



HEADLINES

SEPTEMBER	
13 th	Y6 and Y3 Commitment Mass to their sacraments @ 6pm
16 th	GIFT Team @ Solihull Y5 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am
19 th	EYFS Meet the Teacher @ 2:45pm EYFS/KS1 Disco - 4:15-5:15 KS2 Disco 5:30-6:30 Pay £3.50 into school or pay on the door
21 st	Father Gwil Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Timothy @ 11am
22 nd	Whole School Mass @ Church @ 9:30am (parents welcome) Fr. Gwil's Silver Jubilee. Normal arrival at school.
23 rd	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am Confirmation Sacramental Meeting @ Church parents only with Fr. Gwil @ 6pm
24 th	Y5 Mass in School @ 9am Rags 2 Riches Collection (please save all your summer clear outs)
25 th	Caritas Training @ Solihull
26 th	McMillan Coffee Morning 9 - 10am in school all families and friends welcome.
27 th	Welcome to St. Anne's Parish and School for Nursery and Reception, Mass starts @ 6pm
30 th	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am PTA Meeting in school @ 7pm
OCTOBER	
1 st	KS2 Cross Country 9-11am
3 rd	INSET School Closed
4 th	Special Friends Family Parish Mass, meet your child's special friend and their family.
6 th	School Photos
7 th	Y1 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am
IMPORTANT DATES	
16 th October Confirmation Y6 @ 6pm	
8 th to 10 th October Alton Castle Y5 Walsingham Date TBC will be June 2026	
11 th December First Reconciliation @ 1:30pm	
20 th June First Holy Communion @11am and 1pm	
29 th June Y6 to Laches Wood 1 week	

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The words are **Self-giving**. As we settle into the academic year, let us ask ourselves how we can give ourselves to God?

Tuesday 16th September Y5 Mass @ Church. Children arrive at 8:45am. There will not be a Mass in school on **Wednesday 17th September** as Fr. Gwil is in Rome.

Headteacher Message



Today, has seen our final 10 children join our Nursery class, The Nursery pupils have settled remarkably well. School life is now in full swing, we are starting to get dates for sporting competitions, after school clubs have started and we have a full rota of family Parish Masses. All of these are a vital part of our school life and are what enrich our children's experiences.

Next week, our PTA will be hosting their first events, school discos for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 pupils. Payment can be made via cash (in a marked envelope) into school or pay at the door on the night, cost is £3.50. These are always fantastic events that the children really love. Tomorrow, we welcome our Y3 and Y6 pupils to their sacramental commitment Mass at 6pm. This is an essential part of their sacramental preparation. Thank you to all of those who have donated to Fr. Gwil's silver jubilee collection, anyone else who would like to donate, we would ask you to do this before Monday 15th September. Have a wonderful weekend, fingers crossed for some sunshine.

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Nursery

What a wonderful first week we have all had. You have all settled amazingly well in such a small amount of time. It has been wonderful to see you all starting to make friends as well as settling into class routines. We have had great fun getting to know all of you. Thank you so much for the effort you have put into the summer diaries, the children have loved sharing these with staff and other children. We hope you all have a lovely restful weekend

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception

As our second week ends, the children certainly are settling well. They were terrific at Mass on Wednesday morning. We've had lots of fun inside and outside this week - the children especially loved dressing up outside, the wheeled toys and balancing on the tyres. PE Days will be Thursday and Woodlands School will be Friday. This will start next week. Don't forget to send in any PE bags to school as we intend to start getting changed on Thursday. Don't forget to remove all earrings on PE days. Next Friday, we will start our Woodlands School visits. Please refer to the class webpage for information about clothing.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1

Well done Year 1 you have fully embraced every moment in class this week. We have been getting used to our Maths lessons and have enjoyed a carousel of fun activities and games. We have been living out our Mission Statement in Forest School and have also enjoyed the car game in PE. Ask your child what the 6 different gears meant. This week we started our seasons topic in Science. Please ask your child if they can remember the four seasons and what we might wear in these seasons. Well done to those who have shared their summer booklets this week. Such fun memories.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2

This week, we have started to settle into our new routine. You were all excited to start phonics which was great to see- don't forget to practise your spellings for some extra practice with our rule, 'y saying igh'. You have made some great contributions, including in R.E when we explored Noah's Ark and the meaning of the story, in History when we learnt why the Great Fire of London spread and writing our instructions for Paddington bear in English. I know you are ready to show off your lovely handwriting in our final write next week! Have a nice weekend everyone.

Miss Regan

Year 3

Well done to year 3 on a busy week. We have been working hard in maths, ordering and creating 3 digit numbers and improving our Learn Its times. In History we have found out how tools were made in the stone age and in Science we have investigated lots of different rocks. Well done on your homework so far, please check the website for our RE homework for the end of this month. We look forward to our Commitment Mass on Saturday.

Mrs Robinson

Year 4

Well done to Year 4 for a fantastic full week back at school - it's been great to see you settling back into your routines! In English, we've been enjoying reading more of *Bill's New Frock* and discussing the theme of gender stereotypes in the story. One of the highlights this week has been starting our timelines in preparation for our history topic on the Romans. We began by making a human timeline and then created our own versions in our books. There's lots of excitement and curiosity for this topic already! Instructions for using Google Classroom for homework were sent out via Arbor yesterday. Please log in to check this week's homework with the login in your child's homework diary. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Jones

Year 5

We have had fantastic first full week in Year 5! The week started with swimming on Monday - I was very impressed with your swimming ability and your behaviour, well done! We have made a great start with all of our subjects in class, and I have been pleased with how hard you are all working. Please remember to practise your spellings for a test on Monday. We will also be doing our second arithmetic test on Monday so do have a look at the one that you brought home last week - especially Q1 & 21. Have a fun weekend!

