



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 6th September 2024

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to St. Anne's! We hope you have all had a good summer. We have had a fantastic first week back in school and it has been great seeing everyone again. We are looking forward to the new academic year and would like to thank families for your continued support.



CATHOLIC LIFE

School Virtue for this half term – Curious and Active

In our Liturgical Calendar we are currently in Ordinary time, Green

Pupils in our school are growing to be . . .

Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Our school helps our pupils to grow . . .

By leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.

The Christian Roots of the Pupil Profile.

Curiosity is needed to sustain learning. It is what keeps us going. It is what opens up new horizons. It leads us to find God in all things. In the Christian tradition, learning is something to be actively engaged in by probing, seeking, asking, challenging, questioning until the truth is plain – it is to think for oneself and become a lifelong learner.

TEN TEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

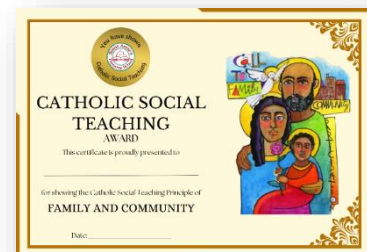
Please see link below for the monthly TenTen R.E Newsletter. The information shared on this newsletter links to the children's Collective Worship in class.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Autumn One Focus– Family and Community

At St Anne's children will be chosen each week to receive a certificate for portraying one of the Catholic Social Teaching principles. This is to celebrate children putting their faith into action and to encourage deeper thinking on why we do things (i.e. we look after God's world because we have been entrusted as Stewards). Congratulations to the children chosen this week during phase assembly!



Faith without action, isn't faith at all.

ST ANNES & ST ANTHONYS CHURCH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

OLAAS MAC CELEBRATION DAY

As part of a family of schools, we join together today to celebrate our shared vision and collective mission as part of a Multi-Academy Catholic Company. It is important that we recognise and celebrate our Catholic identity. Across all of the schools, we will be sharing gifts of artwork with each other linked to Our Lady and St. Anne. We will also share Our Lady & All Saints MAC Prayer in classes and assemblies. You may wish to use the prayer too:

Our Lady and All Saints MAC Prayer

Lord Jesus,

We pray that your guiding light will forever shine upon our family of Our Lady and All Saints.

Help us to live as Jesus taught us by your word

to love, learn and grow in

faith and friendship together.

May we strive to always follow your example as

we serve as earthly saints

and journey together joyfully in your footsteps.

May we always hear God speaking to our hearts

As we care, share and love one another.

We are all created by God's love

and faith is our shared foundation.

Our Lady and All Saints

Pray for us.

CATERING WITHIN SCHOOL

Please check our website for more guidance following the change of catering within school. More guidance will follow however if you do have any issues please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Applications for **Reception** and **Secondary** school places for September 2025 must be made via the Council Website: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your local council even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application.

Information for our Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2025

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 (current year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2025. **Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is 31st October 2024. Offer day is 3rd March 2025.**

Submitting a late application will almost certainly affect the offer you will receive. Solihull residents should apply online via www.solihull.gov.uk; all other applicants must apply through their home authority.

Information for our Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2025

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 start full-time school in September 2025. This first year is called 'Reception'. **Please ensure you apply on-line via your local council before the closing date which is 15th January 2025.**

Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2025

Please apply for a Nursery pack via email.

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you can apply for 30 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2025. These applications are now made directly to schools and not via Admissions. St. Anne's application forms will be available from 16th October 2024. To request one, please send your child's name, date of birth and your name and contact number to: nurseryadmissions@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk. Please type 'Nursery 2025' in the subject line so that we can easily identify your email. We will email an application form to you in due course.

Kindly note the closing date for receipt of Nursery 2025 applications is 18th December 2024. All applications and Catholic Baptism certificates must be received in the school office by this date. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by email on 31st January 2025.

Please note that when you apply for a **Nursery** or **Reception** place we follow the Admissions policy and we can only consider your child as Catholic if you have provided a baptismal certificate **before** the closing date for applications. We cannot accept that you intend to get your child baptised, even if the child's siblings are already baptised. Therefore, it is really important that if you are looking to organise a baptism this takes place before the closing dates for admissions.

If you wish your child to be baptised one parent must be a Catholic. If you wish to contact our Parish Priest, his telephone number is 0121 770 3283.

