St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

5 Sept 2025

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A message from Miss Gillin...

Welcome back to a brand-new school year!

It was wonderful to see all our families returning with big smiles, looking smart, and ready for the exciting term ahead. The children have settled into their classrooms with their new teachers, and I've already witnessed some truly engaging lessons, exceptional work, and fantastic behaviour. Their enthusiasm for learning is infectious, and I can already tell we're in for a brilliant year!

We also extend a very warm welcome to all our new families joining St. Anne's this year, and especially to our Reception children as they begin their learning journey. From next week, we will begin our Achievement Assemblies, which families are invited to attend. These assemblies celebrate children's successes both in school and beyond, such as swimming certificates or trophies. On alternate Fridays, we will hold our Celebration Assemblies, led by individual classes.

As we head into this term, please take a look at the attached calendar of events for the half-term. Dates highlighted in yellow are those where we warmly invite all parents to join us. It's always a joy to see our school community come together, and your support makes a real difference to our children's learning experiences.

Teachers and staff are available after school daily, or you can e-mail your child's class teacher. E-mail addresses will be sent home today. Please note that responses will be given between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic year filled with laughter, growth, and unforgettable memories!

Miss Gillin
Head of School

A snapshot of our first week!

LIVING THE MISSION

Dear God,

As we begin this new school year, we ask for Your guidance and blessings. Fill our hearts with courage, our minds with curiosity, and our spirits with kindness. Help us embrace new challenges, grow in knowledge, and treat others with respect and compassion.
Grant our teachers wisdom, our classmates friendship, and our families support. May this year be filled with learning, laughter and growth.

Amen.

KEY DATES

Thursday 11th Sept - Whole School Mass - Led by Year 6

Tuesday 16th Sept School photographs - 8:15 siblings from other schools

Friday 19th Sept - Celebration Assembly - Led by Year 4

Monday 22nd Sept - Wednesday 24th - Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes

Friday 26th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - 2:00

Friday 10th Oct - World Mental Health Day - Children are invited to wear yellow

Friday 10th Oct - Celebration Assembly - Led by Year 5

Thursday 16th Oct - STM Open Evening

Wednesday 22nd Oct - Parents Evening

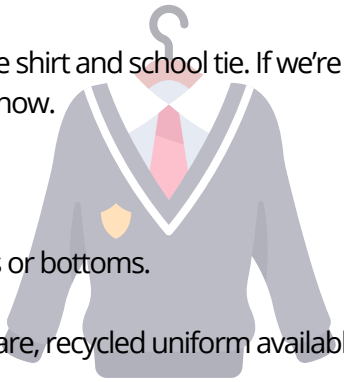
Thursday 23rd Oct - Parents Evening

Friday 24th Oct - Power Week Catwalk

Reminders:

- **School Dinners:** Please remember to order your child's dinner for the week through Arbor. The cost remains £2.30 per meal.
- **Parking:** We kindly ask all families to park lawfully and respectfully. Please avoid restricted areas and do not block residents' driveways.
- **Dogs:** in line with school policy, **no dogs are allowed on the school site**, even if on a lead. This is for the safety of all children.
- **Bikes & Scooters:** For safety reasons, bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school site.

Uniform:



As we start the Autumn Term, children should be wearing the winter uniform, which includes a blue shirt and school tie. If we're lucky enough to get some warm weather, children may continue to wear the summer uniform for now.
A few quick reminders:
The PE polo shirt should only be worn on PE days.
Trousers, tights, and skirts must be black, in line with our uniform policy.
On PE days, children should come to school in their maroon PE polo, hoodie, and plain black shorts or bottoms.
Thank you for supporting our uniform standards—it really helps children feel ready to learn.
We'll be sharing more next week about our Family Bank, and please remember we always have spare, recycled uniform available for families.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs: Our fantastic clubs begin next week with the wonderful staff at MHR. Please book your child's place via Arbor.

