St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

23 OCTOBER 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

What a fantastic way to bring the first half term to a close! It's hard to believe how quickly the weeks have passed, and there has certainly been plenty happening at St Anne's. Our Power Week has been full of creativity, collaboration and opportunities for the children to show just how much they can do. It has been wonderful to see them putting their learning into practice, sharing ideas and throwing themselves into new challenges with such enthusiasm.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for Parents' Evening. It was lovely to have the opportunity to talk about how the children are getting on and celebrate their progress. We'll also be sharing a short online questionnaire with you today. Your views are incredibly important to us, and we look forward to sharing the feedback and next steps after half term.

Our week finished in true St Anne's style with our whole-school catwalk! The children looked fantastic, and it was brilliant to see their learning brought to life in such a fun and memorable way. Thank you for helping the children prepare their outfits and for embracing the occasion with us. If you haven't already, do take a look at our social media pages for a glimpse of the fun!

As we head into the half term break, I hope you all enjoy some well-deserved rest, family time and perhaps a little lie-in! Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our St Anne's family. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November, ready for another exciting half term together. Have a wonderful break!

Year One: Heritage Centre

Our Year 1 class had a fantastic morning stepping back in time to experience life in a Victorian classroom! They dressed in Victorian clothing, sat at traditional school desks and practised their handwriting using ink. They even got to see the imfamous dunce's hat and cane! The children also explored a Victorian home and discovered what toys children played with in the past. Everyone had a wonderful time immersing themselves in the past and bringing their history learning to life.

LIVING THE MISSION

Cafod - Sister Elenor

This week, we were inspired to put our Catholic Virtues into action following a visit from Sister Elenor from CAFOD. Through engaging assemblies and thought provoking workshops, the children explored how even the smallest actions can make a real difference to the lives of others and the world around us.

KEY DATES

Monday 2 Nov - Whole School Mass 10:30 - Led by Year 4

Tuesday 3 Nov - Reception Open morning 9:30am

Wednesday 4 Nov - Reception Open Afternoon 1:30pm

Friday 6 Nov - Celebration Assembly led by Year 6

Wednesday 11 Nov - Remembrance Service

Monday 16 Nov - Anti-bullying Week

Friday 20 Nov - House Cross Country

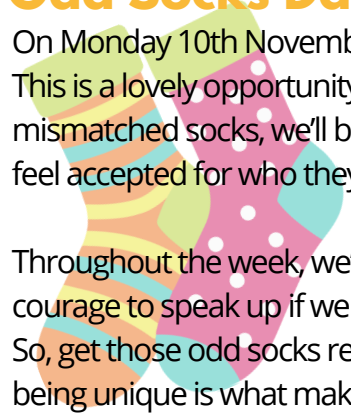
St Raphael the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Taking Care: Protective Behaviours

During the first week back after half term, the children will be taking part in our Taking Care (Protective Behaviours) Programme. These important sessions will help children understand how to keep themselves safe, recognise and talk about their feelings, and identify the difference between feeling safe and unsafe.

We will explore what children can do if something doesn't feel right, the importance of speaking out, and the trusted adults they can turn to for support. The key message is that every child has the right to feel safe all the time, and there is always someone who can listen and help.

Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying Week



On Monday 10th November, we will be marking Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week!
This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate what makes each of us unique. By wearing our brightest, boldest and most mismatched socks, we'll be showing that being different is something to be proud of and that everyone deserves to feel accepted for who they are.

Throughout the week, we'll also be thinking about the importance of kindness, including others and having the courage to speak up if we see bullying. After all, a little kindness can go a long way!
So, get those odd socks ready and let's fill St Anne's with colour, celebrate our differences and remind everyone that being unique is what makes us special!

Remembrance Day

From Tuesday 3rd November, our House Captains will be visiting classrooms each afternoon with a selection of items for the children to purchase in support of Remembrance. Poppies and reflector poppies will be available for 50p, wristbands for £1, festive bracelets for £1.50 and slap bands for £1. Thank you for supporting this important cause and helping our children understand the significance of remembering others.

We will come together as a school community on Wednesday 11th November for our Remembrance Day service during assembly. The service will begin at 10:45am, and we will observe a two-minute silence at 11:00am to honour and remember those who have given their lives in service to our country.

We encourage the children to wear their poppies with pride as we reflect on the importance of remembrance, courage and sacrifice. Poppies will also be available from the school office and during playtimes after half term. Parents and family members are warmly invited to join us for this special and meaningful occasion as we remember together.

Attendance

What a fantastic achievement! We are absolutely delighted to share that St Anne's has achieved 96.9% attendance this half term – an amazing result for our school and something we should all be incredibly proud of!
A huge thank you to our families for your continued support in helping the children get into school every day. We know that every day in school counts, and this really shows what we can achieve when we work together.
We would also like to give a special shout-out to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance, as well as those who have made the most improved attendance. Your commitment and determination deserve to be celebrated! Let's keep this brilliant momentum going into next half term – every day really does make a difference! 🌟

SAFEGUARDING

HOW STUDENTS, PARENTS/CARERS CAN REPORT A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE, EITHER IN SCHOOL OR OUT OF HOURS:

Text the mobile number: **07767 269958** or email: **csanreportanissue@straphaelcmat.co.uk**

Nuneaton Children's Team:
01926 414910

NSPCC Helpline:
help@nspcc.org.uk
Tel: 0808 800 5000

Samaritans:
Jo@samaritans.org
Tel: 116 123

Childline:
0800 1111

Police:
Emergency - 999
Non-emergency 101

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE OUTSIDE SCHOOL

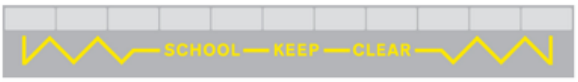
A Guide for Parents and Carers

The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility. Please help us keep the area around school safe by parking responsibly and following road markings and restrictions. Unsafe parking can reduce visibility, increase congestion and put children at risk.

🚸 SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR ZIG-ZAGS

What do the yellow zig-zag markings mean?

The zig-zag markings outside school are School Keep Clear zones. They are designed to provide clear sightlines for children crossing the road and to keep entrances free from vehicles.



Please remember:

❌ Do not stop on the zig-zags
❌ Do not wait on the zig-zags
❌ Do not park on the zig-zags
✅ Keep the area clear at all times
✅ Consider parking a few minutes away and walking the final part of your journey

🟡 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Double yellow lines mean No Waiting at Any Time.

Stopping to drop off or pick up children may still cause an obstruction and create dangers for pedestrians and other road users. Enforcement may take place where restrictions apply.

🚗 PARK SAFELY AND CONSIDERATELY

Please avoid:

Parking on pavements
Blocking driveways
Parking on junctions
Parking where visibility is restricted
Making U-turns or three-point turns outside school
Stopping where children need to cross between vehicles

These issues are among the most common concerns reported by schools, residents and families.

⚖️ ENFORCEMENT

Warwickshire County Council is actively enforcing parking restrictions at participating schools. Vehicles parked on School Keep Clear zig-zags during enforcement hours may receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of £70, reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days. [warwickshire.gov.uk], [warwickshi...eworld.com]

School Keep Clear zig-zags are enforceable Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

📞 HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM

Dangerous parking, obstructions and unsafe driving can be reported to Warwickshire Police:

101 (non-emergency)

or

01926 415000

🔗 FURTHER INFORMATION

Parking outside schools: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolparking

Report parking restrictions and enforcement concerns: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/contraveningparkingrestrictions

THANK YOU

By parking a little further away and choosing to walk the last few minutes, you help create a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for all children and families. 🚶🚲🛴

Please think: Could I Park & Stride today?