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. 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.

YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM MEETINGS

We would like to invite you to your child's Year Group Curriculum meeting. The times and dates are as follows:

Year	Date	Time
1	Friday 13 th September	8.45am for approx. 30 minutes
2	Thursday 12 th September	8.45am for approx. 30 minutes
3	Wednesday 11 th September	8.45am for approx. 30 minutes
4	Tuesday 10 th September	8.45am for approx. 30 minutes
5	Monday 9 th September	8.45am for approx. 30 minutes
6	Monday 9 th September	5.00pm (Year 6 information meeting)

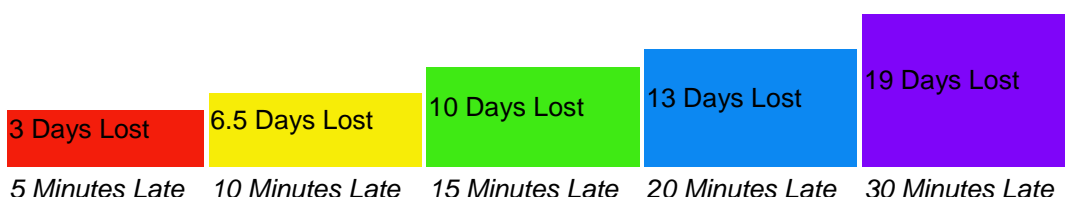
ATTENDANCE

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.

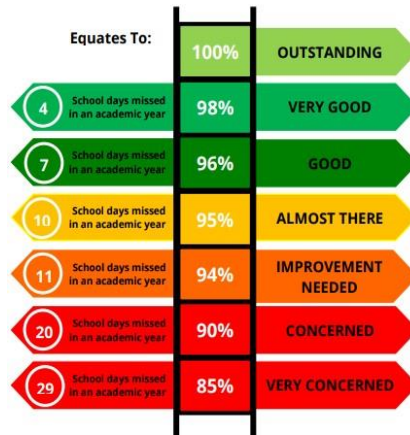


(Over one academic year)

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

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.



PE TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2024

Year	Day
Nursery	Wednesday
Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Monday & Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday

P.E


Children come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.

A reminder that P.E kit consists of red polo shirt, black jogging bottoms and trainers. Children must come in wearing their school jumper/cardigan.


In addition to their school jumper /cardigan children may come to school with a plain black sweatshirt/hoodie on top of their school jumper/cardigan. Wearing a black hoodie should not replace a school red cardigan/jumper.

In school they take their black hoodie off with their coat and keep it for the PE lesson.

PE DAYS for Boys
 Black plain loose joggers (not designer/no logos, no patterns, no stripes)
 RED POLO SHIRT (PE round necked top not required)
 Red school jumper as normal
 Plain trainers (not fluorescent) dark colours where possible.



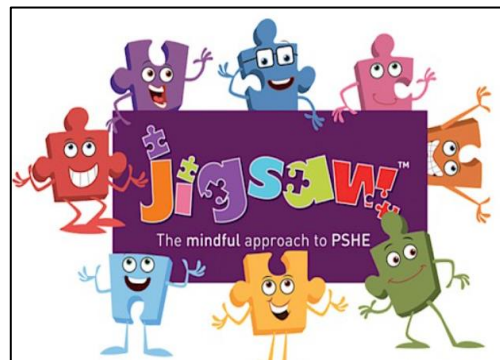
PE DAYS for girls
 Black plain loose joggers (not designer/no logos/no patterns/no stripes)
 RED POLO SHIRT (PE round necked top not required)
 Red school cardigan/red school jumper as normal
 Plain trainers (not fluorescent) inexpensive , dark colours where possible.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jigsaw PSHE

This week we launched our new Jigsaw puzzle 'Being Me in My World.' This unit covers a wide range of topics including a sense of belonging, welcoming others and being a part of a school community, wider community and global community. It also looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others and pupil voice. This puzzle links wonderfully to each classes work this week on the school Mission Statement and its special meaning.



