



St. Anne's

Newsletter

Free Prae Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8ET
Headteacher: Mrs C Martin

September 2026



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back. They have returned with enthusiasm, positivity, and a great attitude to learning, and it has been a joy to see them settle so quickly into school life. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception children, who have made a fantastic start to their journey at St Anne's. They have settled in so well already, and we feel incredibly lucky to have them as part of our school family.

We were delighted to begin the new school year by celebrating Mass together with Fr Stephen. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to gather as a faith community and reflect on our shared mission, with Christ at the centre of all that we do.

We greatly appreciate your efforts in ensuring that children arrive at school on time, ready to learn, and dressed in the correct uniform. These small but important routines help children make the most of every school day.

We were also delighted to host our first prospective parents' tour of the year today. It was wonderful to hear so many positive comments about how fantastic the school looks and the warm atmosphere that visitors experienced. Parents were particularly complimentary about our children, commenting on their excellent behaviour and friendliness.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions.

Strong partnerships between home and school are essential to ensuring children thrive, and we are grateful for your continued support.

As a school community, I have high expectations of our staff, children and parents. We all play an important role in creating the positive, nurturing environment that our children deserve. At St Anne's, we expect everyone to treat one another with kindness, courtesy and respect always. By working together in this way, we can continue to model the values we want our children to develop and ensure our school remains a happy and supportive place for all.

Please take a few moments to read through this newsletter carefully, as it contains several reminders including information regarding parking.

God Bless. Mrs Martin



Is your child starting school in
September 2027?

If your child was born between

1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023



They are eligible to start school in the next academic year. Please ensure that you have completed and returned an application form for the schools of your choice as soon as possible, available from the schools' offices or websites.

Online applications for a primary school place will open from 2nd November 2026 applications will need to be completed by 15th January 2027.

Please visit - www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access application form & more information on how to apply.

You can download the app ParentComms to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application. Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

**PLEASE NOTE - CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15th
JANUARY 2027**

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You can start your online application any time from 1st September 2026, but you must have completed your application by 31st October 2026. We would suggest you submit your application by Friday, 16th October 2026 before the half-term holiday.

Please visit - www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access an application form.

You can download the app ParentComms to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application. Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

**PLEASE NOTE - CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
31st OCTOBER 2026**

To request a paper application form for either a primary or secondary school or for all other enquiries, you can call 0300 200 1004

School Tours for Prospective Parents

- Tuesday, 8th October at 1:30pm
- Tuesday, 10th November at 9:30am
- Tuesday, 26th Nov at 1:30 pm

All prospective parents are very welcome. Please click on the link below to book a tour.

CLICK HERE





This is **WHO WE ARE**

*"It is not enough to love children,
they must know they are loved."*

Our Values



Respect



Kindness



Perseverance



Forgiveness



Inclusivity



Our Vision

*Rooted in Christ's love, we offer the highest quality education,
nurturing every child to grow in faith, learning, and character.*

*When they leave us, they do so as respectful, confident, and
resilient individuals, ready to thrive in today's world.*

Our Mission

*To ensure every member of our school community feels
loved, and we do this by putting Christ at the heart
and following our School Values.*

*We nurture
curiosity,
creativity, and a
love for learning in
every student.*

School Uniform

The children all looked so smart on the first day wearing their school uniform that I think it is appropriate just to say a few words.

Wearing school uniform helps to develop the sense of community and the concept that we all belong to a special team which is, of course, the brilliant St. Anne's! So it really is important that the children wear their uniform correctly, whenever they are wearing it. The wrong message is being given if, as soon as school finishes, the wearing of school uniform becomes irrelevant and untidy. Can I remind parents that shirts/blouses must be tucked in please.

St. Anne's children are recognized wherever they go and I'd like to think this is because of their good manners and by how smart they look. Please, please do support us in this and insist that your child wears their uniform properly. It is crucial that we are all giving out the same message.

Just a gentle reminder that long hair must be tied back and hair accessories must be green and/or white only. Boys' hair must be short and tidy. No extreme hair cuts for boys or girls are allowed e.g. shaved head with hair on top. I would also be grateful if you could please ensure that coats are dark green, black, charcoal grey or navy.

We would like to introduce a partnership with label makers Stikins.



These labels can be ordered with your child's name on. They can then be used to label clothes, water bottles, lunchboxes etc.

If you use this link [Name Labels | Stick On School Name Labels | Stikins®](#) it should automatically include our school code, if it doesn't, we would be grateful if you could enter 18728 in the school code box, by doing this the school receive money from Stikins at no cost to you.

P.E.

Just a reminder that children **should not** be wearing earrings during PE.

Earrings should not be covered with tape as an alternative, as this does not remove the safety risk.

School Hours



	<u>Morning Session</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u>
EYFS	8.35am-12.00noon	1.10pm-3.00pm
Year 1	8.35am-12.10pm	1.10pm-3.05pm
Year 2	8.35am-12.10pm	1.10pm-3.05pm
KS2	8.35am-12.10pm	1.10pm-3.15pm

Whole School Morning Break **10.30am-10.45pm**

School opens **8.35am**
Gates Close **8.50am**
Registration **8.55am**

The staff are not on duty until **8.35am**, so no children should be left in the playground before this time.

