# St. Anne's Newsletter

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

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*"We cannot think of ourselves as separate from one another. We need to foster a culture of encounter that leads us to share food and resources with those in need." Pope Francis.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a wonderfully busy and special time of year in school, with so much to celebrate and look forward to.

Harvest Festival was a real highlight, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our families for their incredibly generous donations. Your kindness and support will make a genuine difference to many local families.

Over the past few weeks, I have also had the pleasure of welcoming a number of prospective families on tours of our school. It is a privilege to showcase our school, and our children never fail to make me proud with their warm welcomes, excellent manners and enthusiasm for learning.

A reminder that there is currently a significant amount of lost property at the front of the school. Please take a few moments to have a look through if your child is missing any items. Any unclaimed property remaining after **Friday 27th November** will be passed to the PFA to be sold or recycled.

Finally, I would like to remind families about the importance of maintaining our school uniform standards. We have not yet completed a full term, but we have already noticed a decline in some aspects of uniform, including school shoes. Please ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform as outlined in our school policy. Your support helps to promote a sense of pride, belonging and consistency across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

God Bless. Mrs Martin

## School Tours for Prospective Parents

- Thursday, 26th November at 1:30 pm

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

CLICK HERE

## News At A Glance...

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

### Reminder

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

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 celebrated Harvest Festival this year on Tuesday, 20th October 2026.

A huge thank you for all the wonderful contributions we received for our Harvest Festival. The Salvation Army, were so grateful for your generosity. It really is so encouraging to know that some less fortunate people/families in our community will benefit.

## Online Parents' Evening

A big thank you to all the parents who have booked an appointment. Your participation sends a powerful message to your child, that you value their education, know their teacher, and are actively engaged in their learning journey. That kind of support makes a huge difference.

**Booking closes on Monday, 16th November at 4pm**




# 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.

During each school liturgy, the Remembrance Book will be placed at the front, and we will pray for all those named within it.

Please feel free to add names at any time during November.

Throughout the month, we will remember all those who have died.

### The light of God's promise

May you be held by the God of compassion
as you remember your loved ones.
May God be with you in your sorrow,
and comfort you in your loss.
May your God, your family and your friends,
give you strength and confidence.
May your spirit be lifted, may your heart be
filled with peace,
and may the light of God's promise fill you
with joy and hope.
Amen.



## Maths Week

**16th November - 20th November 2026**

Throughout the week, pupils will take part in a range of engaging activities designed to promote a love of mathematics and help children understand how maths is used beyond the classroom.

Children will explore mathematics in the wider world, investigate how mathematical thinking is used in different careers, take part in problem-solving and reasoning challenges and discover the role maths plays in areas such as science, technology, sport, engineering, finance and everyday life. We hope these experiences will help children develop a deeper appreciation of the subject, build confidence and recognise the importance of the mathematical skills they are developing in school.

To conclude Maths Week, children are invited to come to school on **Friday 20th November** dressed to represent how mathematics is used in the wider world.

This could be linked to a career that relies on mathematical thinking, such as:

- Engineer
- Architect
- Scientist

Or children may wish to represent how mathematics is used in everyday life, for example:

- Shopping and calculating prices or change
- Cooking and measuring ingredients
- Planning a journey using maps, distances or timetables

Costumes do not need to be purchased. We encourage creativity and the use of items already available at home.

## Drop-Off Zone & Lateness

I would like to remind everyone of a few important procedures to help keep our morning drop-off safe, efficient, and respectful for everyone:

**Avoiding Lateness:** Arriving late not only disrupts your child's learning but also affects the focus and flow of the entire class. Please aim to arrive with plenty of time so children can begin their day calmly and on time.

**Drop-Off Zone = Quick Drop-Off Only:** Please use the drop-off zone for brief, curb side drop-offs only. Children should exit the vehicle on the curb side and be ready to go as soon as you stop. If your child needs more time or assistance, please park in the library car park or in marked parking in the local area. Engines should be switched off.

**No Parking in the Drop-Off Zone Before 8:30am:** There is strictly no parking in the drop-off zone before 8:30am. This includes situations where children are let out and parents remain in the car this is still considered parking and causes congestion and safety concerns.

