



Whole School Newsletter

St Anne's CE Primary School and Nursery
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Weekly Update

It has been a great week in school. Children have been completing assessments (or, as some call them, 'Mrs Harvey's special quizzes'!) They have had the opportunity to demonstrate core learning through more formal tests. We use this information alongside our teacher judgements throughout the year and regularly meet together to moderate (check!) that we are in agreement, to ensure accuracy. We are always impressed by how positively our children want to share what they have learned. The whole process is without pressure, to ensure a positive approach to formal exams in their future. A big well done to all!

This week, three of our Governors held a wellbeing morning, providing tea, cake and the opportunity for staff to drop in and chat. We take wellbeing very seriously in school and offer a wide range of support for the children, this was time for the adults- it is important to know our 'even better if' moments as well as celebrating all of the positives that we do here at school. Should you ever need a cup of tea & a chat, never hesitate to contact me!

Our Christmas production preparation is well underway despite it being November and on Monday we will hold our annual Advent Collective Worship.

We are looking forward to all that the festive season has to offer, along with the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy week ahead

Mrs J Harvey



Mrs Harvey
Headteacher

You are the Light of the World



On Wednesday 25th November, Governors led a staff well-being event, where staff were invited to a mini break with a hot drink and cake. Governors wished to thank staff for their hard work and to know that they are all highly valued. It was well received and feedback from staff was positive. Staff had a chance to share what was going well in their roles and even better if which was shared with Jo Harvey and her Senior Leadership team to consider. Due to the success of this event the senior leadership are looking to implement more of these sessions to give staff this space to relax and reflect.

There was also an opportunity for the Mental Health and Well-being team to meet. They discussed the MHWB strategic plan and looked at next steps. It was agreed that it would be good to communicate who the MHWB team are and their roles (please see poster attached). The team agreed that it would be good to collate parent views on MHWB so please look out for a survey. We would appreciate receiving as many responses as possible. It was felt that the MHWB event held in the summer at the end of the school day led by our school council pupils inviting parents to take part was a good way to share MHWB approaches and will be something we will timetable again for this year.

Bewdley Christmas Story Trail

Sticker and Colouring Book



This book belongs to

Children in Nursery, YR, Y1,2 and 3 will be bringing home a Christmas Story Trail booklet.

The idea is that children can use it to explore Bewdley looking for posters displayed in shop windows and when they find one, they can pop in and get a sticker to put in their booklet. Once complete they can visit the Church (details of when attached) and get a chocolate treat.

We have some extra booklets in the office, if you would like them for siblings.

Chocolates can be collected from St Anne's Church on November 29th, Christmas Light Switch on (1-6pm) or Christmas Eve at the Nativity (6pm).



NEWS FROM ST ANNE'S CHURCH

So New Year has finally arrived!

The church's year begins with Advent Sunday, which is this Sunday, four Sundays before Christmas Day. (Yes, I'm afraid so!), so gives us plenty of time to steel ourselves for one of the busiest times of the year for our church. Last Sunday, the Sunday before Advent, is rather charmingly called Stir Up Sunday because the special prayer for that day begins, "Stir up, we beseech Thee, the hearts of Thy people", and traditionally was the day for making Christmas puddings. Lots of stirring up to be done there!

Advent is a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus as a baby in a manger. We will have a series of reflective discussions, times for thinking about our lives both inside and outside church, and a general taking stock and "tidying up".

As the Advent prayer says:

"Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light."



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PTFA UPDATE

Christmas
WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

6PM FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER 2025
AT ST ANNES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY,
WYRE HILL, BEWDLEY.

£30 Per Person
To include everything you need to make your own Christmas wreath, a sweet treat and a glass of prosecco!

Plus **our bar will be open!**

For our school parents you can buy now on ParentPay
General tickets can be purchased on eventbrite by scanning the QR code below:



This is for adults only and if you have a pair of garden secateurs please bring them with you on the night.

We have just a few spaces remaining for the wreath making workshop next Friday.

If you would like to join us please make your booking over the weekend so we have time to order all the items we need.

Elfridges is as popular as ever with over there is still time to place orders—but this will close 9th December to allow our elves time to get things organised!

St Anne's PTFA
ELFRIDGES
£3 PER GIFT

Your children can choose Christmas gifts for friends and family.
Order on ParentPay now!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

With Christmas Jumper day approaching (Wednesday 17th December) the PTFA have a variety of children's Christmas wear for sale.

Each item is £1.50 and can be bought online, then sent home with your child.

<https://st-annes-primary-ptfa-bewdley.sumupstore.com/>

If you have any items that you would like to donate please drop them off at the office.





