Newsletter

St Anne's Catholic Academy

With grace and humility, glorify the Lord by your

St Anne's Church—Masses:

Saturday 5pm & Sunday 10:30am

There are daily masses at 9.30am

https://www.saint-anne-nuneaton.co.uk/index.html

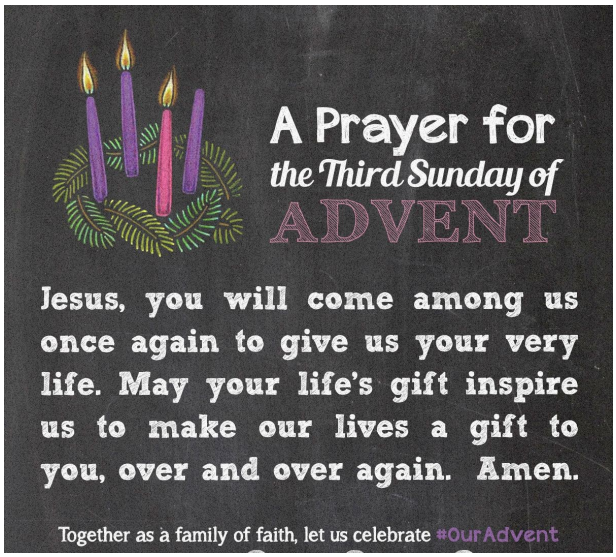
Friday 15th November, 2023

Our Catholic Mission

We will gather together for our whole school Christmas Mass on Wednesday 20th December at St Anne's School. This will be led by Year 3. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday 20th December 3pm

You are invited to our class 'Stay and Pray' session in Advent. This is an opportunity where you can join your child with their class for a collective worship session. This will be for all year groups.



Social Action

Our non-Uniform Day today for the Christmas Foodbank Appeal has raised.....

£165

Reverse advent calendar

It's the last week for the children to bring in any items for our Reverse Advent Calendar! This year we are supporting St. Chad's Sanctuary which provides essential support for asylum seekers. We would be very grateful if this Advent each child could donate just one of the following items: **Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shower gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Sanitary products, Deodorant.** Please help us to fill the carriages of our Reverse Advent Calendar train! With thanks for your continued support!

This week…

Christmas is coming…

What an amazing week!… Feeling Christmassy now!

What an eventful week!

EYFS News…

The children performed 'The Nativity' for all their families.

On Friday, Reception travelled by coach to The Belgrade Theatre to watch 'Santa's Sparkly Surprise'. We sang our hearts out to Santa and Rudolph's favourite songs.

All the children met Santa and he gave them all an early Christmas present!

Nursery invited their parents in to create some Christmas crafts together, something that will be treasured for years to come as well as having a special visitor in, to create some lovely memories and let him know which list they are on! A special thank you to Ms Palfreman for preparing this for our families.

Key Stage 1 news…

Children in Year 1 and 2 performed 'Baarmy Bethlehem' for all their families. We are extremely proud of their performance, with beautiful singing voices.

On Tuesday, they travelled by coach to The Snowdome for a visit to 'Winter Wonderland' where they played and slid around in real snow, explored Santa's Christmas snow trail and met Santa's animal friends in the animal village. Year 1 & 2 parents, we hope you enjoy the link with all the photos of the day!

Key Stage 2 news…

Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 came together for 'Christmas Carols'. The children got us all in the Christmas spirit, singing traditional carols and some of our favourite Christmas songs to all of their families. Year 6 narrated us through the true meaning of Christmas.

On Thursday, The children attended the Rep Theatre in Birmingham to watch 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe' they thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

It's been a very Christmassy week!

Next Week…

Tuesday 19th December

Reindeer Experience – In School

All children in school, next week, will have the opportunity to meet and feed real reindeers … Ssh – this will be a lovely surprise for our younger children. The Children will also meet Santa.

On Friday 22nd December School will close at 12pm.