Mr Caddick

Year 6

A very busy week with lots of discussion, written work and reasoning. As you have seen this week - we have a lot of work to cover, and we need to be efficient in recording and getting tasks finished. I was so impressed with your mature answers in both RE and Geography so I know you will be able to produce some great quality work. Thank you for your reading journals this week - fantastic quality work, a great range of books and beautifully presented. Remember to make a start on your Nando's homework - we have read chapter 1 of ROTHMC so you could create a comic strip! I look forward to seeing you all at the Commitment Mass tomorrow at 6pm.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	All children for great settling
Reception	Isla & Sienna
Year 1	James & Connie
Year 2	Lewis & Mia
Year 3	Amelie & Archie
Year 4	Ashton & Finley
Year 5	Georgie & James
Year 6	George & Oliver G

Congratulations Certificates will be presented to the pupils. Well done!

After School Clubs

Monday: Y1/Y2

Dance

Monday: Drama
Y5/6 (from 22.09)

Thursday: KS2
Dance

All clubs dismissed at main reception. If you wish to enroll email mmiller@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk

Fr. Gwil's Silver Jubilee is on the 22nd September 2025.

Fr. will celebrate Mass at Church that morning, the whole school will join him there. We would love to present him with a worthy gift for all the time he gives to our children and families. If you wish to donate to this fund, please go to the Arbor payment shop. Alternatively, you can pay directly into the school fund account quoting the following:

Bank: HSBC

Account Name: St. Anne's Primary School fund

Sort Code: 40-26-23

Account Number: 91188461

Reference: Silver Jubilee

Or simply send in some cash in an envelope.

Thank you very much.

Building The Kingdom

I am looking forward to seeing all your projects on inspirational women. Remember you can present them in any format that you would like. Last year, people produced artwork, comparison reports, biographies and pieces of writing explaining why they were inspired by these women.

There will be prizes for KS1 and KS2 for this project. You have until the 29th September, but you can start returning at any time. I can't wait to see them.

Mrs Johnston.



Sporting Achievements this year.

Don't forget to tell us about your out of school achievements. Email Mrs Baynham-Hughes on

Sbaynham-hughes@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk

PDC Dance Group	Who took part in last weekend's dance competition and did amazingly well
Y2	George who won player of the match for his team ace at the weekend.
Y4	Lola B_ won player of the match for her team Burntwood Phoenix.

Sportsmanship Award of the week

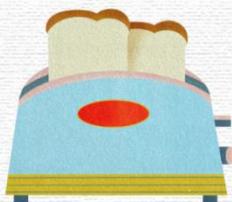
Awarded to Archie in Y3 for checking in on his friends and making sure that they were, ok? Well done, Archie, a great example.

Sales now open to KS1 and KS2

BREAK SALES



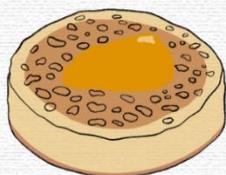
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



TOAST 30P



PANCAKE 50P



CRUMPET 50P



BAGEL 50P



SAUSAGE SANDWICH
£1
MONDAY ONLY

This half term our Catholic Social Teaching is about solidarity and the Common Good.



Thinking of everyone
The Common Good
Chikondi the giraffe's story



Chikondi loves to play hide and seek with her friends. Some of her friends are really good (like spider and mouse). Chikondi is often found first in this game as she struggles to find a way to hide herself because of her really long legs and neck.

One day she thought about not including some of the smaller animals so that she would not be the first picked. But then she realised that it was important for everyone to be included and for everyone to be treated equally.

So now she just giggles to herself whenever she is found! She is happy that everyone is having fun, and everyone has a chance to play together without being left out.

Chikondi's story tells us that what we do affects everyone. When we make decisions, we should think about the good of everyone.

Showing we care Solidarity Shristi the sun bear's story



Shristi is one of the biggest animals in her neck of the woods. However, she also has the kindest heart.

A fire destroyed part of her forest and many animals lost their homes and were injured and couldn't live like they used to. Shristi was the first to visit them and shared time with them, learning what it was like to lose your home.

After becoming friends, she made sure that they found new homes and were happy with their new lives. Her actions inspired lots of other animals to follow.

We learn from Shristi's story that we must recognise others as our brothers and sisters and actively work for their good.



Based on the gospel for Sunday 14 September, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:
John 3:13-17

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

This Sunday, on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we ponder an unsettling mystery: the cross of Christ.

The Gospel refers to the Old Testament reading. The ancient Israelites in the wilderness are afflicted by poisonous snakes. Those who are bitten must gaze upon a bronze snake for healing. At his crucifixion, Jesus is lifted up for all to see, like the bronze snake. How can gazing upon a scene of such horror be healing?

On the one hand, the cross can console, revealing that Jesus remains with us, whatever 'poisonous snakes' surround us. On the other hand, the cross exposes a violence at the heart of our political systems and cultures that we cannot unsee. Jesus is the scapegoat, an innocent victim sacrificed to 'keep the peace' with the occupying power.

Being branded with the sign of the cross, we are emboldened to confront violence, not with violence, but, in Pope Leo XIV's words, with the "unarmed and disarming peace" of the risen Christ.

Prayer

Prince of Peace,
by your Holy Cross you disarmed
the powers of this world.
In the midst of, violence,
may we find shelter in your open arms
and share your peace with others.
Amen