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Welcome to Reception Class

at St Anne's Primary School and Nursery



You are the light of the World.

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Meet the staff



Mrs Harvey
Headteacher



Miss Stanton
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Strand
EYFS Lead



Mrs Gripton
SENDCo



Mrs Orchard
Class Teacher



Mrs Wigham
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Saunders
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Page
Office Manager



Mrs Henderson
Admin Assistant



Mrs Cleaton
Catering Manager

Mrs Caswell and Mrs Milak share the role of Finance Manager.

Transition

We look forward to welcoming you at our 'Meet and Greet'.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to tell us about your child. We would love to hear about your child's favourite things and interests. Please do ask any questions and share any information or concerns you may have. Children benefit from a strong partnership between their family and school.

If your child does not attend St Anne's Nursery please let the office know which setting they go to so we can arrange a visit.

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Our Transition Visits:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tuesday 19th May	3.15 - 6.00	Meet and Greet Visit reception class and meet key staff. A chance to ask any questions, pop in at a time to suit during the afternoon/evening.
Summer Term	Various	Reception Class Teacher will visit your child in their Nursery setting or you will be offered a home visit.
Wednesday 1st July	9.30 – 11.30	Visit your new class! Meet your friends, teachers and play together. This is a drop off session for the children. Children can be collected at 11:30 or parents can arrive at 11:45 to support their child with our lunchtime routine until 12:30.
Thursday 3rd Sept	8:50 – 11.30	Transition Morning Group 1 Children will spend the morning settling in.
Thursday 3rd Sept	12.30 - 3.10	Transition Afternoon Group 2 Children will spend the afternoon settling in.
Friday 4th Sept	8:50 – 12:30	Transition Morning for all Children will spend the morning settling in, they will stay for lunch and then be collected at
Monday 7 th Sept	8.50 – 3.10	All children will attend for a normal school day.

We will inform you if your child is in Group 1 or Group 2 closer to the time.

Our School Day

Doors open to welcome children into school at 8.50.

Reception adults will support your child with morning routines such as putting their belongings away before settling and beginning to explore and learn.

Staff are available at the beginning of the day if you wish to pass on any messages.

Children will be met by familiar staff at the door as you say goodbye.

7.30 – 8.50	Wraparound Breakfast Club (available for bookings)
8.50	Welcome, settling and registration
9.00	Collective Worship
9.20	Writing
10.00	Snack Time
10.30	Phonics
11.10	Maths
11.45	Lunch
12.30	Exploring and Learning including focus groups
2.45	Story and Reflection
3.10	Home Time
3.10 – 6.00	Wrap Around Club (available for bookings)



