maturity and determination, and they truly embodied the spirit of St Anne's. A huge thank you also goes to our dedicated teachers and staff who have supported them every step of the way. It really has been a whole-school effort: from Mr Marek setting up desks and rooms, to our office staff managing the SATs administration, to our LSAs supporting across the school, and of course our wonderful teachers guiding the children with such care. We are very lucky here at St Anne's.

The weather, on the other hand, seems to be having an identity crisis — four seasons in one day, very reminiscent of Ireland. I do wish it would make up its mind and settle on sunshine for a while.

Some children may have mentioned spotting builders or electricians around the site recently. I'm delighted to say that we are in the process of making some exciting improvements to the school environment. These developments are all for the benefit of the children, and we can't wait to share more details with you very soon — so watch this space!

As the children have begun using our prayer garden more frequently again, we would love to refresh it with some new plants. If you happen to be visiting a garden centre over the weekend or during May half-term and are able to donate a plant or two, we would be incredibly grateful. Even small contributions make a big difference to creating a peaceful, beautiful space for the children.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and, hopefully, a bit more sunshine.

SATs – Year 6

A huge well done to our Year 6 children, who have completed their SATs this week with incredible dedication, determination and perseverance. Their focus and determination have been truly impressive. We are so proud of the positive attitude they have shown each day.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all staff who have supported the children throughout the week, from providing breakfast each morning to help settle nerves, to the many members of staff who kindly gave their time to administrate the tests.

A special thank you goes to the Year 6 team, whose calm, nurturing approach created a safe and reassuring environment, enabling the children to feel confident and ready to do their very best. A wonderful team effort all round.

We are proud of every single one of the children.



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May Procession – The Month of Mary

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

MONTH OF MAY
MAY PROCESSION



The Travelling Rosary

Each class will have a special folder - their Travelling Rosary! This thoughtfully prepared folder is filled with meaningful items designed to bring you and your family together during May, offering a space for reflection and prayer.

Inside, you'll find a special reflection book where you can express your thoughts in a way that feels personal to you. Whether it's a drawing, a written reflection, or simply a few words about what the Rosary means to you, this book is yours to make your own.

Take time with your loved ones to explore the contents of the folder, share conversations about the month of Mary, and reflect on the significance of the Rosary in your life.

Once you've had your special time with the Travelling Rosary, please return the folder so the next person in your class can experience it too.



We welcome...

Miss Elrick, who joins us as Learning Support in Year 2, Miss Corbett Learning Support in Year 3 & Miss Hylands & Miss Branson, who join the after school club team.

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.

Good Luck & Farewell

As we say welcome to new members of staff, we also say a very fond farewell to Miss Rose.

Miss Rose, has been a valued member of our school community for the past five years. As a dedicated Learning Support Assistant in EYFS, she has supported countless children with patience and creativity, whether working one-to-one or taking small groups to help them grow in confidence and independence. Beyond the classroom, she has led our Netball Club and the much-loved Little Peoples Art Factory sessions, giving children opportunities to shine in sport and art. Miss Rose is now moving on in her journey to work in a children's nursery, and while we will miss her greatly, we know she will continue to make a wonderful difference. We wish her every success in this exciting new chapter.



We send her off with our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes.

School Trips & Topic Days

Year 4 Chertsey Museum Trip – Victorians

The Year 4 children visited Chertsey Museum on Tuesday 5th May & Wednesday, 6th May to support their learning about the **British Empire** and the **Victorian era**.

The children took part in an object-based session using both replica and original Victorian artefacts. Activities included role-play, dressing up, and art. The focus was on comparing the lives of rich and poor Victorian children, exploring their home life, work, and schooling. This will help the children to understand how challenging life was for many children during this period.



Praying the Rosary

We celebrate the months of October and May by praying the Rosary together.

We have been gathering in front of the prayer garden, during the month of May, to say a decade of the Rosary, to remember Our Lady.



Ascension Mass

Thursday, 14th May

Our school community came together in reverence and joy to celebrate Ascension Day with a special Mass. Ascension Day marks the moment when Jesus returned to heaven, reminding us of His promise to always be with us and to guide us in our daily lives. Pupils, and staff gathered in a spirit of prayer and reflection as we listened to scripture, sang hymns, and took part in the liturgy.

The Mass also encouraged us to reflect on how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps by showing kindness, compassion, and love to those around us. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in faith, strengthening our shared values and sense of belonging.

St George's Day

Thursday, 23rd April



EYFS learnt about who St George was, how he showed great bravery, and why he became a martyr. The children created "**Shields of Faith**" for display and drew pictures showing how they could help others too.