RECEPTION

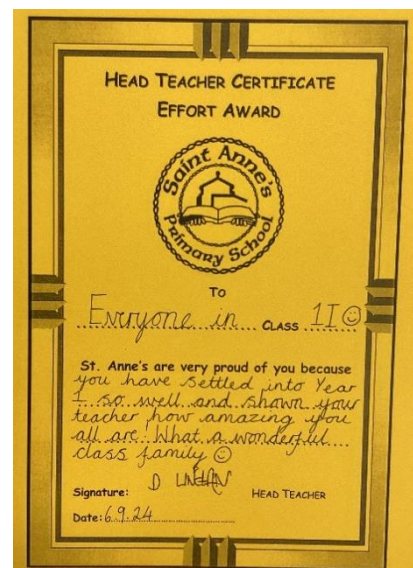
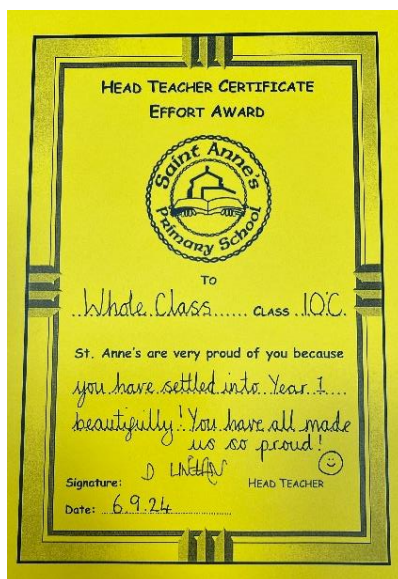
Welcome to our Reception children who joined us for Stay & Play this week. We look forward to welcoming them all to St Annes over the next few weeks!

YEAR 1

Welcome back!

It has been a joy welcoming all of the children back to school. We have been blown away by how well they have settled into Year 1 and we are very excited for the year ahead with our new class families!

They have made all of their teachers extremely proud.



RE – St Anne's Mission Statement

At St Anne's our mission statement is at the heart of everything that we do so this week we thought about what it means to us. Linked to the line 'Each one of us is special', we also thought about reasons why we are so special.

Here are some of the responses:

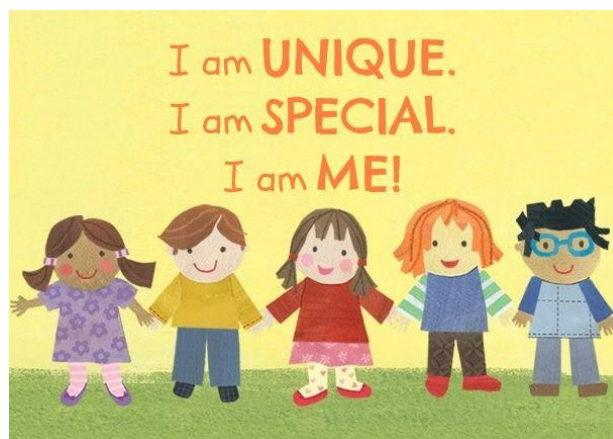
I am special because I am part of St Anne's family.

I am special because I wear glasses to help me see God's world.

I am special because I am a really good footballer.

I am special because I have freckles on my face.

After thinking about our mission statement, we created actions to perform whilst saying the special words!



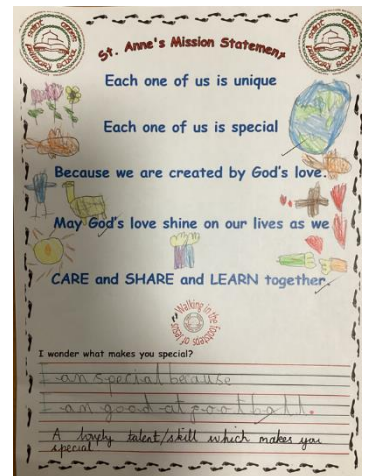
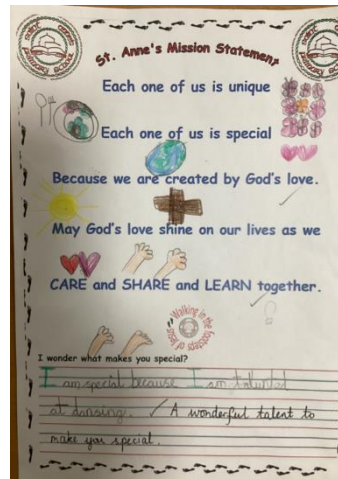
YEAR 2

Welcome back Year 2

What a wonderful three days the children have had in year 2. They've all settled back really well and we are very proud of them all.