**Alternative Parking Available:** If you need to park, the library car park is available for school use. You can collect a parking pass from the school office to use this facility.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school safe and focused on learning. Your cooperation makes a real difference!

## Working Together for Our Children

At our school, we are proud of the strong partnerships we build with families. By working together, we can provide the very best support and opportunities for all children.

Our school values of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe** guide everything we do, and they are principles that help us all, children and adults alike, to create a positive and supportive community. We kindly ask that all communication with staff, whether in person, by telephone or via email, **remains courteous and respectful at all times**. Our staff are committed to helping every child thrive and work incredibly hard to support our families each day.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that, throughout the school day, staff are fully engaged in teaching, caring for and supporting children. As a result, they may not always be able to respond immediately to emails or return phone calls. We understand that some matters may feel urgent; however, allowing staff time to respond helps ensure that enquiries can be dealt with thoughtfully and effectively.

We value open and positive communication and encourage parents to get in touch whenever they have questions or concerns. By continuing to work together with mutual respect, patience and understanding, we can maintain a strong partnership that keeps the wellbeing and success of our children at the heart of all we do.

Thank You

# School Trips & Topic Days

## Antibullying Week

**9th November – 13th November 2026**

As a school, we participated in Anti-Bullying Week and the theme this year was **"Break the Silence".** The idea behind this is to promote the message that we are all different and special in our own way.

Throughout the week, children had assemblies on the theme of Anti-Bullying and took part in special activities in their classes. We hope the week was enjoyable and impactful for the children

**On Monday, 9th** everyone came to school wearing odd socks. To promote the message that we are all different & special in our own way.

**On Friday, 13th** we celebrated **Friendship Friday** this was a time to promote positive friendships & remind the children of St. Anne's that we are a **kind** school.






Our EYFS children had great fun designing their own odd socks during their computing lesson. As you can see, they produced some wonderful and creative creations!












## Visit from Our Local MP

We were delighted to welcome our local MP, **Dr Ben Spencer**, to St Anne's on **Friday 13th November** as part of our preparations for Parliament Week.

Dr Spencer led a whole-school assembly, where he explained how Parliament works, local issues and his role as an MP finishing the assembly by answering a range of thoughtful questions from the children. He also spent time meeting with our Voice of the Children representatives, discussing their important role within the school and how they help ensure that the views and ideas of their classmates are heard.

It was a valuable and inspiring opportunity for our children to learn more about democracy, representation and having their voices heard.




Artwork by Mrs Hurrell

## Remembrance Day Visit to War Memorial

**On Wednesday, 11th November**, Year 6 walked to the Chertsey War Memorial to commemorate **Remembrance Day**. This outing provided our students with an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made during World War II and to deepen their understanding of its historical significance.

The Children participated in a short ceremony at the memorial, where they honoured those who served our country. We believe that this experience will foster a greater appreciation for history and the values of respect and remembrance

# Dates For Christmas Events



## Christmas Performances

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| **EYFS Nativity** | Tuesday, 8th December - 10am |
| **Year 1 Nativity** | Friday, 4th December - 1.45pm |
| **Year 2 Nativity** | Thursday, 3rd December - 1.45pm |
| **Year 3 Nativity** | Friday, 11th December - 1.45pm |
| **Year 4 Play** | Tuesday, 15th December - 1.30pm |
| **Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Anne's Church** | Thursday, 10th December - 1.45pm |



## Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday, 9th December**

The whole school community is invited to wear a wonderful Christmas jumper. Please note - **School uniform** is to be **worn as normal** with just the addition of the Christmas jumper.

## Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday, 9th December**

We will be holding Christmas lunch for the whole school.

***Parent Access to Book Meals*** *https://app.impactfood.co.uk*

## Christmas Mufti Day

**Friday, 18th December**

We will once again celebrate the end of term with a **Christmas** themed Mufti. We will not be asking for a donation of money, just lots of happy children spreading Christmas joy!

## The Drama Club presents ...

## Matilda

A fabulous evening performance by St Anne's Drama club.

