



Newsletter

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Vision & Values

Our school community embracing and reflecting our vision and values is extremely important at St Anne's. This term our Church School Value is: **Forgiveness**
We are focusing on what it means to forgive and be forgiven, and what that looks like in school.
 British Value is: **Rule of Law**
We are focusing on respecting the rules of school, our local community and wider society.

Attendance

Excellent school attendance is a priority nationally as well as here at our school. There are 190 school days in a year so we would really appreciate you booking holidays and appointments on the remaining 175/6.
 We are aiming for at least **96%** for 2023-24. Our current attendance figures are as follows
 The 2023-24 Academic Year: **95.4%**
 The Spring Term: **95.9%**
 This Week: **97.7%**

Staffing

Interviews for our new Headteacher for September 2024 have taken place today. We will inform you next week who the successful candidate is once the appointment has been finalised.

With the departure of Mrs Peters from our staff team, Mrs Barwell and Mrs Mawby have taken over the cleaning of the school alongside Mrs Meanwell. Mrs Mawby has also been appointed to Midday Supervisory Controller. We wish them both well in their new roles!

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking to recruit an additional Midday Supervisor to assist serving and supervising the children at lunchtimes. If you would like to join our fun and friendly team then maybe this is the job for you!

The position is from 11.40-1.05pm (1 hr and 25 mins) each day, Monday to Friday, term time only, to commence as soon as possible. If you are interested in this position and would like further details and an application form, please come in and chat to the school office team.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to those of you who attended a parents' evening appointment this week. If you were unable to make an appointment and would like to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact them on class dojo.

Science Week

We had a fantastic Science Week at St Anne's with an action packed calendar of events for all the children

to celebrate Science. Year 6 enjoyed a visit from a former pupil who is now an Astrophysicist and wowed the children with his supercool facts about black holes. Years R and I enjoyed a visit from a parent who is a Veterinary Surgeon who explained to the children how he helps keep our pets healthy. The children were fascinated with everything he had to say and how science is an important part of his job. Our science week was finished off with an amazing visit from the Wonderdome Planetarium. The children really enjoyed this awesome immersive experience!

World Book Day & The Book Fair

We had a great Book Week last week sharing stories and our love of reading. The children looked fantastic in their book character outfits and we had some amazing entries in our story in a jar competition. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair - we made over £1200 in book sales and over £600 in commission for books for our school, which is absolutely fantastic! Thank you!

Easter Egg Colouring Competition

The closing date for our Easter egg colouring competition has been amended to 9.00am on **Tuesday 26th March** so that the winners can be announced in our Easter Service in St Anne's Church in the afternoon.

Easter Cake Sale

The School Council will be selling cakes on **Monday 25th March** during morning playtime in the hall. Donations of cakes/biscuits for our stall would be very much appreciated - please send these in on Monday. Please do not send in cakes containing nuts or nut products such as ground almonds or nutella etc. Children may come to school with a small

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amount of money to buy a cake. Prices from 50p. All monies raised will go to school funds to support your children. Thank you for your support!

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be taking place on **Tuesday 26th March at 1.30pm** at St Anne's Church. We would love to invite you along for this very special service. Please could we remind you not to chatter during the service and that unsettled siblings are briefly taken outside if they become noisy. Parents/Carers who attend the service will be able to collect their children from school after the service. Thank you.

Online Safety

This week's focus is on what parents and carers need to know about Snapchat. Please see the attached poster.

Term Dates

Please note, as agreed at a recent governing body meeting, all school days will finish at the usual home times of **3.10/3.15pm**. Going forward, this will mean that on the last day of every term, school will finish at these times.

Term 4 ends on: Thurs 28th March at 3.10/3.15pm.

Term 5 begins on: Tuesday 16th April at 8.40am.

School Meals

The menus for Term 5 are now live to order your child's school lunches from. The deadline for the first week of Term 5 is **Tuesday 9th April, 3.00pm**.

Absence & Illness

Please can **all** absences be reported at the school office via telephone, email or parentmail (not via class dojo, adults in the playground or breakfast club staff). Please ensure you specify the nature of your child's illness as 'unwell' or 'under the weather' are not sufficient to ensure our records are accurate. Please remember to keep children off school for **48 hours** after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea to avoid passing on infections.

Free School Meals

If your financial situation has recently changed, you may find your child is entitled to Free School Meals based on benefits. Please visit [Free School Meals](#) to apply or contact the school office should you have any queries. Even if your child is in YR, Y1 or Y2 and gets lunch each day, it is still worth applying as you will be entitled to additional assistance in school.

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