Parents are only allowed to drive into school for the drop off zone in the mornings from **8:30am**. There is no parking for parents during the rest of the school day. The drop off zone is only for dropping off.

Please note - cycling or scootering is not permitted on the school grounds by adults or children.

Due to children with allergies, dogs are not allowed on the premises past the main school gates.

Mobile Telephones/Safeguarding

Can I remind you that the children must not bring smartphone mobile telephones into school.

We appreciate that some of our Year 6 pupils travel to and from school independently, and we understand that, for some families, providing a mobile phone may seem a practical measure for safety and communication.

Please note however, that a signed phone agreement is required before they can bring a phone to school. The agreement must be signed by both you and your child. A copy of the mobile phone letter and agreement can be collected from your child's class teacher or from the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Similarly if parents are on site we do ask, for safeguarding reasons, that you **do not use** your mobile phones on school premises.



IT'S A
Girl



We are delighted to share the wonderful news of the safe arrival of Matilda Grace, born to Miss Gullick and her partner.

Matilda arrived weighing 7lb 1oz, and we are pleased to report that both mother and baby are doing very well as they enjoy this special time together as a family.

We are sure that the whole school community will join us in extending our warmest congratulations to the family and in welcoming little Matilda. We look forward to meeting her when she is able to visit us in the future.

Parking

We have already received complaints from local residents regarding parking on Free Prae Road and the surrounding roads at collection time.

Please do not park on double yellow lines or block driveways. This is illegal and causes significant disruption for local residents. The yellow lines are there to ensure roads remain safe for pedestrians to cross, and parking on them can put children and other road users at risk.

We fully support our neighbours and have advised them that any photographic evidence they collect should be shared directly with the Council and the police. This type of parking is unacceptable and should not be happening. Please allow sufficient time to find a suitable parking space and be prepared to walk a little further if necessary.

The morning drop-off lane only works efficiently when drivers approach the school by turning left into the entrance. If vehicles attempt to turn right into the school, traffic quickly backs up, preventing cars from leaving the site and causing congestion for everyone. Please do not turn right into the school entrance. If required, use the roundabout at the end of the road to approach from the correct direction.

Please also ensure that drop-off is completed promptly. If your child needs additional reassurance and you would like to wait with them until they enter the building, you will need to park safely and walk them into school rather than using the drop-off lane.

A reminder that the front section of the car park is reserved for staff parking only. If staff are unable to park on site, they cannot be available to welcome children into school at the start of the day. Parents should only park in the school car park after 4:00pm and only if there are clearly marked free spaces available. This helps to keep everyone safe and ensures the car park remains accessible for staff and authorised visitors.

Communication

When school staff call you, they will always leave a voicemail where possible. Please listen to the message before returning the call, as some calls may simply be providing information and may not require a response. If you do need to call back, the voicemail will help you identify who contacted you. As several phones operate through the same system, we cannot always tell which member of staff called you based solely on a missed call.

If you need to communicate something urgent that requires attention on the same day, please telephone the school rather than emailing. We receive a high volume of emails every day and cannot guarantee that urgent messages sent by email will be seen immediately.

Please also note that the Sunrise and Sunset Club teams are unable to monitor emails during the school day as they are working with children in class, supervising lunch duties, or preparing for club sessions. Any urgent messages relating to your child should therefore be communicated by phone.

We work hard to keep our website up to date and provide regular newsletters to avoid overloading parents with emails. Please check these resources first for dates, forms, and important information before contacting the office. If you notice anything missing or incorrect, please let us know and we will update it as quickly as possible.

Arbor

Arbor is now our primary communication system and the main database for pupil information. It is important that all families have access to Arbor. If you are experiencing any difficulties with the platform, please contact us and we will do our best to help.

If there is someone you would like to authorise to collect your child, please add them through Arbor. To do this:

1. Open your child's profile.
2. Select Guardians.
3. Choose Add Guardian.
4. Change the contact type to "Not an emergency contact" if appropriate.
5. Tick the "Can Collect" option.

This ensures that we have a clear record of the adults you have authorised to collect your child.

What's New!

Our New School Library

Over the summer, we have been working hard to develop our brand-new library. It looks amazing, I'm sure your children have been telling you about it! To ensure that our library remains well stocked with a wide variety of high quality and engaging books, we will be subscribing to the Hampshire Library Service. This partnership will provide a regular supply of exciting new titles and help us keep our collection fresh, diverse and appealing for all year groups. Each class will have a weekly timetabled library session, during which they will be able to borrow and return books. We hope this will become a valued part of the school week and encourage children to read regularly at home. We will be sending further information over the coming weeks, including details about borrowing arrangements, book care expectations and return procedures.



Our Updated Computer Room

We are delighted to share that our computer room has successfully moved to the cabin and is now fully up and running. The new space provides a fantastic learning environment and, for the first time, allows whole classes to take part in computing lessons together on a weekly basis.

