



Whole School Newsletter

St Anne's CE Primary School and Nursery
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Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a festive week it has been here at school! Our hall has been filled with music, laughter and tinsel, as each class performed their much-anticipated Nativity plays and Nursery 'Songs around the tree'. I could not be prouder of our pupils and staff for creating such magical moments for us all to enjoy.

From the tiniest angels to the confident narrators, every child brought their own sparkle to the story. Their hard work in learning lines and practising songs really paid off. It was lovely to see their excitement, and the pride on the faces of families and friends in the audience.

A huge thank you to our teachers and support staff who have spent time putting the plays together. Special appreciation also goes to Mrs Page, Mrs Henderson and Mr Paul for organising seating, sound, and all the unseen work that helps everything run smoothly. The Nativity season always reminds us of the importance of kindness, togetherness, and hope. Watching the children perform was another reminder of the strong and caring family we have here at St Anne's. Thank you to everyone who attended, applauded, and supported the children—your encouragement means the world to them.

As we move closer to the end of term, I hope these performances have brought a little extra warmth and festive cheer to your homes.

I would like to thank each and every one of you: staff, parents, governors, families, friends, our church family and our wonderful children for your support this year and all you do to make our school family so precious. Even when things are difficult, we find a way together. We look forward to more celebrations and shared moments in 2026.

Wishing you all a peaceful, happy, and safe Christmas holiday.

Best wishes, Mrs Harvey



Mrs Harvey
Headteacher

You are the Light of the World



Chair: Luci Boardman
Treasure: Cherri Milak
Secretary: Josh Peace
Email: stannesprimarypta@gmail.com



Thanks to everyone who has paid for gifts from Elfidges, we have had a great uptake with over 470 gifts being purchased!

Nursery have already been choosing their gifts this week and the other children will do it on Monday next week.

Thank you for all your support this year, we look forward to seeing you at our events next year!





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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.





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



- 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
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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

Christmas at St Anne's



- Tuesday 16th December - Santa Claus is coming to town!
- 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, we will still be raising funds for Save the Children. You can donate here:

On this day, children are invited to wear Christmassy clothes with sensible shoes suitable for walking to Church.

- Thursday 18th December - Children Christmas walk to St Anne's Church - AM
- Thursday 18th December - Class parties - PM

Celebration Assembly

Headteacher's Award

Layton H for excellent effort in spelling.

Darcie, Maisie and Artie R for their kindness to others.

Sports Star

Our Sports Stars are Jude and Elsie-Mai.

Well done!

Teacher's Special Awards

 Cherry Class	Louie C for always being ready to learn.	Dylan C for working so hard to write his letters beautifully.	Evie S for being a fantastic role model!
 Chestnut Class	Ezra S for excellent focus and determination when having a go at Mrs Harvey's quizzes.	George M for being conscientious when completing his reading test.	Viharna P for beautiful presentation and handwriting in our DT work on jam tarts.
 Pine Class	Joseph W for great use of adverbs in his writing.	Emily C for her wonderful non-fiction writing and moving up in guided reading.	Maisie R for her creativity and imaginative writing. And for always making us smile.
 Oak Class	Kayla B for an amazing performance in the Nativity as Mary.	James R for excellent work in D.T. and for working extremely hard in his NTS papers.	Noella F for trying hard in everything she does and always being polite.
 Ash Class	Ariella A for being incredibly brave at The Pioneer Centre and giving everything her all!	Laurence H for showing resilience and determination at The Pioneer Centre.	Rex H for showing his enthusiasm for learning in everything we do. Well done.
 Cedar Class	Dennis W for demonstrating outstanding perseverance when doing fractions in Maths.	Zlata K for showing great courage and being a good friend during our performance.	Ollie W for showing exceptional confidence in Maths.
 Willow Class	Ethan H for displaying immense courage during the nativity performance.	Sienna T for settling into St Anne's so wonderfully and being so positive!	Caleb B-A for always trying his hardest in everything he is asked to do.
 Redwood Class	Daniel P for great progress, especially in writing.	Alex P for outstanding effort in Maths.	



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%	87.93%	98.82%	95.67%	100%	94.29%	94.80%	97.42%
This Term	99.11%	93.08%	98.74%	95.71%	97.81%	95.20%	96.08%	94.15%
This Year	99.11%	93.08%	98.74%	95.71%	97.81%	95.20%	96.08%	94.15%

Our best attending classes this week

EYFS/KS1



Cherry
Class

LKS2



Ash
Class

UKS2



Redwood
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/125441/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).