RE

Our first RE lesson this week was focused around our School Mission Statement. The children were brilliant at remembering the words and actions of The Mission Statement learnt in year 1. They thought carefully about the words in the mission statement and what they mean to them. The children drew some great pictures under each line to show this. They also reflected upon themselves and wrote about somethings that they feel make them special.



PSHE

In PSHE the children have been thinking about their hopes and dreams for the year ahead. The children wrote these down and placed them in an envelope. We then visited the prayer garden, where we attached all the children's hopes and dreams to a balloon. We shared a special prayer to God to help make them come true and released our balloons into the sky.



YEAR 3

Religious Education

We were very excited to learn about our new class saint which is Saint Vincent de Paul. He inspired others with his kindness and generosity to children and the poor. We spoke about how he is a brilliant example of our Catholic Social Teaching of Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. Going forward Year 3 are striving to be more like Saint Vincent de Paul!



Science

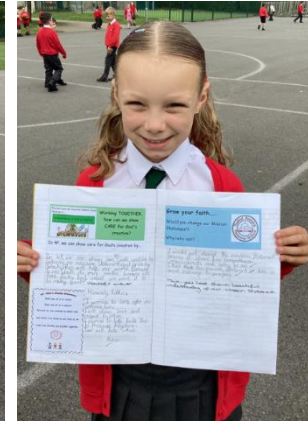
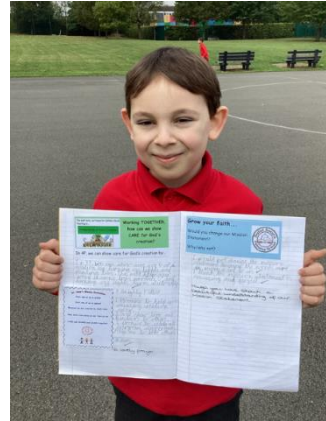
Our brilliant biologists have started their Year 3 learning by identifying and classifying the 5 different food groups. We spoke about how each different type of nutrient helps to keep our bodies healthy, making up actions to help us remember the function of each food group.



YEAR 4

A warm welcome to Year 4!

A big well done to all of the children in Year 4 for such a fantastic first week back! They have settled in tremendously and have already been working so hard and learning more. This week during RE, the children focused on our Mission Statement and learned about our class saint: St Catherine of Siena. The children also had the opportunity to visit our wonderful prayer garden – which has been updated over the summer holidays. It was lovely to say a prayer together and reflect upon the year ahead.



Maths

During Maths this week, the children have started their Place Value topic. In our lesson we used counters in order to make different numbers up to 1000. We were very impressed with the children's knowledge – they are marvellous mathematicians! The children also had a practice at their times tables. They played a times table games and tested each other's knowledge. Well done Year 4!



Art and Design

Year 4 have been exploring tone and developing their drawing skills this week. They have started their new unit focusing all on the skills needed for drawing. The children were given a piece of artwork by Ed Ruscha and created their own piece inspired by him. We were amazed at the fantastic artistic skills demonstrated by Year 4!

YEAR 5

Prayer and Liturgy

This week in Year 5, the children have been thinking about giving thanks to God for our opportunities this year. We prayed for strength, courage and guidance throughout our time this year and that God will always show us the path through in all that we do. We thanked God for our friends and families and asked that He watch over us. The children were so reverent and respectful as we prayed and gave thanks for the year ahead.



Science

Our first Science topic in Year 5 is all about SPACE! On Thursday, the children learnt about the order of the planets, and how close they are to the sun. The children already knew lots of the names of the planets, which was impressive! We also talked about how the Sun is actually a star! The children were very excited about our new topic and produced some beautiful work displaying their knowledge from our lesson. What a super start to Year 5!

YEAR 6

Religious Education

As the Year 6 children embarked on their new journey as leaders of St Anne's school, we reflected on what it truly means to be a leader. We gathered outside for Prayer and Liturgy and listened to God's Word through the story "The Call of the Disciples". We discussed how this important story of Jesus calling these special people to follow him resonates with Year 6 as Jesus calls us to be his disciples and spread the Word of the Lord to those around us. A beautiful moment shared together to mark the start of a wonderful year.



