Whole School Newsletter

St Anne's CE Primary School and Nursery
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Newsletter 05 - 09th October 2026



Weekly Update

It has been another busy week in school, with lots to celebrate and some lovely moments to reflect upon.

Our Year 6 children have approached their first round of Mock SATs with a super attitude. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and determination they have shown. As a school, we are very mindful that we do not want to add pressure or anxiety around these assessments. We remind the children that SATs are only a very small part of the much bigger picture of who they are and all that they achieve during their time with us. At the same time, we have a responsibility to prepare our children for the formality and procedures that surround these assessments, and we do all we can to ensure they feel familiar and comfortable with what is expected of them. The most important thing is that they continue to work hard, believe in themselves and understand that we are incredibly proud of them every single day.

We have also welcomed lots of prospective parents into school over recent weeks, both families considering our Reception places for next year and those looking to join us in other year groups. The feedback we receive is always so lovely, with visitors commenting on what a warm and friendly environment we have and how welcome they feel when they come through our doors. We all know just how important our school family is to us, so it is particularly special to be able to share that feeling with those who visit. Our children, staff and families make our school the wonderful place it is, and it is lovely when this shines through to others.

Our Year 3 swimming lessons are going really well. The children are enthusiastic, keen and determined to do their very best. Swimming is such an essential life skill, and we strongly encourage you to support this at home too. Please talk to your children about water safety from a very early age and help them to develop a healthy respect for water and an understanding of how to stay safe.



There has certainly been a distinct nip in the air this week, and the colours of autumn are beginning to creep in. I, for one, am making the most of these last few lighter evenings while they last!

Have a lovely weekend, everyone. I hope you enjoy some precious family time and perhaps manage to get out and enjoy a little of the autumn sunshine.

Best wishes, Mrs Harvey

Mrs Harvey
Headteacher

You are the Light of the World

Newly added events will appear in red

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 12th October - PTFA AGM - 6pm-7pm in the staff room
- Tuesday 13th October - Parent's Evening - Details to follow
- Wednesday 14th October - Whole School Walk to Church - Harvest Service - AM
- Wednesday 14th October - Pop Up Church in the school hall - 3:15-4:15 - booked children only
- Thursday 15th October - Year 6 visit to RAF Cosford
- Thursday 15th October - Parent's Evening - Details to follow
- Tuesday 20th October - Forest Church Day - Details to follow
- Thursday 22nd October - School Discos
- TED Day - Whole School Closed

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

- Wednesday 4th November - Pop Up Church in the school hall - 3:15-4:15 - booked children only
- Friday 6th November - PTFA Fireworks Night
- Friday 13th November - Celebration Assembly for invited parents - 9:00am
- Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th December - Year 4 Residential to the Pioneer Centre
- W/C 7th December - Christmas Productions - Full details to follow
- Friday 11th December - Celebration Assembly for invited parents - 9:00am
- Monday 14th December - Rock Steady Concert for invited parents - 9:30am
- Thursday 17th December - AM Whole School walk to Church for Christmas Service
  PM Class Parties - Details to follow
- Friday 18th December - TED Day - Whole School Closed

Monday 21st December-Friday 1st January - Christmas Holidays

- Monday 4th January - First Day of Spring Term

PTFA Update

Chair: Luci Boardman

Treasure: Cherri Milak

Secretary: Vacant Position

Email: stannesprimarypta@gmail.com

PTFA St Anne's Primary School Registered Charity Number 1006993

CAULIFLOWER CARDS - CHRISTMAS CARDS

W/C 21st September children will be bringing home their blank design sheets, for them to create their Christmas Artwork.

This can then be ordered on cards, wrapping paper, mugs etc.

Artwork needs to be back in school by Monday October 5th.

Each item you purchase helps to raise funds for the PTFA.

Use this link to place orders: https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop

PTFA AGM - Monday 12th October - 6pm-7pm - In the staff room

A number of our current committee are parents of year 6 children which means next year they will be saying farewell to St Anne's and the PTFA.

This means that more than ever, we need some new people to join the team. Please come along and see who we are and what we do!

Fireworks Night 2026

Scan here for tickets

This year there will be no tickets available to purchase via ParentPay. To keep track of numbers on site the PTFA have moved all ticket sales over to ticket tailor.

https://buytickets.at/stannesceprimaryschoolptfa/2388096

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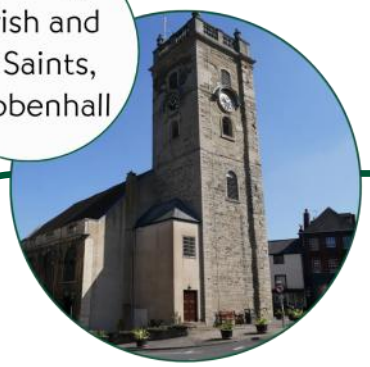
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Please come along!

Bewdley Parish and All Saints, Wribbenhall



News from St Anne's Church



Invites for October 14th have been sent out this week by text.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2027

Information can be found here about how to apply for your child's year 7 place: https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place

The deadline to make your application is 31st October 2026 and you will be notified of your child's allocated place on 1st March 2026.



OPENING AND CLOSING DATES FOR RECEPTION 2027 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for primary school applications starting school in September 2027 is Friday 15 January 2027.

The table below shows when applications open, close, and when you will be told about your offer:

School phase First or primary school
Applications open on Tuesday 1 September 2026
Applications close Friday 15 January 2027
When you will be told about your school place offer Friday 16 April 2027

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place/apply-primary-or-first-school-place

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**

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10 July 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

Further to the letter sent in May, we are writing to remind you about the change to holiday free school meal vouchers and send information about potential sources of support.

What has changed?

In the past, some families received food vouchers during the school holidays. These vouchers were paid for by money from the Government, through the Household Support Fund.

The Government stopped this funding from 31 March 2026. Because of this, holiday food vouchers will no longer be given out during school holidays. There is a new scheme called the Crisis and Resilience Fund which is available to help people facing a sudden financial crisis – however there is less funding available and it has to be used for different purposes.

What help is still available?

A leaflet is attached that lists some of the potential sources of support available to families.

Please know that support is still available for those experiencing financial difficulties, and we'll continue to share information as plans for Worcestershire are developed.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Perrott

Assistant Director for Communities

Worcestershire County Council

UNIFORM - CLIVE MARK

Our logo uniform is now to purchase from Clive Mark with free delivery available to school on smaller orders and free delivery to home on orders over £50. They also offer the option to pay in 3 instalments on orders over £35.

Clive Mark – St Anne's Primary School Uniform

The uniform is as follows:

- School jumper/cardigan with logo (logo preferred but not mandatory)
- White collared shirt with school tie (KS2)
- White polo shirt with school logo (KS1 and Reception) (logo preferred but not mandatory)
- Dark grey school trousers/shorts/skirt
- Grey socks/tights
- Green gingham check summer dress
- Dark school shoes

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

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) (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

U - 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).