



# ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**St. Anne's Mission Statement: "Each one of us is unique, each one of us is special, because we are created by God's love. May God's love shine on our lives as we care and share and learn together."**

Friday 28th March 2025

## CATHOLIC LIFE

School Virtue for this half term – Attentive & Discerning

In our Liturgical Calendar we are currently in Lent, a time of repentance

The half term focus for Catholic Social Teaching is: 'Option for the poor and vulnerable'

## DIOCESAN VIRTUES AT ST. ANNE'S – OUR HALF TERM VIRTUE: 'ATTENTIVE & DISCERNING'

As part of Our Lady and All Saint Mac Academy, the Children's Charter depicts five principles. Each half term we will focus on a principle, that links beautifully with our Catholic virtue for the half term.

### All Saints are servants of Christ

*'To the servant of God... every place is the right place and every time is the right time.'* St Catherine of Siena. All students in Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi-Academy Company are encouraged to ask 'Who is God calling me to be?' Through the strong teaching of religious education; the joyous celebration of our Catholic life and the provision of high quality, reflective collective worship opportunities, we offer everyone the chance to consider their vocation and how best to develop and use their faith for the good of others and to worship Christ.

We want everyone within our family of schools to be 'Strong in Faith' considering the example of Our Lady – the 'Handmaid of the Lord' who, in saying yes to God, showed us that we too are able to discover the path to holiness and to authentic spirituality as we become servants of the Lord.

### Attentive and Discerning

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

## RE INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Please find the dates below for this academic years remaining RE Inspire Parent Workshops.

Year Group	Relevant RE Unit	Date Time 8.50am
Reception	St Anne	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
1	Following Jesus Today	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
2	Parables and Miracles	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
5	Pentecost	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May

## BLUERUNNER – ORDERING SCHOOL DINNERS

Aspens have kindly asked us to remind parents to take their time when ordering school dinners for their children as they are experiencing a lot of children changing their mind at service. We encourage all children to try all foods, however if you know that your child does not like something specific please ensure this is not ordered as we do not wish for the child to be upset and not feel full after their afternoon lunch. Please also be mindful that if you have placed an order and your child comes in to school with a packed lunch, you will still be charged. If you have any queries regarding this please let us know and we can raise this with Aspens.

Thank you

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our Year 3 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday! It was a joyous occasion, filled with faith and love, as they received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. We are so proud of them and continue to keep them in our prayers.



We now look forward to celebrating with the final group this coming Saturday, as they take this important step in their journey of faith. Please keep the children in your prayers.

## EASTER CREATIVITY!

### Easter Bonnets

Children in nursery and reception may bring a homemade Easter Bonnet to school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. We will not be holding a competition, but they will have fun in class parading as a year group in their special Easter Bonnets if they wish to join in. The whole purpose is to be creative and most importantly, have fun!



### Easter Gardens

Children in Year 1, 2 and 3 may bring in a homemade Holy Easter Garden on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**.

### Decorated Easter Egg

Children in Year 4,5 and 6 may bring in a decorated egg linked to the theme **'vocations' – Who is God calling you to be?** On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**.



*These activities will not be for a competition, they are just a chance to be creative and have some fun! We look forward to seeing all your wonderful creations.*



## LENTEN CAKE SALES

**Date:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**Catholic Social Teaching in Action:** Care for the poor and vulnerable

During the last week before we break for Easter, there will be an opportunity for children to bring in cakes to sell and lead on Lenten activity stalls to raise money for our chosen Lenten charities.

Children often come up with their own fabulous ideas such as 'guess how many sweets in a jar' with a numbered sheet, or 'guess the name of the teddy' along with bringing cakes in to sell.

The cakes and stalls will be sold between 10-20 pence each.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity during Lent.

### Ice cream in the sunshine!

What a special treat for the children across school to enjoy a well-deserved delicious ice cream in the sunshine with their friends!



# VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

In this week's votes the children answered the following topic question:

- Should shops do more to reduce shoplifting? (9-11)
- Is it easy to respect other people's belongings? (5-9)

### International day of Remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade

On the [25th March](#) we honoured and remembered those who suffered and died linked to slavery systems. It is important to raise awareness of our British Values (Mutual respect and Individual liberty) and protected characteristics (Race).



**ACTIVE HOMEWORK – WELL DONE CHILDREN!**

**Ciara 5R** - at football this week. Super skills Ciara!



**Hudson 1I** – Rocking Climbing  
Well done for being so brave Hudson!



**Frankie 4P** – Swimming  
Well done Frankie for completing your 25m swim!



**Jaxon 4O'R and Emmie RH**  
Jaxon and Emmie scooted and cycled to feed the ducks!  
A great way to stay active, well done both!

