



St. Anne's

Newsletter

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

October 2026



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I would like to share a truly special example of our Catholic ethos in action. One of our Year 6 pupils has lovingly made a pair of rosary beads for every child in the school. This was an incredibly thoughtful act of kindness, generosity and service to others, reflecting the values that sit at the heart of our Catholic community. Through this selfless gesture, she has demonstrated what it means to live out our mission by thinking of others, and helping to strengthen our faith family. We are extremely proud of Gloria and grateful for the positive example she has set for us all.

We were delighted to hold our EYFS Welcome Assembly. During the celebration, each child received their red heart badge, a special symbol of our commitment to loving and valuing every child. As a Catholic school, we want every pupil to know that they are unique, cherished and created in God's image. The red heart serves as a reminder that they belong here and that we hope they feel cared for, supported and loved each and every day they walk through our doors.

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. Our new library is already proving a huge success, and there is a real buzz around reading across the school. It is fantastic to see so many children excited about books and eager to borrow and share what they have been reading. Long may it continue!

Following feedback from our parent survey, we have arranged a **workshop for parents on 4th November: "Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety."** Early support can make a huge difference to children who may be struggling with worries, separation anxiety or difficulties at the school gate. I strongly encourage you to attend. Tea, coffee, cake and a safe, welcoming space will be provided.

Finally, a reminder that **mobile phones should not be used on the school site and children must not play on the equipment, field or cage area** at the end of the school day. These expectations are in place for everyone's safety and have been communicated on several occasions.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all children have started the term in the correct school uniform. It has made a real difference, and we're delighted to see everyone looking smart and ready to learn.

The children have made a fantastic start to the term and are working incredibly hard in their lessons. Their enthusiasm and focus have been wonderful to see.

Just a few reminders:

- KS1 children should be bringing a green school bag to school each day as per uniform policy.
- Dogs are **not** permitted on school grounds, so we kindly ask that you do not bring them when dropping off or collecting your child.
- Please **do not** park in the drop-off zone before **8:30am**, as this area needs to remain clear for safe and efficient drop-offs.

Thank you again for your support. We're looking forward to a successful and enjoyable term ahead.

School Tours for Prospective Parents

- Tuesday, 10th Nov at 9:30 am
- Thursday, 26th Nov at 1:30 pm

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

CLICK HERE



Praying the Rosary



We would like to extend a special thank you to one of our Year 6 pupils Gloria, who generously gave her time and talents to make Rosary bracelets for every child in the school.

These beautiful bracelets are helping our pupils to pray the Rosary together each morning throughout the month of October. This thoughtful act of kindness and faith has been greatly appreciated by both children and staff, and we are very proud of the care and dedication shown in creating such a meaningful gift for our school community.

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Online Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will be held on **Tuesday, 17th November** (3.30pm - 6.30pm) & **Wednesday, 18th November** (3.30pm - 6pm).

These will again be held online. The process for booking your appointment will open on **Monday, 9th November** at 9am. This initial meeting will be to discuss how your child has settled in and to give you targets for the year ahead. It would be great if everyone was able to join their class teacher. Please make a point of booking an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Details on how to book an appointment will be sent out shortly.



Rosary in October

The Month of the Rosary

We are delighted to be able to invite you once again to celebrate the month of the **Rosary in October**.



We celebrate the months of **October** and **May** by praying the Rosary together. In October, we warmly invite anyone who would like to say a decade of the Rosary together at **8.35am** in the prayer area at the front of the school.

The Rosary will be led by either the Faith Ambassadors or members of staff. Feel free to bring your own Rosary but we do have rosaries if you do not have one.

It is a lovely way to start the day and a good time for some quiet and reflection before the new day begins.

We warmly welcome as many of you as possible to join us in this special prayer time. Please do not worry if you do not know what to say, it is all about coming together during this month.

Please try and support this special time in which we can pause to reflect as a community.

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 October, 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 the Rosary, 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.



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reminder

Don't forget the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **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.