Science

Year 6 started their Physics unit of 'Light' this week and had a challenge to complete! Year 3 are learning about light in Autumn 2 so we created a help-sheet for the children answering key questions about light, shadows, and even gave some excellent definitions for some scientific vocabulary! Great team work Year 6 – I am sure they will love your answers!



ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.

Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

- *Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.*
- *Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?*
- *Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.*
- *Encourage them to help someone! Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.*
- *Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?*

HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – N/A	RL – N/A	1I – Whole class	1OC – Whole class	2B – Whole class
2R – Whole class	3L – Minnie M	3R – Klara K	4P – Grayson B	4OR – David D
5R – Danny B	5T – Seran L	6M – Riley L	6N – Ayden W-H	

UNIFORM DONATIONS

St Anne's are still accepting uniform donations.

If you have any uniform, school shoes, PE kit, coats, gloves, hats and scarves that could be reused by someone else and you are happy to donate to school we will gratefully receive it.

All uniform donated will be washed and ironed and hung in the meeting room by the entrance for families to access at any time.

We are also trying to improve our stock of spare clothes in school so some of the uniform donated may replenish this too. Thank you all for your support with this.

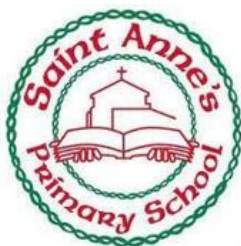
TERM DATES 2024-2025

<u>Autumn Term 2024</u>	<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	<u>Summer Term 2025</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Autumn 1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September - INSET Children NOT in school</p> <p>Starts: Wednesday 4th September Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 25th October – INSET Children NOT in school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half-Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Autumn 2</u></p> <p>Starts: Monday 4th November Children return to school</p> <p>Term ends: Friday 20th December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Holiday: Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring 1</u></p> <p>Starts: Monday 6th January 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half-Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 24th February – INSET Children NOT in school</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring 2</u></p> <p>Starts: Tuesday 25th February Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Holiday: Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer 1</u></p> <p>Starts: Monday 28th April Children return to school</p> <p>Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half-Term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer 2</u></p> <p>Starts: Monday 2nd June Children return to school</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 18th July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 21st July – INSET Children NOT in School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summer Holidays: Start Tuesday 22nd July</p>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9 th September	-	Year 5 Parent Meeting - 8.45am in School Hall
Monday 9 th September	-	Year 6 Parent Meeting – 5pm in School Hall
Tuesday 10 th September	-	Year 4 Parent Meeting – 8.45am in School Hall
Tuesday 10 th September	-	Year 6 Parish Mass
Wednesday 11 th September	-	Year 3 Parent Meeting – 8.45am in School Hall
Thursday 12 th September	-	Year 2 Parent Meeting – 8.45am in School Hall
Friday 13 th September	-	Year 1 Parent Meeting – 8.45am in School Hall
Tuesday 17 th September	-	Year 4 Parish Mass
Thursday 19 th September	-	Year 6 Booster Classes begin – 3.30 until 4.15
Tuesday 24 th September	-	Year 5 Parish Mass
Saturday 5 th October	-	Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass (Group 1) – 6pm Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass (Group 2) – 6pm
Friday 25 th October	-	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	-	Half-Term
Monday 4th November	-	Children return to school
Monday 11 th November	-	Individual & Family photos
Monday 25 th November	-	Confirmation – Group 1 @ 5pm Confirmation – Group 2 @ 7pm
Tuesday 26 th November	-	Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6. Details to follow
Mon 23 rd Dec – Fri 3 rd Jan	-	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	-	Children return to school
Wednesday 15 th January	-	Reception Application Closing Date
Wednesday 16 th April	-	Reception Offer Day

ST ANNES COFFEE MORNING



Saint Anne's Primary School and
Solihull Parent Carer Voice

Coffee and Chat



Solihull Parent
Carer Voice

**Come and meet the School
Engagement team from
Solihull Parent Carer Voice.**

The Carers trust will be attending
the session to advise how they
can support Parent/Carers. Meet
the SPCV Team and the SENCO –
new parents welcome!

Venue

Saint Anne's Primary School -
Saints building at Saint Anne's
Primary School entrance is via
Nineacres Drive only.

Date

Tuesday 24th September 2024

Time

9:00am – 10:00am





"THIS MORNING, HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

 HM Government
Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.





"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

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