**Harper 1I** – Rock climbing and Football  
Well done to Harper for staying active with her visit to the park as well as playing football this week!



## NURSERY

### Prayer and Liturgy

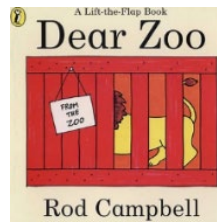
In prayer and Liturgy this week, the children have thought about Jesus' mother Mary. They thought about how special their own mums are too. They said thank you prayers to God for all the things that our mothers do for us. To celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, the Nursery children invited their mums into class to watch them perform a special song called 'It's Mother's Day Today'. The children presented their mothers with a lovely card, a flower and a hug.



### English

Linked to our topic 'All Creatures Great and Small' the children have been learning all about the story 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. You can watch the story on this website:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=Dear+ZOO+STORY&mid=B7A2B2186C389D9ED5DDB7A2B2186C389D9ED5DD&FORM=VIRE> Mrs Handley wrote to the zoo to ask for a pet. A few days later she received a special delivery and the children helped her to decide on the best animal to keep for her pet.



## RECEPTION

### Religious Education

In RE this week we learnt about the importance of prayer and explored the different ways we can pray and talk to God. We created a class spider diagram to show all of our class reasons for being sorry. In groups the children thought of their own words and said a sorry prayer.

### Topic

Our topic work this week was focused around the story 'Is my Mama a Llama?' The children learnt that many animals look like their Mummy. Whilst exploring animal picture cards of mum and baby animals the children over turned two cards and questioned 'Are you my Mummy?' Our reception children used the most beautiful vocabulary and descriptions of animal characteristics when giving their answers. The children also had the opportunity to create an unusual animal with the most unusual features. Take a look at some of our amazing animals.





## YEAR 1

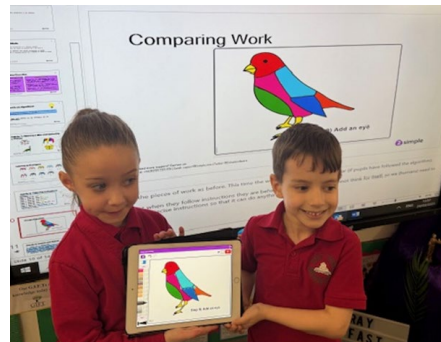
### Religious Education – Deacon Stuart

This week, we were excited to welcome Deacon Stuart into Year 1 to discuss Lent and Holy Week. The children learned about the Stations of the Cross and how they give us hope, reflecting on Jesus' love and sacrifice. Deacon Stuart shared that his favourite part of Lent is taking part in the Easter Vigils, a special way to reflect on Jesus' journey and celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The children reflected on how they can grow closer to God during this season of Lent. We are very blessed to have Deacon Stuart join us in school so often deepening our Faith! ☺



### Computing

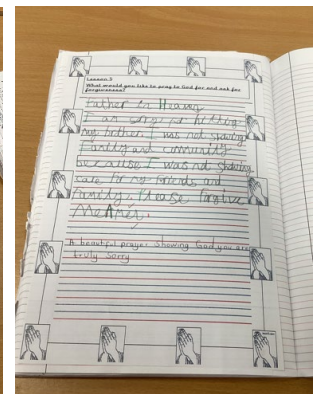
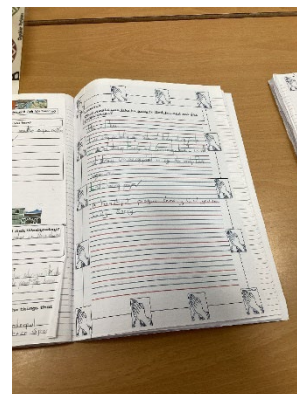
In computing this week, the children in Year 1 were learning to follow and create simple instructions on the computer. They practiced following instructions in a computer program and explored the effect of performing tasks without instructions. The children discovered that computers need precise instructions to function properly and learned that an algorithm written for a computer to follow is called a program. They were superstars! ☺



## YEAR 2

### Religious Education

This week in RE, our Year 2 children have been learning about the importance of forgiveness and how we can ask God for His guidance and mercy. As part of our lesson, the children explored what it means to say sorry, both to others and to God, and why forgiveness is a key part of our faith. The children then had the opportunity to write their own forgiveness prayers, expressing their thoughts and feelings to God. They reflected on times when they may have made mistakes and asked for His help to be kind, honest, and loving in the future. It was wonderful to see their heartfelt prayers and their growing understanding of God's endless love and forgiveness.