**Friday, 4th December 2026 - 6:15pm**

St. Anne's School Hall

£2 a ticket please use Arbor to purchase a ticket



## Choir Concert

**Tuesday, 15th December 6pm**

St. Anne's School Hall

# 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.

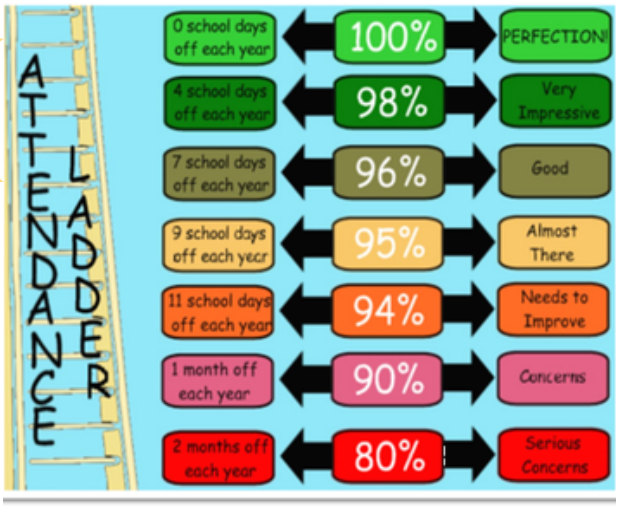
Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education. Together, we can make a positive difference!

## Class Attendance - October 2026

| EYFS & KS1 | % |
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| Sunshine (St. Paul) | 97 |
| Rainbow (St. Peter) | 96 |
| St. Anne | 95 |
| St. Joseph | 96 |
| St. Bridget | 98 |
| St. John Bosco | 98 |

| | % |
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| EYFS | 97 |
| KS1 | 97 |
| KS2 | 96 |

| KS2 | % |
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| St. Cecilia | 97 |
| St. John Paul II | 97 |
| St. Carlo Acutis | 97 |
| St. Jane Frances de Chantal | 93 |
| St. Alphonsa | 98 |
| St. Nicholas of Myra | 95 |
| St. Francis Xavier | 97 |
| St. Josephine Bakhita | 98 |




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 good for October. A few classes had a little dip. Congratulations to **St Bridget, St John Bosco, St Alphonsa & St Josephine Bakhita** classes for reaching 98% 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**





St Anne's Catholic CHURCH

Please click on the link to find the latest Parish Newsletter St. Anne's Parish Newsletter

## DECEMBER 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 1:45PM | 4 DRAMA CLUB SHOW @ 6PM YEAR 1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE - 1:45PM | 5 |
| 6 | 7 UFTON COURT PARENTS MEETING - 3:30PM & 5:30PM | 8 EYFS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY - 10AM | 9 CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY | 10 YEAR 5/6 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 1:45PM | 11 YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 1:45PM | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Y4 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 1:30PM CHOIR CONCERT 6PM | 16 | 17 | 18 END OF TERM EYFS - 12NOON KS1 - 12.05PM KS2 - 12.10PM CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 ART CAMP 22ND & 23RD | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 ART CAMP 29TH & 30TH | 30 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | 31 | | |

Thank you all, once again, for your support and co-operation.
Take care & God bless

Yours sincerely

C Martin

Mrs C Martin
Headteacher

**School Closed**
**Monday, 30th November 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

PFA

A massive thank you for your support at last months Disco. We raised over **£1,100**, which is an incredible achievement. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success.

Tickets are now on sale for our **Christmas Quiz Night** on Friday 20th November! Hosted by
Ms Dimech and Mr Rose, it's always a fantastic evening, with fun games, plenty of laughs and lots of chances to win prizes.
**Buy Tickets Here**




## Mufti Day – Goose Fair Bottle Tombola

We will be having a Mufti day on **Friday, 27th November** for our stall at the Chertsey Goose Fair. We kindly ask for donations of a bottle of any kind to add to our bottle tombola.
Many thanks in advance for your donations.