Children will be collected from their classrooms and gates will open at 11.50am. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and will be walking home or leaving on their own please can you email your child's class teacher:

Mrs Varden: varden.m1@welearn365.com

Mr Earp: earp.l1@welearn365.com

Mrs Thorneycroft: Thorneycroft.r@welearn365.com

Miss Darlingon: Darlington.h@welearn365.com

All staff will be delivering Christmas Foodbank during that afternoon.

The children can come in non-uniform on this day.

Mrs Hubbard…

We have had many parents asking after Mrs Hubbard, we always pass on your kind words as we speak to her regularly. If you would like to send her a Christmas card, please pass this to the school office by Thursday 21st December. Mrs Brayne will be visiting her before Christmas and will take them to her. Updates from recent scan have been positive and treatment is working well. We continue to keep her in our prayers and hope it wont be too long until she returns.

Staffing changes in January…

As you know, Mrs Finelli-Calder is due to go on maternity leave shortly after Christmas. We are delighted to share that Mrs Plow will be the Year 2 Teacher from this point and having previously worked with the children knows them really well. As a result of this, Miss Bishop & Mrs Palfreman will be the Teachers in Reception and Mrs Argyle will be the Nursery Leader. Mrs Plow will still be the EYFS leader and over see KS1 as she moves to Year 2 for the rest of this academic year. There will be a few weeks for transition after Christmas, so you will have an opportunity to speak with any of the staff involved. We thank Mrs Finelli-Calder for her amazing work in a short space of time and look forward to having her back next year.