### Science

This week in our science lessons, the children have been stepping into the shoes of biologists as they planned and carried out an exciting investigation to discover the best way to plant seeds. The children planted two seeds in separate cups, one deep into the soil and the other resting on top of the soil, to see how planting depth might affect growth.

Before starting the experiment, we had a thoughtful discussion about the importance of a fair test. We made sure that each cup had the same amount of soil and both pots received the same amount of sunlight and water. This helped us ensure that the experiment would be as fair as possible

The children had an amazing time getting their hands dirty and setting up the experiment. They are all eager to observe how their seeds will germinate over time. Stay tuned for updates as the investigation progresses!



## YEAR 3

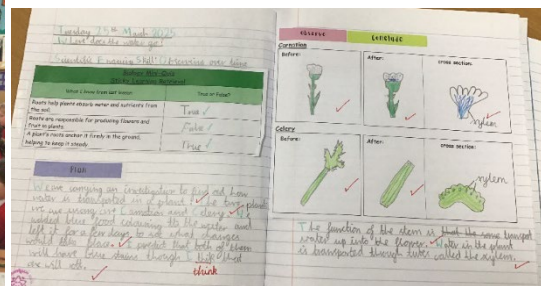
### Religious Education

In Year 3, we have been reflecting on Lent as a time of growth and change. Inspired by Psalm 25, we wrote our own *Psalms for Change*, asking God to guide us, help us make good choices, and show kindness. Just as the psalmist trusted in God's love, we expressed our hopes for transformation, learning that Lent isn't just about giving something up—it's about becoming who God calls us to be.



### Science

Our Year 3 biologists have been busy exploring how water travels through plants in a fascinating scientific enquiry. Using blue water, carnations, and celery, we observed how the coloured water moved through the stems, revealing the plant's transport system in action. It was amazing to see the petals and leaves change colour, helping us understand how plants take in and distribute water. Through this hands-on experiment, we developed our observation skills and deepened our appreciation for the wonders of nature!



## YEAR 4

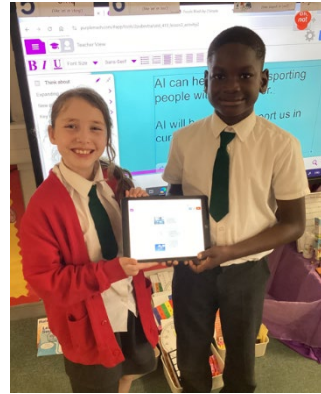
### Religious Education

In our Lent unit, the children have been learning about the Jewish Day of Atonement: Yom Kippur. We retrieved our learning about Moses' teachings and learnt about how Jewish people celebrate Yom Kippur and how it relates to Lent.



### Computing – Artificial Intelligence (AI)

In computing, the children have been learning about Artificial Intelligence. We learnt about how AI is improving and changing the world (in both positive ways and negative ways). We also learnt about how AI influences transport, education, science and entertainment. The children then created a mind map on purple mash in order to demonstrate how AI is impacting all of these different factors.

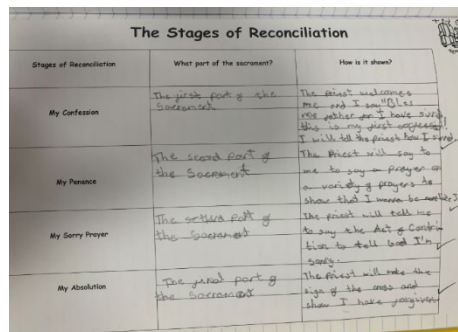
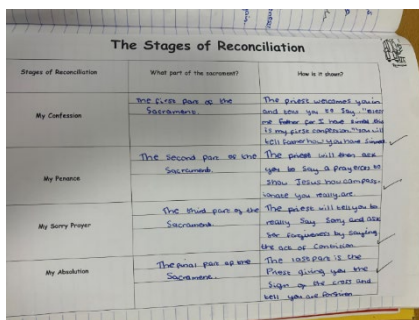


## YEAR 5

### Religious Education

This week, in Religious Education, we looked at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This was very interesting to study as Year 3 are in the process of completing their First Holy Communion, and therefore partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We looked at what the word Reconciliation means to us, particularly at Easter. We are celebrating forgiveness and why we have forgiveness, knowing that God will always be there for us. We looked at what the different sections of sacrament are and what they mean to us. This was super retrieval for us from our Year 3 knowledge!