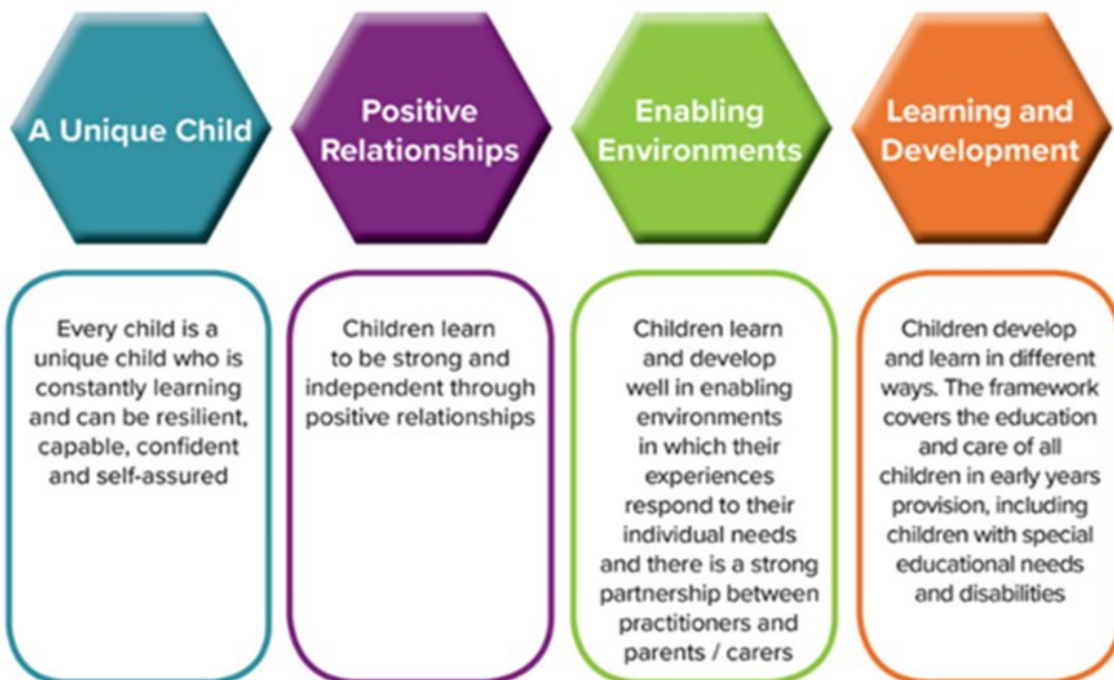
Our Curriculum

Play is essential for children's development and confidence as they explore, relate to others, set their own goals, and solve problems. In Reception, we learn through play and exploration inspired by children's interests. We respond to children's needs through positive interactions and secure routines.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which ensures:

- Children are kept healthy and safe.
- Children have the knowledge and skills they need to start school.

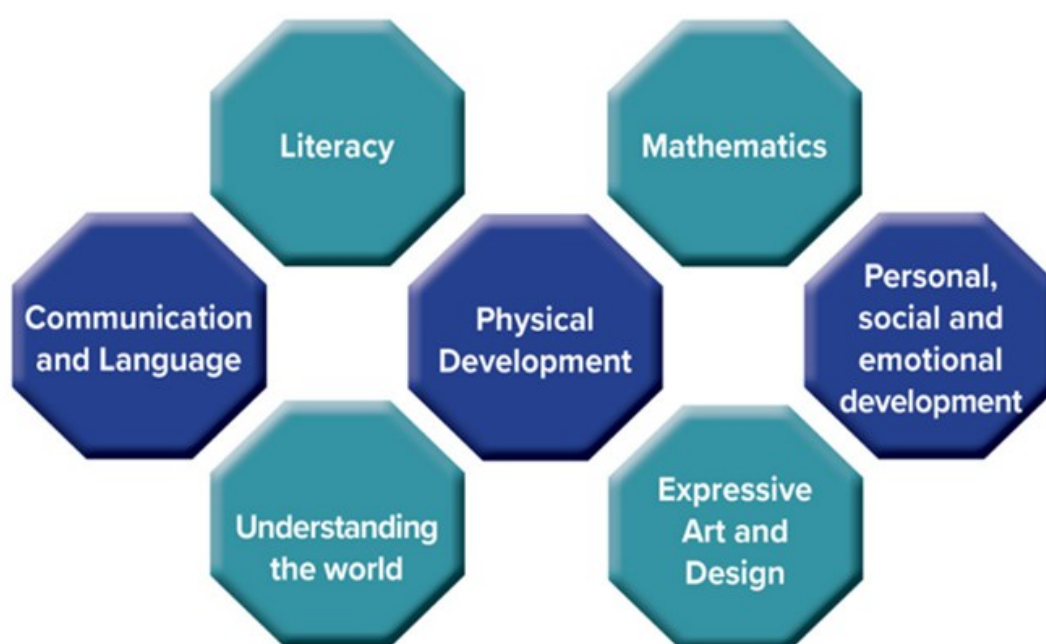
The Four Guiding Principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage



Our Curriculum

Three areas are particularly important for building children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, forming relationships and thriving. These are the prime areas:

There are four specific areas, through which the three primary areas are strengthened and applied.



The characteristics of effective learning underpin learning and development across all areas and support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner.



Learn and Explore

Children develop in a safe environment that supports their well-being, social skills and increasing independence. Children will experience a range of opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge including:

Outdoor Exploration – children explore nature, build dens, create toys and art from natural materials, run, balance, climb and cook around a fire safely.