The children have been incredibly excited about using the new computer room. Our Reception pupils in particular were amazed when they first walked in and saw the rows of computers ready for learning. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have made a wonderful start to the year.

The children have adapted brilliantly to their new surroundings. They have quickly become familiar with the room, are using the equipment responsibly, and have been working hard during their computing lessons.



New Lockers for Years 5 & 6

Our Years 5 and 6 pupils were thrilled to see the arrival of their brand-new lockers this term. The lockers provide a dedicated space for children to safely store their belongings, helping to keep the school environment clean, organised and clutter-free.

As well as offering a practical storage solution, the lockers are an excellent way to help prepare our pupils for the transition to secondary school, where using lockers is often part of everyday life. It has also been wonderful to see the transformation of the top-floor corridor. With belongings now neatly stored away, the space feels much more open and welcoming, and the whole area looks fantastic. We are delighted with the difference they have made and know the children are enjoying using them.



Thank You

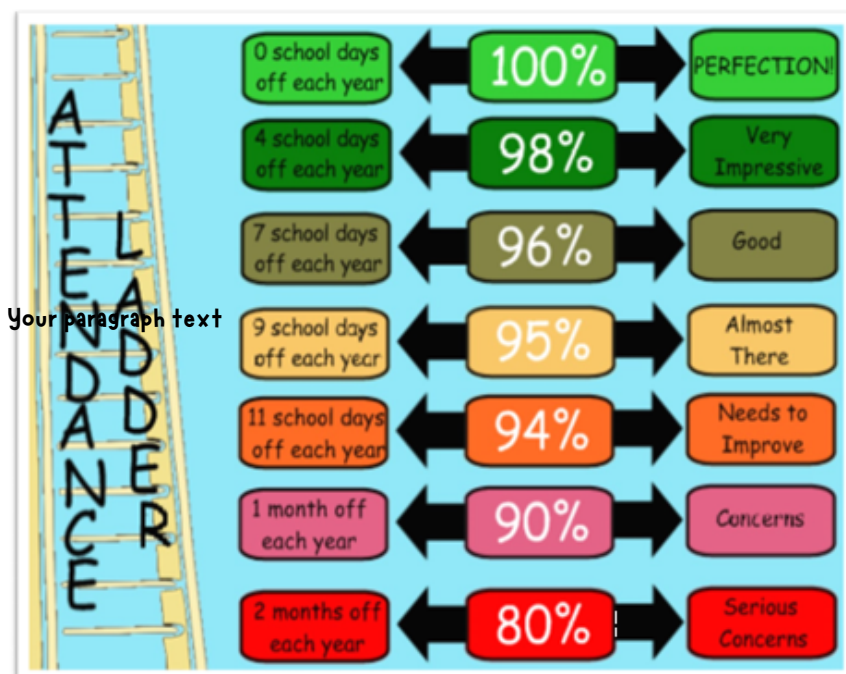
None of these exciting improvements would have been possible without the incredible support of our school community. Through the many enjoyable events and activities organised by our PFA, vital funds have been raised to help make these changes a reality. We are truly grateful to each and every one of you for your continued generosity, enthusiasm and support.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped clear rooms, move furniture and relocate resources during this period of change. A special thank you goes to Mr Marek, our caretaker, who worked tirelessly throughout the summer holidays to ensure everything was ready for the start of the new school year. His hard work, dedication and commitment have played a significant part in making these improvements possible.

Attendance - Penalty Notices

Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
 2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 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 £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
 3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.
- Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.



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!



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, to find the latest Parish Newsletter [St. Anne's Parish Newsletter](#)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED 2	3
4	5	YEAR 2 NURTURING NURSES DAY 6	7	NEW PARENT TOUR 1.30PM 8	9	10
11	YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY TRY IT OUT DAY 12	INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS - ASC ROOM 13 EYFS WELCOME ASSEMBLY - 9.30AM	14	15 YEAR 4 BIKEABILITY	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 HALF - TERM	27	28 ART CAMP 26 TH - 30 TH	29	30	31

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

Take care & God bless

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Martin
Headteacher

School Closed

Friday, 2nd October - Inset Day



Information Zone



Open Evening

School Open Evening (Year's 7 to 11) at Guildford Road on Thursday 1st October 2026, 5-7.30 pm. Please note that there is no need to book but do let us know if you have any specific accessibility requirements.

Open Mornings

We are pleased to announce that Salesian will be conducting Open Mornings during the school day on the following dates:

1. Wednesday 23rd September
2. Tuesday 29th September

Open Mornings start at 8.45am and involve a short tour of the school.

To register your interest please follow [this link](#).



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OPEN EVENTS



OPEN EVENING
30th September 2026
(5:00pm - 8:00pm)

OPEN MORNING
21st, 23rd, 28th & 30th September 2026
(Tour Times 9:00am and 10:00am)

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OPEN EVENTS

Admissions to Year 7 in 2027

Open Evening:

- Thursday 24th September
- 6pm-8.30pm

Open Mornings:

- Monday 21st-Wednesday 23rd September
- 9-10am & 10-11am



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