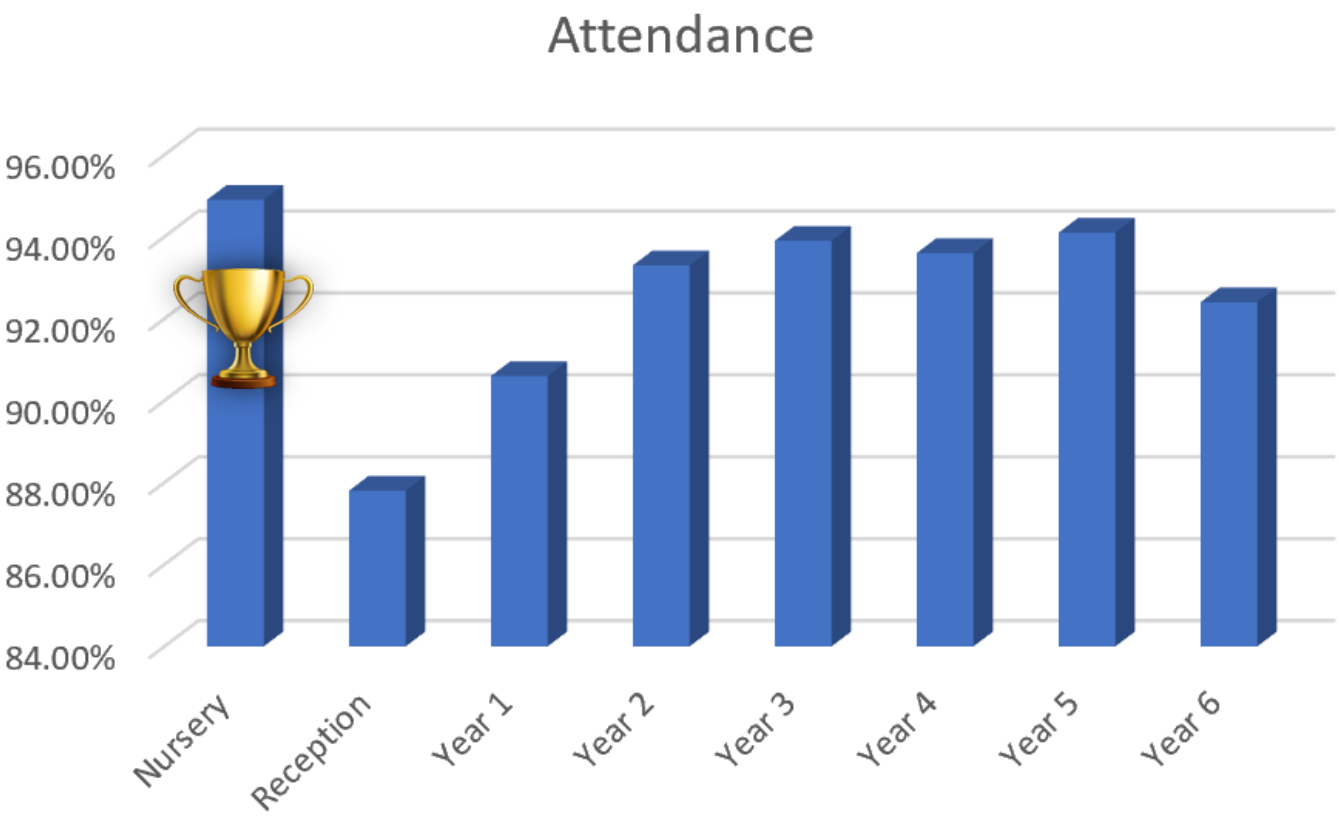
Other Information

Holy Spirit MAC Christmas Raffle

We are holding a Christmas raffle across the MAC to raise money for the Christmas foodbank and we have some fantastic prizes up for grabs. Please bring along some change when you come to watch your child's Christmas play and Christmas Carols... entries will be £1 per go. Good Luck!

House Points

St Theresa	St Cecelia	St John Paul II
639	498	619



Next week all children with attendance **below 90%** will receive a letter sharing their child's attendance for this half term. We have a statutory duty to share this information with you. Good attendance of children in school (above 95%) is extremely important with links to positive outcomes of success. If you wish to discuss this further please speak with a member of SLT. **Our current school attendance for this term is 95.1%**

Other Information..

Parent Governor Vacancy

The closing date for applications for the position of Parent Governor at St Anne's finished this week and I am pleased to say that we have had 2 applications.
As there are more candidates than vacancies, an election will take place in the New Year. We will send more details of the candidates standing and arrangements for the elections when we return to school in January.

Reminders:

New Dates

Please check dates below as new/changes updated in red.

Primary School Applications

The portal for places for children due to start school in September 2024 opened on November 1st and families of can apply for their Reception school place is 5pm on 15th January 2024. Families can make applications online:

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/421/applying-for-a-primary-school-place

If you have any issues with the online application system or require assistance with the application, please contact: 01926 414143

Thought for the week

Tracey Gillin

Acting Head of School

Dates 2023-24

Wk. 7	
Mon 18 Dec	
Tues 19 Dec	Special Visitors
Wed 20 Dec	Whole School Mass – Year 3 Stay & Pray – 3:00
Thurs 21 Dec	Party Day
Fri 22 Dec	Non uniform day for behaviour reward School closes at lunchtime
Break-up for Christmas	
Future Dates:	
Mon 8th January	Inset training Day
Monday 15th January 2024	Reception place application deadline Reception - Bikeability
1st February 2023	Chinese Dragon Dance – EFYS and Key Stage 1
Monday 4th March – Thurs-day 7th March	Whitemoor Lakes – Year 5
11th – 15th March	Year 1 – Mousike
18th – 22nd March	Year 3 - Mousike
21st March 2024	St Cassians – Year 4
16th April 2024	National school place offer day
9th May 2024	Holy Communion Retreat – Year 3
13th May 2024	SATs Week
3rd June – 6th June	Cornwall – Year 6
Thursday 20th June 2023	Confirmation Retreat
Saturday 22nd June 2024	First Holy Communion - 1pm
30.06.24 /07.07.24 /14.07.24	Confirmation - TBC
08.07.24 – 11.07.24	Bikeability – Bikes and helmets needed – Year 5 and Year 6