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

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival this year on **Tuesday, 20th October 2026**.

We see this as an important opportunity for the children to learn about their food, about children who may not have enough food and how we can serve others - living out our Catholic Social Teaching Values.

We appreciate fully that times are difficult for many and therefore there is no pressure for donations. However, if you are in the position to donate, we would be grateful for any of the following items: tins of food or non-perishable items such as tins of meat, fish, beans, soup, pasta, vegetables, baby food or dried goods like rice/pasta.

The food donated will be parcelled up by The Salvation Army and distributed amongst those who need it in the community.

Thank you for your support.



Meet The Teacher Meetings

Many, thanks to those of you who took the time to come and meet your child's class teacher at the beginning of term.

Your attendance at these meetings really does send out the correct message to your child, i.e. that you know their teacher and that you are interested in what they are learning.

Thank You

School Trips & Topic Days

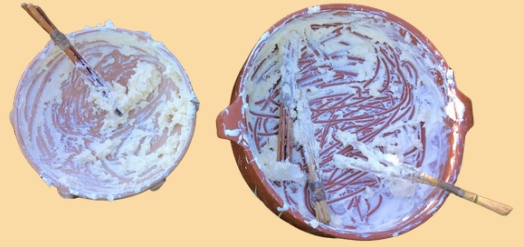
Chiltern Open Air Museum Year 3

Monday, 21st September

As part of our topic this term **'The Changes to Britain - Stone Age to Iron Age'** Year 3 had a fantastic day at the Chiltern Open Air Museum being immersed in Stone Age and Iron Age life.

During the day, they visited a Stone Age camp, where they created paint, made their own shelters and even used flint stone to make fire!

We then jumped in time and visited an Iron Age house where we were taught how to make flour, whisk our own butter and created a clay pot. A brilliant day had by all!



Haslemere Trip Year 4

We organised a trip to Haslemere Museum for the children in Year 4 as part of our topic Ancient Egyptians.

During the visit the children took part in a themed workshop and practical activities for the children to enhance their learning of this subject.

As well as discovering about the afterlife in the workshop, 'Ancient Egyptian beliefs about life after death', the children learnt about mummification by disembowelling a mummy-doll, visited a real mummy (Par-Er-Abu) and mummified their own toy.



Year 2 Nurturing Nurses Day

Tuesday, 6th October

As part of our History topic, "Nurturing Nurses", we celebrated the significance of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. To help the children keep in character for the day, the children came to school dressed as a nurse or soldier from the past e.g. Florence Nightingale, or a soldier from the Crimean War. We did have a lot of injured soldiers, but luckily plenty of nurses/doctors to look after them.

On the day, 'Florence Nightingale' visited us at school from the **Freshwater Theatre Company**. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children, as they travelled back in time with Florence Nightingale to learn about her life from when she was a little girl.



EYFS Welcome Assembly

On Tuesday, 13th October

During the assembly, the children all received a special heart badge, which they can wear on their school uniform as a reminder of how loved and valued they are, reflecting our school mission statement. The significance of the badge was shared with the children, encouraging them to remember that they are unique, special, and an important part of our school family. During the assembly, the children also performed the song I Am Special, singing beautifully and enthusiastically. The song's uplifting message perfectly complemented the theme of the assembly and served as a wonderful reminder that every child is cherished and celebrated for who they are.



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 - September 2026

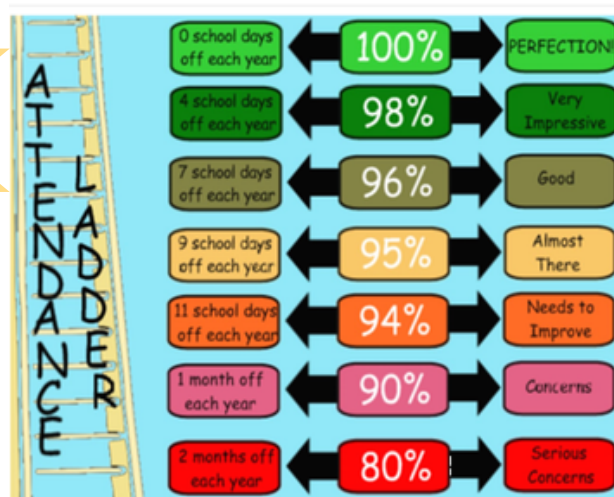
EYFS & KS1

	%
Sunshine (St. Paul)	99
Rainbow (St. Peter)	97
St. Anne	96
St. Joseph	96
St. Bridget	99
St. John Bosco	97