EASYFUNDRAISING

Easyfundraising is the easiest way for you to support St Anne's PTFA.

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A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
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Notice Board

KNIT WEAR FOR NURSERY!

Mrs Strand's mum has been busy knitting for nursery. We have a rainbow of hats, and ear warmers all for sale in the school office.

Feel free to pop up and take a look.

These are cash only with suggested contributions shown below.

All funds raised will go towards supplies for the Nursery.





PARENT CARER FORUM - ANXIETY, MENTAL HEALTH AND SEND
TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 9AM—ST ANNE'S SCHOOL HALL

The partnerships for inclusion of neurodiversity in schools (PINS) team will be holding a parent carers forum for our families and families of our local community on Tuesday 2nd December at 9am.

"Join us for "Anxiety, Mental Health and SEND". Meet the Worcestershire Parent Carer Forum reps, talk anxiety, mental health and additional needs. Ask questions, hear about local support services and make a worry doll for your young person. Share your views and experiences with the fully independent reps. Coffee and cake also available".

Please do pop in to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Child anxious? Worries about going to school? Struggling with their mental health? Thinking possible additional needs?



Advice & SEND support

Make worry dolls

Talk to the independent & experienced parent reps

Join us for ...

'Anxiety, Mental Health & SEND'

Meet the Worcestershire Parent Carer Forum reps, talk anxiety, mental health and additional needs. Ask questions, hear about local support services and make a worry doll for your young person. Share your views & experiences with the fully independent reps. Coffee & cake also available!

9am Tuesday 2nd December 2025

PINS at ST. ANNES



Worcestershire **PARENT CARER FORUM**



RECEPTION INTAKE - SEPTEMBER 2026

We are already thinking about the next school year as the application website for 2026 Reception Class places opens.

If you have a child that is due to start Primary School in September 2026 you have until 15th January to make your application.

You can do so by visiting the following website:

https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

The closing date is the 15th of January 2025 Online, or by email and you will be notified of your child's place on 16th April 2026.

The Hive in Worcester is hosting a Christmas Fayre on Sunday 30th November which we think will interest your children and families. Could you please put the following into your school newsletter? I have included both an image of the flyer for the fayre, as well as a brief text description of the event below.

Sunday 30th November 2025 – The Hive Christmas Fayre

10am – 3pm

Come along to The Hive Library on 30th November to hear Father Christmas tell stories, shop for Christmas gifts, make Christmas crafts and much more! You can also book tickets for a production of Christopher's Christmas [HERE!](#)

Newly added events will appear in red



- Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th December - Year 4 Residential to Pioneer Centre
 - Friday 5th December - PTFA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
 - Tuesday 9th December - Deadline to purchase Elfridges gifts
 - Tuesday 9th December - KS2 Christmas Performance - 9:00am and 2:00pm Thursday 11th December - KS1 and Reception Christmas Performance - 9:00am and 2:00pm -
 - Friday 12th December - Celebration Assembly - 9am - For Invited Parents
 - Friday 12th December - Nursery's Songs Around the Christmas Tree - 2:00pm
 - Monday 15th December - Rock Steady Concert for invited parents - 9:30am
 - Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner Day - Details to follow
 - Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day!
 - Thursday 18th December - Children Christmas walk to St Anne's Church - AM
 - Thursday 18th December - Class parties - PM
 - Friday 19th December - TED Day - School Closed
- Spring Term
- Friday 19th December - TED Day - School Closed - Have a lovely Christmas!
 - Wednesday 18th—Friday 20th March 2026 - Year 5 Residential to St Briavels Castle



- Tuesday 9th December - Deadline to purchase Elfridges gifts
Children taking part will choose gifts w/c 15th December.
- Tuesday 9th December - KS2 Christmas Performance - 9:00am and 2:00pm
- Thursday 11th December - KS1 and Reception Christmas Performance - 9:00am and 2:00pm

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

There will be no need to book tickets to attend the Christmas performances this year. However we do ask that you are considerate when inviting extended family to watch and **limit it to 3 people, PER PERFORMANCE, PER FAMILY. (Not per child).**

As you are aware, the hall is limited in space and whilst we endeavour to accommodate as many audience members as possible we are asking you to not over invite.

Upon arrival please do not leave empty seats and pushchairs need to be left by the school office.

Once again, **we will not be issuing tickets** but ask that you do not invite more than **3 people, PER PERFORMANCE, PER FAMILY.**

Your support in making this accessible and enjoyable for all is appreciated.

