

Reception Newsletter – Friday 12th September 2025

Phonics - Nursery Rhymes

This week we started our Phonics lessons by reviewing Level 1. This level is about listening to sounds in the environment and spoken word, learning nursery rhymes, thinking about words that start with the same letter, identifying rhyming words and orally sounding out words. We've started learning nursery rhymes – focusing on Humpty Dumpty. Ask your child if they can perform the rhyme using the actions we've used in school. Nursery rhymes are a very important stage of development to support your child's development. At home, please share as many as you can and encourage your child to be able to say these by heart. If a child can say at least eight Nursery Rhymes by the age of four, they are usually among the best readers by the time they are eight.

RE

This week we have been learning to join our hands properly to say our prayers. Our focus was learning to say our morning prayer. Children need to confidently say all our formal prayers (for Reception age) by the end of the year. These can be found on our class webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/class-prayers-4/>

Snacks

We provide a piece of fruit every day, but if you know your child only likes one piece of fruit or vegetables, then please send this in to school in your child's reading packet. If you would like your child to have something for the afternoon, then please send another piece of fruit for the afternoon.

Ruck Sacks

Children do not need to bring any other bags to school except their reading packet and a lunchbox.

Summer Record

We have started sharing these with the class. The children are enjoying listening to what each other have done over the holiday.

1000 Stories

Your child will be bringing home their first 1000 Stories reading book and collector card today. Please make every effort to share this story with your child. An older sibling or Grandparent might also like to read this book to them. Please refer to my ParentMail earlier in the week.

Bluesky / Website

The school has an active Bluesky page. Staff post updates regularly on <https://bsky.app/> and I have uploaded my first posts this week. Please search for **@stannesstreetly** and follow us. I will also upload photographs to the website: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/reception-photographs/>. Please use the website in the first instance to look for a wealth of information and support.

PE

Our first PE session takes place on Thursday 18th September. If you haven't already done so, please send in your child's PE bag. We will change for PE directly after register and prayers.

PE kit should include:

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt with the large school logo (not the polo shirt)
- Trainers with Velcro – no laces please
- A pair of white socks for girls in case they wear tights later in winter months

Reception children do not need a black track suit– even if reminders come to you via email.

Woodlands Forest School

Our first visit to Woodlands Forest School will take place on Friday 19th September. Children should come to school dressed in their Woodlands Forest School clothing for the whole day (clothing you don't mind getting dirty such as jogging bottoms, leggings, t-shirt, fleece etc) wearing sensible Velcro footwear such as school shoes or trainers. You do not need to send in uniform on Friday's.

Please provide outer clothing in a named bag every Friday - sorry we don't have space to store them in school all week:

- waterproof all-in-one playsuit
- wellington boots (inside their own carrier bag to help stop the spread of mud through school and on clothing)
- spare socks in case theirs get wet
- a hat (winter / summer)

We go outside in all weathers. Children without appropriate clothing will get wet and shoes become ruined.

Meet the Teacher

The Reception Meet the Teacher takes place on Friday 19th September at 2.30pm. Please come to the main entrance at the front of the school where I will meet you.

Literacy in Reception & Beyond

This takes place on Friday 10th October at 2.30pm. At the session, Mr Caddick (Y5 teacher & English Lead if available) and I will share with you how we teach children to read and write at St Anne's and how you can support your child at home. Please come to the main entrance at the front of the school where I will meet you. The information will be uploaded to: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/literacy-in-reception-beyond-at-st-annes-workshop/>

PTA Meeting & Events

The first PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th September. We'd love to welcome some new members. The following events have been pencilled into the school diary:

- Friday 19th September – Children's Back to School Disco (after school – details via ParentMail)
- Friday 21st November – Bottle Mufti Day (children to wear their own clothes and bring in an alcoholic bottle for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fayre)
- Friday 28th November – Chocolate Mufti Day (children to wear their own clothes and bring in box / bar of chocolate)
- Friday 5th December - Christmas Fayre (after school)

For more information about our PTA, please log on to: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/topic/pta>

Family Masses at St Anne's Church

These take place every Saturday at 6pm. Father Gwil invites children to the family masses every week. We have some special family masses which focus on different classes though the year where children from across the school lead the Mass alongside Father Gwil. There are two special family masses for Reception this term:

- Saturday 27th September – EYFS Family Mass
- Saturday 4th October – Rec & Y6 Special Friends Family Mass.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Turley