Outdoor Play – mixing and making in the mud kitchen, exploring large resources imaginatively and investigating sand and water.

Indoor Play – deepening understanding of their familiar world including through role play, engaging in creative activities using paint and junk modelling as well as developing fine motor skills using loose parts, doughs and clay.

Storytime – exploring the language and structure of quality texts and learning rhymes and poems.

Learning with their teachers – listening games, maths, and phonics

Singing and Music – learning songs, exploring rhythm and instruments to create music and perform.



Communication



Class DOJO

Staff are available before and after school for a chat or you may wish to make an appointment with the teacher.

Class DOJO is the communication tool used to send messages between home and school. The school office will use Dojo to contact parents and carers using Dojo to share reminders about trips and special events or a change such as the day for PE.

Children can also earn Dojo points. These will be communicated through the Dojo app. Points are awarded for learning behaviours such as resilience, trying new things and learning together.

For urgent messages please contact the school office.

School office

Tel: 01299 402013 or

Email: office@stannesprimary.worcs.sch.uk





Tapestry

Tapestry allows us to share your child's learning journey at St Anne's with you. We value your contribution to your child's learning and experience and would love to see photographs of your child's learning and experiences outside school uploaded on Tapestry.

Newsletters

We send home half termly newsletters about Reception, to tell you about the topic children will be learning and other important information. Each week you will receive a school newsletter with information and achievements of pupils at our school. Letters are also sent to inform you of upcoming events and important information.

Website and Facebook

Our school website and Facebook are great ways to keep in touch with what is going on at St Anne's.

We value your contribution to your child's learning and experience at St Anne's and encourage involvement of families including joining us for collective worship, assemblies, workshops and celebrations. We look forward to working together to support your child in achieving their full potential.

Remember we are always here to support and guide your child. If you have any worries or concerns, no matter how big or small, please share them with us, so we can work together.

Helping your Child to Prepare for School

There are lots of things you can do to help your child get ready for school including:

Playing together.

To develop creativity and imagination, as well as dexterity, physical, cognitive, and emotional strength.

Play is important in healthy brain development.

Encourage Independence

Getting dressed, going to the toilet, and washing hands as well as using a knife, fork or spoon are all important life skills for your child.

Understand their own body

Develop coordination and awareness by kicking or passing a ball, climbing stairs, holding chunky crayons, pencils, or a brush to make marks and having a go at fastening a button or zip.

Socialise

Playing with other children in a small group, sharing their toys, listening to others to follow simple instructions, talking about the things they do or don't like supports friendship skills.

Communicate

Encourage your child to be curious. Ask your child questions starting with 'what' or 'who' and encourage them to ask their own questions about what they want to know, what they can see or how they feel.

Our School Uniform

Our school uniform helps promote a positive attitude. St Anne's pupils look smart, part of St Anne's family and ready to learn. Children wear our school uniform with pride each day and when they represent St Anne's at trips and events offsite.

Please clearly label each item with your child's name to help us find and return any lost items.

- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers, green sweatshirt with school logo, white polo shirt and grey socks.
- Sensible black shoes, which your child can fasten independently.
- PE Kit: White PE t-shirt with school logo, black PE shorts, white/grey socks and pumps/trainers (outdoors).

You can purchase our logo uniform here: clivemark.co.uk

There is no expectation for children to wear logoed uniform, bottle green jumpers and cardigans with no logo are also acceptable.

Hairstyles:

A sensible haircut that does not prevent a clear view. Long hair should be fastened with a clip and/or tied to keep it neat and safe. Hair accessories should be small, neat and in school colours without being a distraction.

Personal Possessions:

Plain stud earrings and/or a simple watch (not connected to the internet) are acceptable. The school cannot take responsibility for securing items or any damages. Pupils are not permitted to wear nail varnish in school.

Lunchtime and Snack

Routines

All children in Reception will receive a Universal Free School meal, this can be a hot dinner or a sandwich option. We will support your child to get ready for lunch following routines to help keep safe and healthy. Reception children will eat their lunch in the dinner hall with their friends. Reception and lunchtime staff will be on hand to support as needed.

