Whole School Newsletter

St Anne's CE Primary School and Nursery
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Newsletter 06 - 16th October 2026



Weekly Update

It has been another lovely week in school, filled with opportunities to be together as a community and celebrate the things that make our school so special.

One of the highlights was our first visit to church of the school year. It was wonderful to see our school family and church family back together, with our new Reception children joining us for the very first time. We shared poems, stories, songs and prayers as we celebrated our Harvest Festival. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect on the importance of gratitude, sharing and caring for others, and to welcome our youngest children into this special part of our school life. A big thank you to all who helped, supported and organised the event.

We have also held our first parent-teacher consultations of the year. It has been a pleasure to meet with families, share the children's progress and celebrate all that they have achieved so far. Thank you so much for the positive comments, your kind words and, most importantly, your continued support. The partnership between home and school is so important, and we really value working together to help every child flourish.

Another lovely event was our Pop-Up Church, which gave families the chance to spend some quality time together, enjoying creative crafts and, of course, some delicious cake! It was wonderful to see families connecting, chatting and sharing time together in such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. These will be held regularly- do come along!

As always, thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Whether through joining us at church, meeting with us to discuss your child's learning or taking part in our family events, your involvement helps to make our school such a special place to be.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards, Mrs Harvey.

Mrs Harvey Headteacher

You are the Light of the World

Newly added events will appear in red

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 20th October - Forest Church Day - Details to follow
- Thursday 22nd October - School Discos
- Friday 23rd October - 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
- Friday 4th December - Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
- 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
- Monday 14th December - Christmas Secrets Room
- Tuesday 15th December - Film Night
- 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
- Monday 22nd March - Rock Steady Concert for invited parents - 9:30am
- Monday 21st July - Rock Steady Concert for invited parents - 9:30am

PTFA Update

Chair: Luci Boardman

Treasure: Cherri Milak

Secretary: Claire

Email: stannesprimarypta@gmail.com

PTFA St Anne's Primary School Registered Charity Number 1006993

Fireworks Night 2026 6th November

Join us for our fantastic Firework Night! This year all tickets must be bought via Ticket Tailor. There will be no tickets on the gate.

We sold out last year so make sure you purchase your tickets to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop Friday 4th December

Last year we held our first Christmas wreath making workshop.

We are pleased to announce that we will be running this lovely event once again.

£30 per person, to include all the materials you need: a fresh moss wreath, locally gathered foliage a festive drink and some nibbles.

We will have a selection of drinks available to purchase on the night too.

This is for adults only and if you have a pair of garden secateurs please bring them along!

We would love for you to join us!

Book tickets for both events here

PTFA Update

Elfridges is back again for Christmas!

Children are invited to choose and wrap Christmas Gifts for their family… including pets! Gifts are £3 each and can be purchased via ParentPay.

The return of the PTFA Film night

It has been a while since the PTFA held a film night so we are pleased to let you know that on December 15th, straight after school, we will be having a festive film night.

The movie will be ELF and children can enjoy milk and cookies whilst watching the film with their friends. (Alternatives will be provided for children with allergies).

This is limited to 80 spaces, £2.50 per child and can be booked via ParentPay.

Volunteers

We have a Volunteer WhatsApp group where we ask for help to do some small, and some bigger tasks. From wrapping Wonka bars to helping at events. If you would like to be added please follow this link. Each request will be checked against school records to ensure that you are a member of our school community. You can request to join here:



PTFA Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the PTFA you can do so by following the QR code below.

All donations are very much appreciated.



News from St Anne's Church



At the end of this week's session the group had circle time and everyone said one thing they liked about Pop Up Church today.

The children said 'singing' 'colouring' 'cake' 'being with everybody'

The parents said 'seeing the children dancing' 'being all together' and one said 'I really like the community we're building'

We were blown away by all these comments, especially the last one!

If you would like to come to the next session invites for November 4th will go out soon.

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

Celebration Assembly

Headteacher's Award

Darcie H for being super confident!

Teacher's Special Awards

Cherry Class	Alyssa S for being so enthusiastic in music!	Willow G for being an amazing role model.	
Chestnut Class	Louie C for an excellent start in Year 1.	Poppy J for making a great effort in all lessons, especially writing.	
Pine Class	Oliver F for fabulous writing using a range of sentence types.	Lily W for using all of the taught skills in her persuasive writing.	
Oak Class	Joseph W for being a fabulous role model & for always putting in the 'effort' to succeed.	Harry G for growing in confidence and for incredible presentation in all of his work.	
Ash Class			
Elder Class			
Hazel Class	Lottie W for her amazing focus and hard work.	Sienna T for always trying her best and her positive attitude.	Edi S for always shining her light brightly in everything she does.
Redwood Class	Connor C for his mature attitude and responsible behaviour.	Ember L for her mature attitude and positive contribution to class discussions.	

Attendance at St Anne's

	EYFS/KS1			LKS2		UKS2		
Class	YR Cherry	Y1 Chestnut	Y2 Pine	Y3 Oak	Y4 Ash	Y5 Elder	Y6 Hazel	Y6 Redwood
This Week	99.50%	95.86%	96.21%	94.71%	95.52%	98%	94%	97.50%
This Term	99.92%	97.01%	93.48%	95.73%	95.33%	97.96%	97.43%	96.84%
This Year	99.92%	97.01%	93.48%	95.73%	95.33%	97.96%	97.43%	96.84%

Our best attending classes

EYFS/KS1



LKS2



UKS2



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

24TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER

The Hive Children's Events

Lego Club:
Every Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30am (free & drop-in, ages 4+)



Rat-a-tat Tales:
Every Saturday & Sunday, 11am & 3pm (free & drop-in, ages 1 - 5 years old)



Scrap booking with the Sandys:
Monday 26th October, 10am -12pm (free & drop-in, for families and children of all ages.)



West African Story Time:
Monday 26th October, 11am-1:30pm (free & drop-in, ages 2 - 8 years old)



Bounce & Rhyme:
Every Tuesday, 10am & 2pm (free & drop-in, ages under 5 years old)
Every Friday, 11am (free & drop-in, ages under 5 years old)



Gruffalo Granny Story Time & Craft :
Tuesday 27th October, 11am and 3pm (free & drop-in, all ages welcome)



Papermaking Workshop:
Wednesday 28th, 11am-12:30pm, & 2pm-3:30pm (free & bookable, ages 6 - 11 years old)

Wacky Wednesday
Every Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:00pm (free & drop-in, ages 0 - 5 years)



Illustrated Letters Workshop:
Thursday 29th October, 10:30-11:30am and 2-3pm (Tickets are £1.50, bookable, ages 7 - 12 years old)



Family Film:
Friday 30th October, 10-12pm (free & drop-in, all ages welcome)



Baby Bounce & Rhyme:
Every Friday, 1pm (free & drop-in, ages 0 - 1 years old)



Stay & Play Dad's Group:
Last Saturday of every month, 10:30am - 12pm (free & drop-in, all ages)



The Illustrated Book Group:
Sunday 1st November, 2 - 3pm (free & drop-in, ages 8 - 12 years old)



The Hive




Bewdley Churches Together
invite you to a
Pumpkin Light Party
Saturday 31st October 4-6pm
For children of primary age and below
Must be accompanied by an adult
Fun, Games, Cake, Crafts and Hot Chocolate
Hot Drinks available for adults
Come and shine your light
No charge, Just turn up
Bewdley Baptist Church
61 High Street, Bewdley,
DY12 2DJ
www.bewdleybaptist.org.uk
01299 403267
office@bewdleybaptist.org.uk

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).