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.

Thirsty



Hungry



Repeat



Tennis



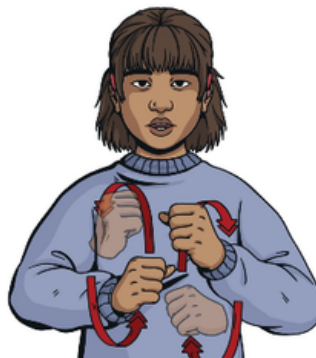
Dancing



Reading



Running



Walking



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 - April 2026

EYFS & KS1

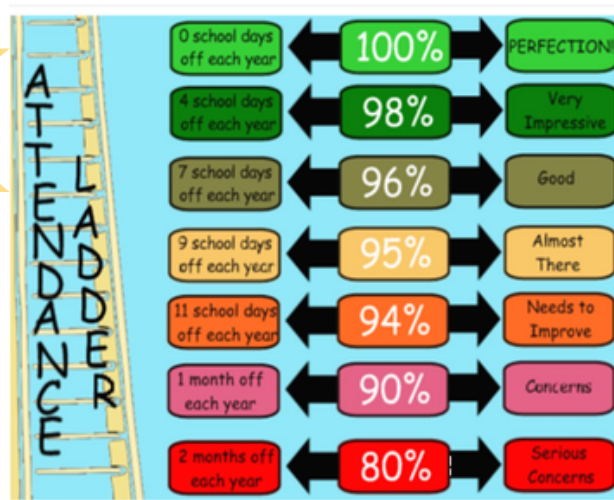
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Sunshine (St. Paul)	92
Rainbow (St. Peter)	99
St. Anne	95
St. Joseph	98
St. Bridget	95
St. John Bosco	98

KS2

	%
St. Cecilia	91
St. John Paul II	98
St. Carlo Acutis	96
St. Jane Frances de Chantal	98
St. Alphonsa	97
St. Nicholas of Myra	96
St. Francis Xavier	96
St. Josephine Bakhita	97

EYFS KS1 KS2

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95
96
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 April. Congratulations to **Rainbow Class** who reached **99%** 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](#) 

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Back to school New Parents Information Evening 6pm	2	3	4 Drama Club Extended rehearsal 3.15-6pm	5 Yr 1- 5 Class Photographs	6
7	8 Year 6 Residential	9 Year 6 Residential District Sports – Year 3,4,5	10 Year 6 Residential	11 Reception Sports Day 9.30am	12 Inset day	13
14	15 Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 1.45pm parents arrive 1.30pm	16 Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 9.15AM start. Parents stay after <u>drop</u> off. Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 1.30pm Parents arrive from 1.15.	17 Sunshine class worship – parents invited 9.10am	18 Rainbows Class worship – parents invited 9.10am Father's Day Breakfast – Year 1 Drama Club Extended rehearsal 3.15-6pm	19	20
21	22	23	24 5 St Nicholas class worship – parents invited	25 1 st Jospheh Class assembly – parents invited Drama Club Extended rehearsal 3.15-6pm	26 Drama Club Summer Performance 6.15pm	27
28	29 EYFS attend Mass for St Peter and Paul	30 Salesian Transition Day Y7				

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, 26th May - Friday, 30th May (May Half Term)

Friday 12th June - Inset Day



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** (parents arrive from 1.30pm)

Tuesday, 16th June

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

Yr 5/6 - **1:30pm** (parents arrive from 1.15pm)



Colour Run – Friday, 10th July



Buy tickets here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stanneschertseypfa/index.cfm>

Ticket prices

- Early bird: £6 per person (available until 31st May)
- Standard price: £8 per person (from 1st June)

Ticket sales will close on Friday 26th June, unfortunately we won't be able to accept any bookings after this date.

Important information

- This is a family event. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who remains on site. Adults don't have to run — but we'd love you to join in if you can! Everyone taking part on the course must have a ticket.
- Start time slots (**3.30pm, 4.00pm, 4.30pm**) are a guide only. Not everyone will be able to be on the course at the same time, and there will be plenty of other activities to enjoy before or after your run.
- If your child attends **After School Club**, they must be collected **before** attending the Colour Run. Staff will not escort children to the event.
- Eye protection is mandatory for all participants. Glasses or goggles must be worn at all times on the course (e.g. sunglasses). Participants without eye protection will not be able to take part.
- We recommend wearing a white or light-coloured top to get the full colour effect. A children's t-shirt can be purchased during booking, or you may provide your own.
- The paint powder used is non-toxic and biodegradable, and safe for both participants and the environment. However, we cannot guarantee it won't stain clothing or footwear. You may wish to bring a change of clothes or a towel to protect car seats for the journey home.