The children will then have the opportunity to share their knowledge with younger children, being 'pilgrims of hope' during this Jubilee Year.



### History





At St Anne's, we are striving to **Build the Kingdom of God!**  
 We are helping the children develop the skills we needed to be:

- Agents for a spirit-fuelled transformation of society.
- Moving our learning into action and our faith into action!

**We are teaching the children that they are the leaders of tomorrow!**

God is calling you to change the world one life at a time and one small step at a time. Begin today where you are.

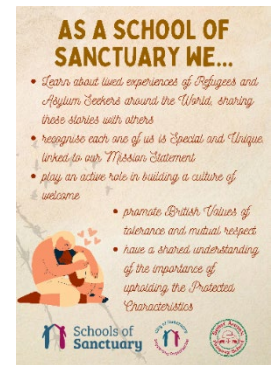
SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

At Saint Anne's, we are passionate about the work we do as a School of Sanctuary, building the **Kingdom of God** by making our community inclusive and welcoming.

We are putting our faith into action as we are reaching out to the new Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson MP, to introduce the work of Schools of Sanctuary, the challenges we face, and the changes we would like to see.

We are asking her to encourage all schools around the country to take part in this important initiative.

The letter can be found on our website here: [Letter to Bridget Phillipson MP](#)



TEN TEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Please see link below for the monthly TenTen R.E Newsletter. The information shared on this newsletter links to the children's Collective Worship in class.

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)

ST ANNES & ST ANTHONYS CHURCH PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please find a link below to the Parish Newsletter which you can find on our website.

<https://www.stannessolihull.co.uk/spring2025>

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

**The impact of smartphones**

There is a growing concern on how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children. In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health.

If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screen time limit. According to King's College London, "two new studies of smartphone habits in teenagers have identified links between problematic smartphone use and depression, anxiety and insomnia." You can read more about these studies here:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/teenswith-problematic-smartphone-use-are-twice-as-likely-to-have-anxiety-and-many-are-eager-to-cut-down>

Compass have published an article as well on what effects mobile phones have on children here:

<https://www.compassuk.org/services/compass-changinglives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Emmie H	RL – Ella D	1I – Gracie L	1OC – Summer-Rose	2B – Tamilore O
2R – Hudson W	3L – Minnie M	3R – Lottie C	4P – Dana-Grace	4OR – Noah B

**HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK**

RH – Emilia-Rose  
2R – Kingsley P  
5R – Lydia F

RL – Imogen-Rose  
3L – Whole class  
5T – Seran L

1I – Arthur H  
3R – Jaxon B  
6M – Poppy B

1OC – Tommy Y  
4P – All of 4P  
6N – Whole class

2B – Alex L  
4OR – Lacie-Mae

**OUTSTANDING VIRTUE CERTIFICATE – ‘CURIOUS & ACTIVE’**

RH – Alicja K  
2R – Benjamin L  
5R – Mia B

RL – Jakub S  
3L – Reid S  
5T – Joseph-John

1I – Gabriel H  
3R – Cayden M  
6M – Harry C

1OC – Ruby B  
4P – Grayson B  
6N – Obi A

2B – Leon P  
4OR – Petal M

**LUNCH TIME MENU FOR W/C 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

**LUNCH TIME**

**TRADITIONAL**  
Week 1

**Autumn Winter 2024-25:**  
2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 6/1, 27/1, 17/2, 10/3, 31/3

**THE MAIN EVENT**  
Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges

**MEAT-FREE MAGIC**  
Veggie Dish  
Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges

**RAINBOW ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Salads  
Sweetcorn

**BIG TOPPING**  
Filled Jackets  
Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

**DESSERT TROLLEY**  
Toffee Frozen Yoghurt

**DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT**  
AVAILABLE DAILY

**DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE**

**PASTA TWIRLER**  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY  
**Topped Pasta**  
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Cheese

**MONDAY**  
BBQ Cheesy Chicken

**TUESDAY**  
Butterbean Ratatouille

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

**THURSDAY**  
Lasagne

**FRIDAY**  
Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips

Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice

Peas and Carrots

Green Beans

Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

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Sweet Potato Brownie

Flapjack

Cookie Dough Apple Crumble

Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits

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**COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL**

For queries such as reporting children’s absence, requesting information or other general questions, please contact us via [parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk). This is a dedicated parent email address which is monitored throughout the day. Messages sent here will be sent on to the relevant staff member(s) if necessary.