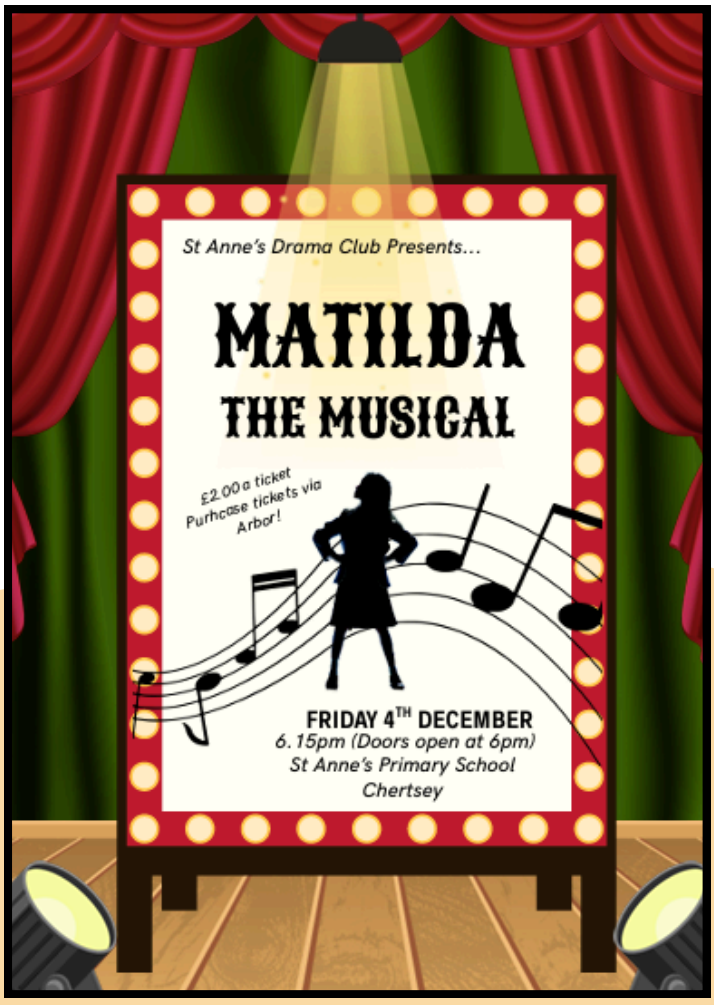
## Christmas Raffle

Following on from the success of our big **Christmas raffle** last year, we will be running it again this year.

Your children will have brought home an envelope containing 2 books of tickets and full instructions on how to participate. All tickets and money must be returned by **Monday 7th December** and the draw will take place on **Friday 11th December.** Tickets can be returned to the box in the main reception area or given to the member of our team in the playground on **Mondays under the shelter.**

Extra tickets can be collected from the main school reception or from our team member in the playground.

Prizes are being added regularly, please see this link for up to date information. https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stanneschertseypfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=124060