- Friday 12th December - Nursery's Songs Around the Christmas Tree - 2:00pm
Nursery parents are invited to join their children in the hall to celebrate with some festive tunes and activities. If your child does not attend nursery on this day you are welcome to come along with your child and join in the festive fun. Please arrive at the school office for 2:00pm.

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- Tuesday 16th December - Santa Claus is coming to town!
A visit from the man himself, and the PTFA Elves have helped him prepare a Christmas gift for each child.
 - Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner Day
You can select this on ParentPay and book like you would normally book lunches. The PTFA have funded crackers for every child, even if they are not having the Christmas lunch.
 - Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day!
Although a different date to the advertised Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, we will still be raising funds for this charity and you can donate here:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/stannesprimary?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL
 - Thursday 18th December - Children Christmas walk to St Anne's Church - AM
 - Thursday 18th December - Class parties - PM
The children will be walking to St Anne's Church in the morning, then will be having Christmas parties in their class rooms in the afternoon.
- Children can wear Christmas/festive clothes but must wear sensible shoes as they will be walking to and from St Anne's Church.
- They can bring in snacks and a drink for the party in the afternoon. This does not replace their lunch.
- Friday 19th December - TED Day - School Closed - Have a lovely Christmas!



Attendance at St Anne's

	EYFS/KS1			LKS2		UKS2		
Class	YR Cherry	Y1 Chestnut	Y2 Pine	Y3 Oak	Y4 Ash	Y5 Cedar	Y5 Willow	Y6 Redwood
This Week	100%	86.55%	100%	90.33%	96.90%	92.38%	97.20%	94.19%
This Term	99.93%	93.62%	97.67%	96.01%	97.43%	99.55%	96.11%	94.11%
This Year	99.93%	93.62%	97.67%	96.01%	97.43%	99.55%	96.11%	94.11%

Our best attending classes this week

EYFS/KS1



Cherry
Class



Pine
Class

LKS2



Ash
Class

UKS2



Willow
Class

St Anne's CofE Primary School - Term Dates

September 2025 - July 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Autumn 1

TED 1	Monday 1st September 2025
TED 2	Tuesday 2nd December 2025
Start date	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
End date	Friday 24th October 2025

October Half Term Holiday
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Autumn 2

Start date	Monday 3rd November 2025
End date	Thursday 18th December 2025
TED 3	Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Holiday
Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

SPRING TERM 2026

Spring 1

Start date	Monday 5th January 2026
End date	Friday 13th February 2026

February Half Term Holiday
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Spring 2

Start date	Monday 23rd February 2026
End date	Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holiday
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

SUMMER 2026

Summer 1

Start date	Monday 13th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
End date	Thursday 21st May 2026
TED 4	Friday 22nd May 2026

May Half Term Holiday
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Summer 2

Start date	Monday June 1st 2026
End date	Friday 17th July 2026
TED 5	Monday 20th July 2026

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

(This information is not related to the free school meals that all children are entitled to until the end of year 3)

Does my Child Qualify for Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Income Support

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you qualify for free school meal

s not only will your child receive free meals, but our school will receive additional funding too. Please do apply even if your child currently gets Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Y1 & Y2) as the school will still receive additional funding.

How to apply

You can apply for Free School Meals by completing an online application form which can be found here:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

[Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/125444/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf) (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines can be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent from school if the headteacher has not authorised the absence.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave / 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Penalty Notices Fines can be issued for unauthorised term time leave (code G) of 5 days (10 sessions) or more.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (Within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case may be presented to the Magistrates' Court under S4441 Education Act 1996. Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court could result in a fine up to £2500 per parent per child, and will also hold a criminal record, for failing to secure regular attendance.

Mixed unauthorised codes that meet 10 sessions

For 5 days (10 sessions) of other unauthorised absences recorded in a rolling 10 week period, a 20 day Notice to Improve can be issued by the school.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

Your child must start full-time education once they reach compulsory school age. This is on 31 December, 31 March or 31 August following their fifth birthday - whichever comes first. If your child's fifth birthday is on one of those dates then they reach compulsory school age on that date.

UNAUTHORISED CODES WHICH MAYBE USED FOR ISSUING PENALTY NOTICES

G - Family holiday (not agreed)

O - Absent in other or unknown circumstances

A - Arrived in school after registration closes (9:30am)

N - Reason for absence not yet established

REMINDER OF OUR NEW SCHOOL TIMES

- Nursery – no change, 9 am – 3 pm
 - Reception Class - 8.50 am – 3.10 pm
 - Year 1- 6 Gates will still open from 8.40
- Registration will be from 8.45 instead of 8.50 and the end of the day is 3.15 instead of 3.10 (5 minutes difference at each end of the day).