KS2

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

	%
EYFS	98
KS1	97
KS2	97



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 very good for September.

Congratulations to **Sunshine & St Bridget's** 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.

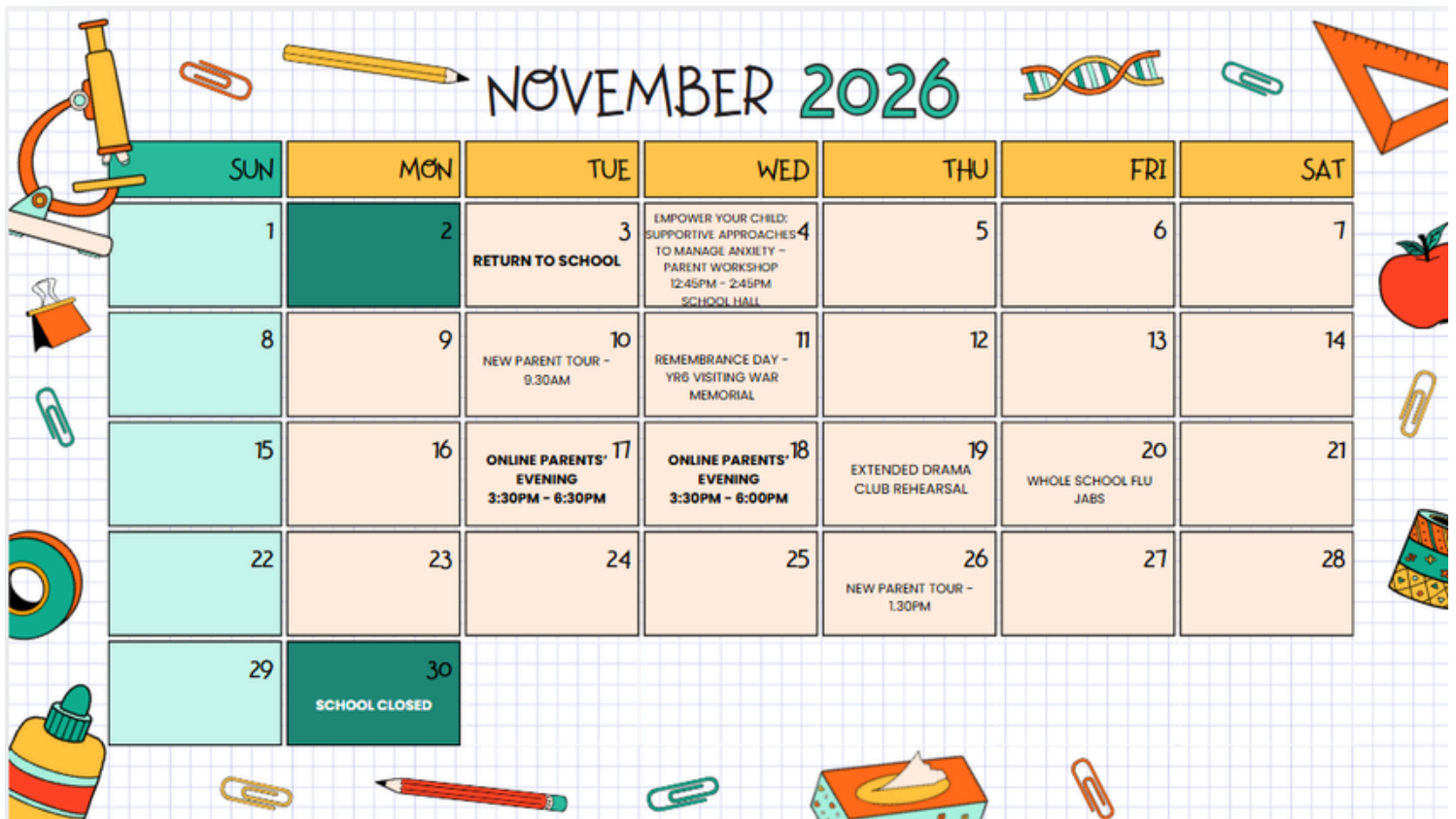
With your light, shine on our school family, so we can be a light for others.

