



HEADLINES

SEPTEMBER	
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 NOT NURSERY @ 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
8 th	Y5 to Alton Castle until Friday Y4 Mass in school @ 9am
10 th	Reception Literacy Meeting for all Reception parents @ 2:15pm
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 word is **Trustworthy**. This week we are reminded that when we trust in God we can achieve great things. It is also a time to be a person of trust.

Tuesday 23rd September Y4 Mass @ Church. Children arrive at 8:45am. There will not be a Mass in school on Wednesday 24th September Year 5 Mass in school @ 9am.

Headteacher Message



We are now at the end of week 3 in school, the children are settling well and producing some incredible work. Well done everyone. This week many classes have utilised Forest School and next week Mrs Robinson's group will restart. Our school fund and building fund payments are now live on Arbor. These payments really are essential in helping us to enrich your child's curriculum offer at St. Anne's. Unfortunately, our budgets are very tight and they do not lend themselves to us being able to offer curriculum enhancing experiences for your children. To date, we have received 45 payments out of 242 for school fund. If you are able to pay this £7 contribution it really does make a difference. The Building Fund payment allows school to put funds together to pay our 10% contribution to any building project. Over the past 7 years we have had more than £1,000,000 of investment into school and this has meant that our building fund has had to contribute more than £100,000. To date we have received 25 payments out of 242 for this fund. There are a couple of building projects that we would like to bid for this year, but we need to have the 10% contribution, prior to seeking funding. If you are able to support these funds, we would be very grateful. We hope to see many of you tonight at the school discos - see calendar for timings. Have a great weekend.

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Nursery Another brilliant week Nursery. You have all well and truly settled into school life and we can't believe how good you are already at following instructions and routines. We couldn't be prouder of you. This week, we have started to do some artwork which is making our classroom look beautiful already. We have also started to learn lots of new nursery rhymes and read some stories. It has been wonderful getting to know you all and I hope you have a great weekend, see you at the disco.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception Well that week went really fast! Lots of firsts and new things in Reception this week. The children were introduced to their Special Friends on Wednesday!!!! I think Year 6 were ready to explode! Over the next few weeks the children will have opportunities to play and get to know each other. The children also went on a tour around the school, meeting staff and siblings around the school. The children even managed to squash into Mrs Miller's office - her favourite event of the year. The children were especially happy to meet the wonderful Bonnie! Photographs will be uploaded to the website shortly. Then on Thursday and Friday we took part in our first PE and Woodlands School sessions where children changed for themselves. Well done Reception on showing me how amazing you are! Have a great time at the school disco!

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1 Year 1 have had a very busy week! We have been looking at their first Online Safety Topic 'Privacy and Security'. We have been discussing what personal information should not be shared with others in the online world. Please reinforce this with your child. In R.E we have been looking at the Creation story. Can your child remember some of God's wonderful creations? We have been thinking about how we can look after God's world and the creations he made. This week we were so excited to launch our Transport Topic. Can your child tell you about some modes of transport from within living memory and beyond living memory? Well done to those who have shared their summer booklets this week.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 Well done for your hard work this week Year 2- I know you are all trying hard with your writing! This week, we have continued to explore numbers in our place value topic in Maths and you have gained so much confidence with understanding tens and ones. You really impressed me with your coding ability in Computing and showed great independence with trying to work out each step. Next week, we look forward to celebrating with Father Gwil and learning more about London to help us write a letter! Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Regan

Year 3 Year 3 have worked very hard this week on their writing skills. We have been learning how to construct letters and have written in paragraphs to describe Tuffy the cat. The whole class is working very hard on their spellings and scoring brilliant results in their weekly quizzes. We have also been investigating rocks and looking at the properties of common rocks which we see all around us. Finally, we are also focusing on saying, writing and adding up 3 digit numbers in Maths. Well done to everyone in Year 3, enjoy the weekend.