Monday: Multi-sports (KS2)
Tuesday: Football (Year 5 & Year 6)
Wednesday - Multi-sports (KS1)

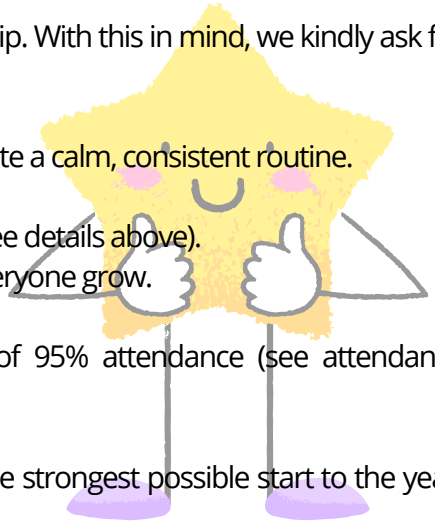
PE Days:

	PE	Games
Reception		Thursday
Year 1	Monday	Friday
Year 2	Monday	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday (Swimming)
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday	Wednesday

New Term...High Expectations... Strong Partnerships

As we begin this new academic year, we do so with the highest aspirations for every child. We know that children rise—or fall—to the expectations placed before them, which is why it's essential they understand from the very beginning that we expect 100% effort, every single day.

We also believe that children achieve their best when school and home work in partnership. With this in mind, we kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these shared expectations at home.
Please help us by ensuring your child:



- **Arrives punctually by 8:45am** and is **collected promptly at 3:15pm,** helping to create a calm, consistent routine.
- Completes home learning carefully, showing effort and pride in their work.
- Wears the full school uniform with pride and arrives in the correct PE kit on PE days (see details above).
- Follows our behaviour policy, understanding that rewards and consequences help everyone grow.
- Approaches learning positively, tackling challenges with confidence and resilience.
- Attends school regularly, as we work together toward our whole-school target of 95% attendance (see attendance information).

With your continued support and encouragement, we can ensure that every child has the strongest possible start to the year.
Thank you, as always, for your commitment and partnership.

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: **reportanissuestannes@welearn365.com**

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

Attendance at St. Anne's...

Leave of Absence & Attendance Expectations

Good attendance is essential for every child's success in school. We are here to work with families to make sure every child attends regularly, on time, and ready to learn.
If you need to request a Leave of Absence, please ensure this is done in advance, with full details and any supporting information. Forms are available from the school office or our website. All requests must be approved by Miss Gillin and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Please note that St. Anne's Catholic Academy is a referring school, which means all leave requests are likely to be referred to the Local Authority.
Taking your child out of school without permission will be recorded as unauthorised and may lead to a referral to Warwickshire County Council. This can result in a penalty notice, and in cases of repeated unauthorised absence, legal action.
To avoid this, we ask that you:

- Apply for leave with clear reasons and supporting documents
- Wait for written confirmation before making any arrangements
- Engage with any support offered to improve attendance

If you are finding it difficult to get your child into school, please don't struggle alone. Our Attendance Champion, Miss Darlington, is available to support you and can be contacted directly via the school office or on 07858 565837.

We also have a Pastoral Team, led by Mrs Finelli-Calder, who are here to help with any emotional or practical challenges that may be affecting your child's attendance or wellbeing. We are committed to working with families in a supportive, non-judgemental way to help every child thrive.
Let's work together to make this a successful year for every pupil. Our school attendance target is 95%, and with your support, we know we can achieve it.

Why school attendance matters...

Even a few days off school can have a big impact on a child's learning, progress, and confidence. Here's what attendance looks like over time:

Attendance	Days Missed (per year)	Learning Impact
100%	0 days	Excellent – best chance of success
95%	~10 days	Good – but can start to affect progress
90%	~19 days	Concerning – nearly 4 weeks lost
85%	~29 days	Serious impact on learning and progress
80%	~38 days	Very serious – equivalent to a whole term missed

✅ **95%+ attendance** is our school target
⚠️ **90% attendance** = missing 1 day every 2 weeks
❌ **90% or below** is classed as **Persistent Absence**