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](#) 



NOVEMBER 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 RETURN TO SCHOOL	4 EMPOWER YOUR CHILD: SUPPORTIVE APPROACHES TO MANAGE ANXIETY - PARENT WORKSHOP 12:45PM - 2:45PM SCHOOL HALL	5	6	7
8	9	10 NEW PARENT TOUR - 9.30AM	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY - YRS VISITING WAR MEMORIAL	12	13	14
15	16	17 ONLINE PARENTS' EVENING 3:30PM - 6:30PM	18 ONLINE PARENTS' EVENING 3:30PM - 6:00PM	19 EXTENDED DRAMA CLUB REHEARSAL	20 WHOLE SCHOOL FLU JABS	21
22	23	24	25	26 NEW PARENT TOUR - 1.30PM	27	28
29	30 SCHOOL CLOSED					

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

Take care & God bless

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Martin
Headteacher

School Closed

October Half Term

Friday, 23rd October - Monday, 2nd November

Return to school - Tuesday, 3rd November



Information Zone

Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the Book Fair. There was an exciting buzz as the children browsed the books.

We hope that the children enjoyed choosing and reading their books

Our next book fair will be in **March** to coincide with **World Book Day**. Hope to see you there!

Ms Dimech



WEAR RED DAY 2026

Be part of our day of action. Wear Red Day - Friday the 16th of October 2026.

On Friday 16th October we will take part in the national event called Show Racism The **Red** Card. Every year we ask children and their grown ups to wear **red** for the day.

Our whole school will become a wonderful sea of **red**, and it is our way of saying **NO** to **racism**, and **YES** to **kindness**.

It is time for you to start looking for red clothes... shirts, hats, scarves, socks, trousers! The more the better!

During the day the children will have lessons designed to educate and empower young minds to recognise, challenge, and combat racism in all its forms, fostering a more inclusive and respectful community.

During the lessons, your child will explore themes such as:

- What makes us similar but unique – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
- Understanding and identifying racism – Year 3
- Exploring racism through drama – Year 4
- Exploring identity – Year 5
- What is Racism and Racism or Respect – Year 6

Mrs Lewthwaite

Poppy Appeal



We are official stockists of Poppies for the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** again this year. All donations go back directly to the charity.

If you would like to purchase a Poppy or Poppy appeal items some of our year 6 children will take them round from next week, so please send a small cash donation in with your child. You may also come to the school office on weekday afternoons up until 3:30pm to purchase too.

This will be cash only, but you may also donate or buy online to directly help this fantastic cause.

<https://www.poppysshop.org.uk/>



Book of Remembrance



During the month of November there will be a Book of Remembrance placed at the front of the school. Everyone is invited to write in this book in memory of someone special.

As a school, during collective worship, we will keep them in our prayers. At the end of November, we will ask Fr. Graham to bless our book.