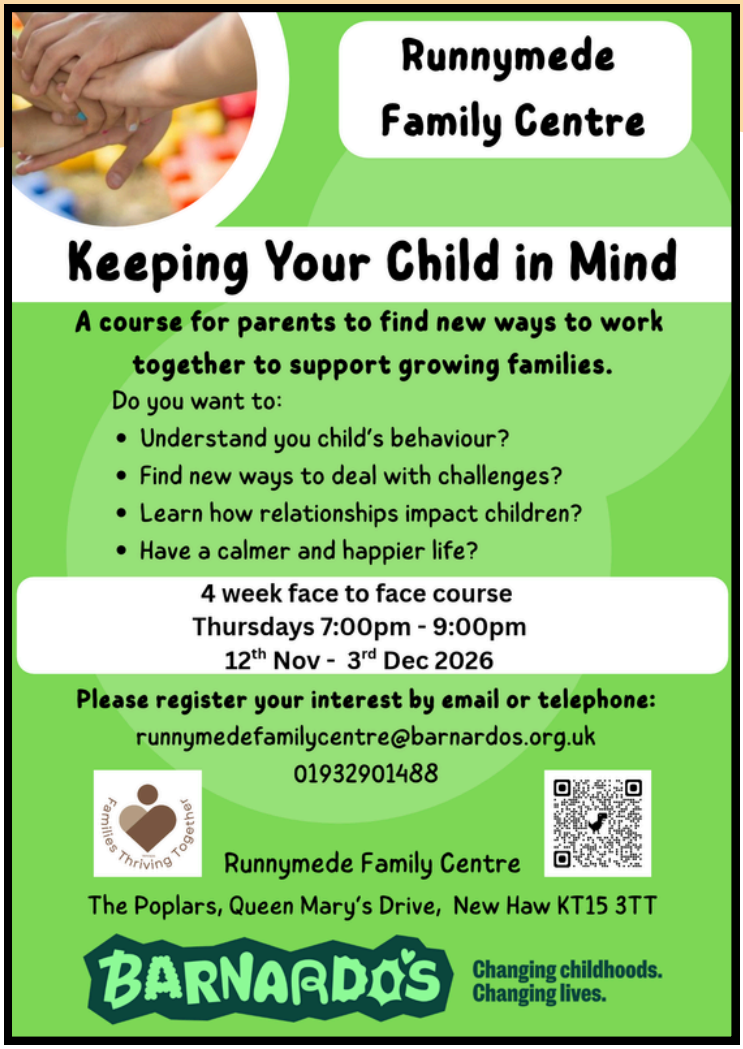

As a special incentive, the class or staff group that sells the most tickets will win a festive treat during the last week of term. Last year 5 St Nicholas enjoyed a festive film afternoon with snacks!

Thank you for your continued support
Warm regards
The PFA team



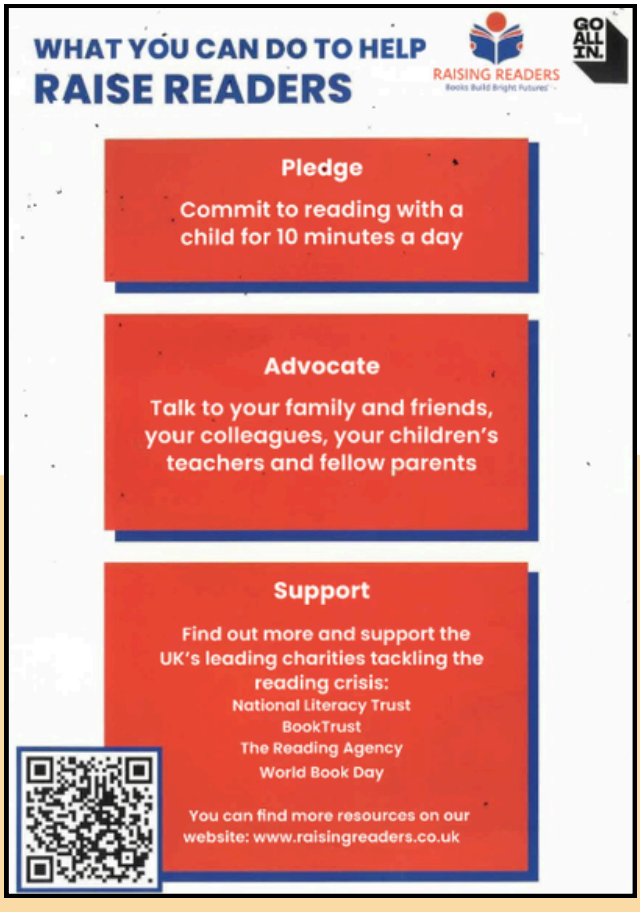
# Information Zone









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## What's on at Chertsey Library in November.

### Tuesday 10th - Gruffalo Granny Story Time

3.45 p.m. Come and see if the mouse can outwit the Gruffalo again.

### From Saturday 14th - Letter to Santa

Write a letter to Santa and post it in our Special Post Box!

For a Reply your letter will need a Real Stamp (91p)

### From 16th - Free Coat Giveaway.

Need a Winter Coat - come and look at our Coat Rack in the Foyer.

donations of clean coats in good condition gratefully received.

### Saturday 21st - Craft Club.

2.30 p.m. Come and decorate a Christmas Bauble £1

### From Sat 21st to Dec 4th - Mini Wreaths!

Come and make your very own mini wreath £1.50

### We also have

Rhyme Time - Tues at 10.30 and Sat 11 a.m. (free)

Pebble's Trains - Fridays 2.30-4 p.m. (Free)

Woolcraft - Tues 2.15 -3.15 p.m. (free)

Coffee and Cake - Fri 10 -11.30 a.m. £1.50

Digital Support Volunteer - Fri 3 - 4 p.m. (please book)

Don't forget - it's free to join the library.

All you need is a grown up and proof of address.

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