Volunteers

Thank you to those that have volunteered so far, we have met the minimum number of volunteers required however the more we have the better, so please continue to volunteer via the link below. All volunteers will be added to a WhatsApp group with further information in due course.

<https://forms.gle/m4sL1hA7z8AvJ5jx9>

Event sponsorship

We are looking for local businesses to sponsor the colour stations. If this is something you may be interested in, please get in touch to discuss further: stannespfa@stanneschertsey.surrey.sch.uk

We would also love to hear from anyone who may be able to help us source hay bales for the event. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The PFA





Information Zone


Buy A Brick

Our celebration of pupils, contractors and volunteers in our school hall is ongoing, each year we will offer you the opportunity to get yourself added and be a lasting part of our St Anne's Family wall. We will continue to add bricks ordered, the next we will endeavour to order and install before the current year 6 leavers events. Please submit your orders **by Sunday 31st May 2026** to allow us to order and install in time.

We particularly encourage our year 6 leavers to purchase a brick before they head off onto their next chapter and our new reception children who joined in September too. It is never too late to join so if you missed previous opportunities, now is your time.

For just **£50** minimum donation you can purchase a personalised engraved brick slip which will be displayed in the new school hall along with the bricks already in place. Each brick slip can contain 2 lines of text with a maximum of 16 characters (including spaces and punctuation), per line using Helvetica font and will be produced on grey clay with gold engraving. Please look out for this in the hall when you are next in or see our website - <https://www.stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Buy+A+Brick+Fundraiser&pid=114>

We would also welcome companies to sponsor a special double brick for £150 minimum donation. This will be produced just as the individual brick slip only will allow for 4 lines of text again with a maximum of 16 characters (including spaces and punctuation), per line using Helvetica font and will be produced on grey clay with gold engraving.

To order please make payment via ScoPay or bank transfer and complete this form - [Buy a Brick Order Form - Summer Term 2026 – Fill in form](#) 

Please note - The deadline for ordering for your brick to be on display before the end of this school year is Sunday 31st May 2026.

The display will form a lasting testament to those who attended and supported St Anne's School over the years and help us raise money to purchase further equipment for the children and help us maintain the lovely communal space created in 2024.

If you would like to be part of the brickwork and support our fundraising initiatives, please complete the form and make payment via ScoPay (if you are a current St Anne's parent) or bank transfer using the below bank details with your name and BRICK as the reference:

Lloyds Bank
St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Sort Code: 30-99-80
Account Number: 78008868

Thank you so much for your support

Your Name &
Message Here



Information Zone



Art Camp

Every holiday, we run the camp which is a vibrant, hands-on escape where children can dive headfirst into their imagination while school is out.

The camp is for all ages, and the young artists explore a wide variety of mediums - from traditional painting and clay sculpting to tactile projects involving pipe cleaners, cutting, and sticking.

A firm favourite is our puffy paint sessions, which always prove to be a massive hit for their unique, 3D texture! Beyond the mess and the fun, our goal is to help every child improve their art skills and gain confidence in their creative voice, leaving them with unique masterpieces and a genuine sense of accomplishment.

The children say:

I like Art Camp because it is fun making friends and doing something new every time.

I am not the biggest art fan, but I loved Art Camp.

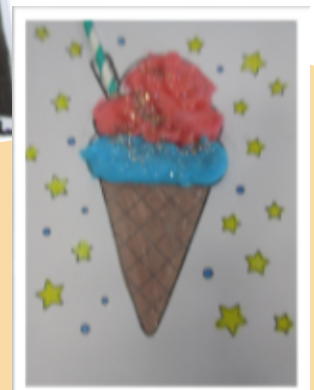
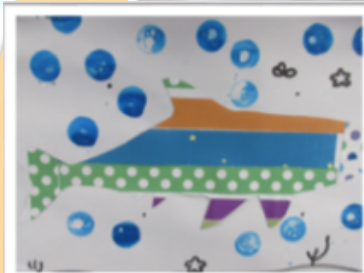
Art Camp makes me so happy. I love being creative.

I can't wait to go to Art Camp again. I love drawing in the playground!



Summer Term Holiday Art Camps

-  Tuesday 26th May-Friday 29th May
-  Monday 3rd August-Friday 7th August
-  Monday 10th August-Friday 14th August
-  Monday 17th August-Friday 21st August



Please come and join us at one of our next Art Camps!