If you have any queries at all or if it is an urgent message, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 0121 779 8060.

**TERM DATES 2024-2025**

<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	<u>Summer Term 2025</u>
<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Summer 1</u>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – INSET Children NOT in school</b>	Starts: Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April Children return to school
Starts: Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January Children return to school	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
<b>Half-Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Half-Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Children NOT in school</b>	<u>Summer 2</u>
<u>Spring 2</u>	Starts: Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June Children return to school
Starts: Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February Children return to school	Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Easter Holiday: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET Children NOT in School</b>
	<b>Summer Holidays: Start Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>

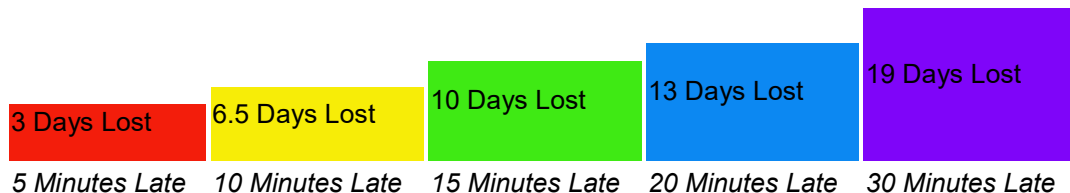
## ATTENDANCE

### Late marks and Absences

The doors open for children in Reception to Year 6 at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**. Children who arrive after this time must go to the School Office where they will be given their late mark. Late marks are monitored and recorded. Children who arrive from 9.10am onwards are marked on the register as a 'U' for unauthorised absence, unless they are absent due to a medical appointment. Children arriving at the School Office prior to 9.10am will receive a late mark, 'L' on the register.

**8.40am-9.10am** = 'L', which means that your child receives a late mark. We are required to put a reason on the register for children who are late so office staff will always ask for a reason. If it is a personal/confidential reason please just say so; staff will make a note of this.

**9.10am and beyond** = 'U', which means the morning is recorded as an unauthorised absence



(Over one academic year)

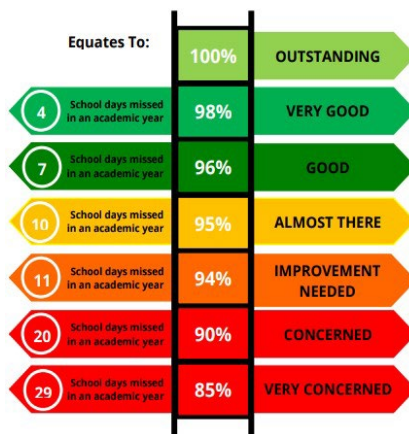
### Attendance and Holidays –

**Children Absent:** If your child is absent from school it is necessary that you contact school on the first day of your child's absence. Contact 0121 779 8060 and choose option 1 before the start of the day. There is an answer phone facility for you to leave your child's name, class and reason for absence. Alternatively, you can email school with your child's reason of absence: [parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk)

Following previous correspondence, this reminds you again that all holidays are unauthorised and the Local Authority will fine parents regardless of when holidays are booked because the ruling has always been in place. This is a Local Authority decision; the School cannot over-ride their decision.

## WINNING CLASS

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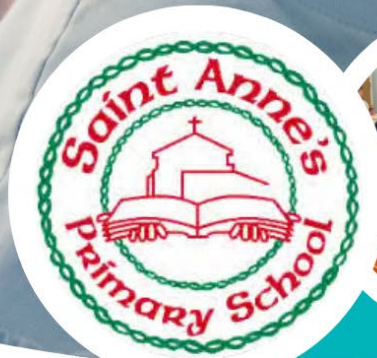
### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<i>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</i>	-	<i>Reception Offer Day</i>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-	<b>Children return to school – Start of Summer Term 1</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	-	SATS Week
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	-	<b>Children return to school – Start of Summer Term 2</b>
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Year 5 Bikeability
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-	<b>Kenelm Trust (formerly Alton castle) residential trip</b>
<i>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</i>	-	<i>INSET Day – Children NOT in school</i>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	-	<b>Summer Holidays</b>

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## FEST



**April**

22 - 25

09:30 - 14:30



**St Annes**

**Catholic Primary School**



**Free (HAF Code)**

£15 (non HAF)

### FUN ACTIVITIES

Sports

Crafts

Games

**Breakfast & Lunch**

**Included**

**AGES 7-12**

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[INFO@WINNRSPOORT.COM](mailto:INFO@WINNRSPOORT.COM)

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