A sample school dinner menu is included in the 'Starting Reception Pack'. This will give you an idea of meals that are offered.

Please book all meals using ParentPay, our school payment app. Do join us for the taster event to help your child experience eating lunch in the hall.

Snack and drinks

Fruit, water and milk is provided at snack time. Children may choose to have toast for snack, this must be booked via ParentPay. Please ensure they bring a bottle of water with them each day. Please inform school of any dietary requirements or allergies



What to bring to school

Please check that you child's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's full names and class. This will help us to find any lost items and to return your child's belongings to them.

On your child's first day

- A pair of wellies to keep in school
- P.E. Kit in a named bag to keep in school

Every day

- Water bottle (Containing only water)
- Book bag
- Reading diary and reading book
- Spare clothes if necessary
- Packed lunch if needed
- Warm hat, scarf or gloves in the winter
- Sunhat in the summer
- Waterproof coat



Exploring the Outdoors

At St Anne's our children enjoy learning outdoors especially in our forest area. They can explore the natural world around them while developing skills such as risk management, collaboration and independence.

Our children enjoy outdoor exploration throughout the year. Expect your child to get muddy and wet on these days. We will give parents notice of these specific days and we ask that you send in suitable outdoor clothes for these sessions.

This includes:

- A waterproof all-in-one suit.
- Jogging bottoms
- Long sleeved tops
- A warm jumper
- Spare socks and underwear





Our Church Community

Being a Church School

Church schools have Christian beliefs and values at their heart. This means that every child and adult associated with the school is not just important because they are members of the school but because they are seen as unique individuals within God's creation. Church schools recognise that as well as academic and emotional intelligence, human beings also have spiritual intelligence. The spiritual aspects of life will be recognised, and nurtured alongside the academic and emotional needs of all. Church schools are places where challenge through questioning is encouraged, as through this we can make sense of the world, the gift of life and the purpose of our own personal lives.

As a pupil, parent, visitor or member of staff, the distinction of a Church School will be rooted in the Christian values that affect the way everyone behaves and is treated.

Our school values are : RESPECT, COMMITMENT, COURAGE, FORGIVENESS, HONESTY AND WISDOM.

Our Community

At St Anne's we get involved with the local community on a regular basis.



Our Choir sings regularly at St Anne's Church, and a number of their congregation volunteer here at the school on a regular basis, from hosting our weekly "Open the Book" collective worship where they tell stories from the Bible, to managing our library, reading with our children, volunteering on school trips and supporting with our after school clubs. They also support our PTFA by baking cakes and volunteering at events.

We also take our school choir (which has almost 50 members!) to visit our local nursing homes, to bring some merriment to their residents. Our children also visit Summerdyne to spend time with the residents, something which both the children and adults enjoy!

We have also taken part in the in Bewdley Carnival for several years, as part of the parade and our PTFA have also had a stall at the event.

Our PTFA are fantastic and run a variety of events throughout the year. Their



Fireworks Night has been raising amazing funds for the school for many years now alongside other events such as Quiz Nights, Summer Fairs and Bingo Nights. They are always welcome to new members joining so please email stannesprimarypta@gmail.com if you would like more information or to get involved.

Wraparound at St Anne's

St Anne's Primary School and Nursery offer before and after school wraparound at "The Orchard". Run by school staff The Orchard offers a fun and caring wraparound service to help our families.

We take all our bookings in advance via a company called Childcare Bookings for Schools. You can access the system by visiting <https://st-annes-primary.cbfs.uk/>

The account registration process is completely free and should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. All that is required is for you to provide details for:

- The account holder (you) and your child(ren)
- Two different emergency contacts
- A payment card (no payment will be taken, but a card will be required to make bookings)

Once you have registered an account, you will be able to start making bookings straightaway. To do so, you can simply log into your account and use the 'Bookings' dropdown menu at the top of the webpage.

Permanent, regular bookings can be made at any time, ad-hoc bookings can be made up-to 5 weeks in advance.