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 Another week flies by Year 5! We've had a very busy week and have loved reading the first few chapters of 'Viking Boy' in English lessons. We are now planning and writing our own chapter of the book - I look forward to reading these next week. In Science, we have planned our first investigation into the properties of materials - you are going to enjoy testing materials in the next lesson. We have also learnt about different creation stories from around the world in RE and we are learning about quiz design in Computing. A huge well done on the standard of your Reading Journal homework - please keep up the hard work! Enjoy the weekend.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A fantastic week with lots of class points earned. You are all working so hard with problem solving in maths and your arithmetic scores are improving every week. We are now getting into the challenging parts of our class book ROTHMC and you have been coming up with some interesting theories already. I am looking forward to your bus crash newspaper reports next week. You have all proved to be great historians, looking at primary sources of evidence to reach conclusions about the past. Please remember to complete your homework on female role models so it can be displayed in the dining room.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	All children for their singing
Reception	Gabriel & Isaac
Year 1	Arthur & Ella L
Year 2	Theo Rav & Jacob
Year 3	Gracie & Conor
Year 4	Emilia & Ted
Year 5	Lachlan & Joseph
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.

The whole school (excluding Nursery) will join Fr. Gwil for his Silver Jubilee Mass at 9:30am at the church. We will present the school gift to Father at this Mass. Thank you for your generous donations. Children will come into school at normal time. Once we return to school, the children will spend some time with Fr. Gwil and they will also have some celebration cake.

Fr. Gwil has awarded the children some extra playtime as a treat and he is hoping to join some children on the MUGA. We hope it will be a great day of celebration for Fr. Gwil and one that the children too, will remember as a special day.

Building The Kingdom

Thank you to those who have started returning your projects, they look great and such a range of women. You still have time to complete this, your teachers in KS2 have said this could be your reading Journal homework this week.

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.



Roll of Honour

Sporting Achievements this year.

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

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Nursery class	Great throwing and catching skills
Y3	Rogan got player of the match in his first game of the season.
Y4	Sienna got awarded most improved dancer for 2025 term
Y4	Lyla got player of the match in her first netball match for Barr Beacon
Y4	Freddie got player of the week for his football team

Sportsmanship Award of the week

Awarded to James B (Y5) for putting others before himself in a football match on the MUGA yesterday.

Our wonderful GIFT team who joined with children from 17 other schools in the diocese to pilot a scheme of chaplaincy across our schools. They are pictured with the incredible and amazing Sr. Judith Russi an eminent speaker on Catholic Life and social teaching. Also pictured is Fr. Stephen Fleming, who conducted the service. Fr. Stephen is a past pupil from St. Anne's School. We look forward to seeing the GIFT team in action, across school over this next academic year. Well done: Keira, Alayah, Jackson & Lachlan.

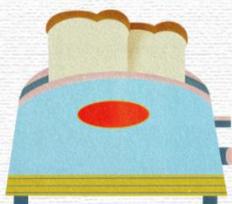


Please ensure that children bring the correct money for the items.

BREAK SALES



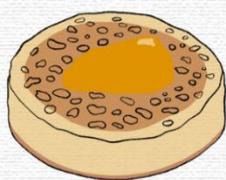
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



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 21 September, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Luke 16:1-13

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness."

This Sunday's gospel presents a somewhat puzzling parable about a dishonest manager who is about to be fired for wasting his master's money. Realising he'll soon be jobless, he comes up with a plan to secure his future. He calls in his master's debtors and significantly reduces their bills. Surprisingly, when the master finds out, he commends the manager for his shrewdness.

The cancellation of debts at the heart of this story can surely speak to us in this Jubilee Year. His motives may be questionable, but the astute manager demonstrates how money can be used to create a more just world where all may flourish. Can we do the same in how we use our own wealth and in calling for debt justice in the international community?

We live in a compromised world where we cannot avoid the challenges that money brings. Jesus reminds us that we are called to live as children of the light. May our reflections on this parable help us to embrace that calling - shrewdly and urgently - so that our use of money may build the loving relationships of God's Kingdom.

Prayer

Loving God,
help us live shrewdly
as children of the light,
trusting you more than wealth
and sharing your gifts generously
Amen.