Information Zone

St Anne's PFA

BACK TO SCHOOL

Disco

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Y1/Y2 15:15-16:15
Y3/Y4 16:45-17:45
Y5/Y6 18:15-19:15

PROFESSIONAL DJ
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

EVERY CHILD RECEIVES A MEDAL

PLANET SOCCER
SPORTS COACHING

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Multi Sport Camp

10% DISCOUNT
-book early-

St. Annes Catholic Primary School
Free Prae Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8ET

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

BOOK EARLY - PLACES ARE LIMITED

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

£35 per day or £150 for all 5 days

Drop off 8:30am - 9:30am
Pick up 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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To book and for more information, please visit the web address below or scan the QR code

<http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course/>
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01483 363190 / 07912 553896



Exciting Caretaker opportunity at Holy Family Catholic Primary School

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Caretaker to join our small, friendly one form-entry school in Addlestone. We are offering a part time role of 20 hours per week - with flexibility during the holidays.

The role would equally suit someone looking for a part time role in a step towards retirement or someone looking to gain experience of premises management. A willingness to contribute to all areas of busy school life is a must and support and training will be provided.

The Caretaker's role is to ensure that the school premises are safe, clean and secure for pupils and staff at all times. Some knowledge of plumbing and electrical work would be desirable to carry out basic maintenance and repairs.

[MORE INFO](#)



NSSport Holiday Activities

Sayes Court
19-30 October

SPORTS, ARTS, CRAFTS, FUN, ADVENTURE, SAFE, HUNTERING, UNFORGETTABLE. JOIN OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME TODAY!

[Make a Booking](#)



[View Holiday Activities Page](#)

NSSport Holiday Activities is the perfect place to have fun

We provide active, affordable and exciting childcare for primary school aged children in school years 1-6. We aim to inspire children with a passion for health and fitness through innovative activities and unique experiences. Recently rated as 'Outstanding' and led by a dedicated, enthusiastic and highly qualified team we ensure your child is safe and experiences the best from their holiday whilst on site for your child in a fun, age appropriate and friendly environment whilst maintaining their physical, social and emotional development.

[Make a booking](#)



Information Zone

FAMILY LEARNING



Empower Your Child: Supportive Approaches to Manage Anxiety Workshop

[Enrol here](#)

This **FREE** Workshop (2-hour) helps parents and carers build confidence in supporting children with anxiety. You'll gain practical tools and a better understanding of your child's emotional needs.

**Wednesday
4 November 2026
12.45pm - 2.45pm**

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School,
Free Prae Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8ET



What will I learn:

- What anxiety is and how it affects children
- How to recognise signs and triggers
- Strategies to support your child's anxious feelings



Please note:

This course is for parents/carers only (no children)

Please scan the
QR code to register



surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning



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family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk



**SURREY
ADULT
LEARNING**

Whether your child experiences occasional worries or ongoing anxiety, this workshop offers valuable tools and advice to support their emotional wellbeing.

If you would like to attend, or if you would simply like to find out more, please do so via the QR code on the poster or simply email me at hslw@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Burke
Home school Link Worker



Information Zone

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**Families First
Guildford**
Supporting families in our community



EARLYBIRD PROGRAMME

Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird programme for parents and carers of autistic children aged under 6 years.

The six-session programme covers:

Understanding autism

Communication

Understanding autistic experiences

Supporting daily living

Health and wellbeing

Connections



The EarlyBird programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

All sessions run from 9.30am-12pm:

Friday 8th January

Friday 29th January

Friday 15th January

Friday 5th February

Friday 22nd January

Friday 12th February

The cost of the course is £35, but if you are experiencing financial hardship, please come and speak to us.

ENROL HERE: familiesfirstguildford.com/events



**Runnymede
Family Centre**

Half Term

SENSORY PLAY SESSION

Join us for a fun sensory play session
for families with children
age 3-10 years

Free to attend!

Booking essential

Tuesday 27th October

10:30-11:30am

Runnymede Family Centre

The Poplars, Queen Mary's Drive

New Haw, KT15 3TT

For more information and to book please email:
runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
or call 01932 901488

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**Runnymede
Family Centre**

Half Term

SENSORY ART EXPLORERS

Join us for a fun sensory art session
for families with children
age 3-10 years

Free to attend!

Booking essential

Thursday 22nd October

10:30-11:30am

AT TESCO COMMUNITY ROOM

ADDLESTONE KT15 2AS

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