[Childcare Bookings for Schools – Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- What types of booking will be available?

Permanent bookings – the same sessions each week, guaranteed on a rolling and ongoing basis.

Ad hoc bookings – individual dates with no ongoing commitment, subject to availability at the time of booking.

- When will payment be due for any bookings made?

For permanent bookings – Monthly bills, for the exact amount of that month's childcare, are processed in advance on the 1st working day of each month.

For example, a permanent booking made now will not incur any charge until 1st September. At this point, you do not need to do anything – payment will be taken automatically for all booked sessions falling in September.

Wraparound at St Anne's Continued

For ad hoc bookings – Payment is due at the time of booking, in order to checkout and complete the process.

- What payment methods are available?

We can accept payments via Card, Childcare Vouchers or the Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

Payments cannot be made via BACS, cash or cheque (either at club or direct to our office).

- How do I pay via Childcare Vouchers or using the Tax-Free Childcare scheme?

Once you have registered an account on our online booking system, simply send us a Childcare Voucher or Tax Free Childcare payment. Once the payment reaches our bank account, these funds will be credited to your Online Account Balance. Your Online Account Balance can then be used as a payment method when making bookings.

Please allow 4 days for any Childcare Voucher or Tax Free Childcare payments to reach us. To avoid any further delay, please provide us with your child's unique Tax Free Childcare reference in advance; or use your child's full name as the reference for any Childcare Voucher payments.

What are the session times and how much does it cost?

Please note, we are not open after school on the last day of each term, and wraparound closes at 5:00pm on Fridays.

Nursery			
Before School			
Drop Off		Duration	Session Price
7:30 AM	9:00 AM	1:30	£8.25
7:45 AM	9:00 AM	1:15	£6.90
8:15 AM	9:00 AM	0:45	£4.20
After School			
	Collection	Duration	Session Price
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	1:00	£5.50
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	1:30	£8.25
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	2:00	£11.00
3:00 PM	5:30 PM	2:30	£13.75
3:00 PM	*6:00 PM	3:00	£16.50

ParentPay and Lunches

ParentPay is our online system that allows you to pay for school trips, PTFA events, activities and is where you can book your child's lunches.

Children in Reception and KS1 (Year 1 & 2) are entitled to universal free school meals but we still need you to book their choices. All our food is freshly prepared on site and we work on a 3 day rolling menu.

If your child is at St Anne's Nursery they will already be registered and set up on ParentPay. For those of you who are new to the school, once your child is on roll with us then we will get them set up on ParentPay and you will receive details on how to register as a payer. You will also receive details on how to book lunches.

We do offer toast as a morning snack which you can book on ParentPay. There is a small weekly cost for this as it is not included in the free school meals provision.



Celebrating Special Day at St Anne's Primary School

This year our Reception Class invited a favourite grown up to join them for lunch to celebrate Mother's Day. Our team like to create crafty art pieces to celebrate special events throughout the year.

Don't worry Dad's and Grandads... We run a similar event for you in June.

St Anne's CofE Primary School - Term Dates

September 2026 - July 2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Autumn 1

TED 1	Tuesday 1st September 2026
TED 2	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Start date	Thursday 3rd September 2026
End date	Thursday 22nd October 2026
TED 3	Friday 23rd October 2026

October Half Term Holiday
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026

Autumn 2

Start date	Monday 2nd November 2026
End date	Thursday 17th December 2026
TED 4	Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas Holiday
Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

SPRING TERM 2027

Spring 1

Start date	Monday 4th January 2027
End date	Friday 12th February 2027

February Half Term Holiday
Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027

Spring 2

Start date	22nd February 2027
End date	Thursday 25th March 2027
Bank Holiday	Friday 26th March 2027

Easter Holiday
Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April 2027

SUMMER 2027

Summer 1

Start date	- Monday 12th April 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
End date	Friday 28th May 2027

May Half Term Holiday
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

Summer 2

TED 5	Monday 7th June 2027
Start date	Tuesday 8th June 2027
End date	Wednesday 21st July 2027