St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

18 September 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

Another wonderful week here at St Anne's!

A huge thank you to all the children and families who joined us for Education Sunday. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and you represented our school fantastically. I was especially proud to see our children carrying our school banner with such pride.

We ended our fantastic week with a wonderful assembly led by Year 5, who shared a thoughtful message about being loving and compassionate. The children spoke with such confidence and reminded us all of the importance of showing kindness, understanding and care for one another in our daily lives.

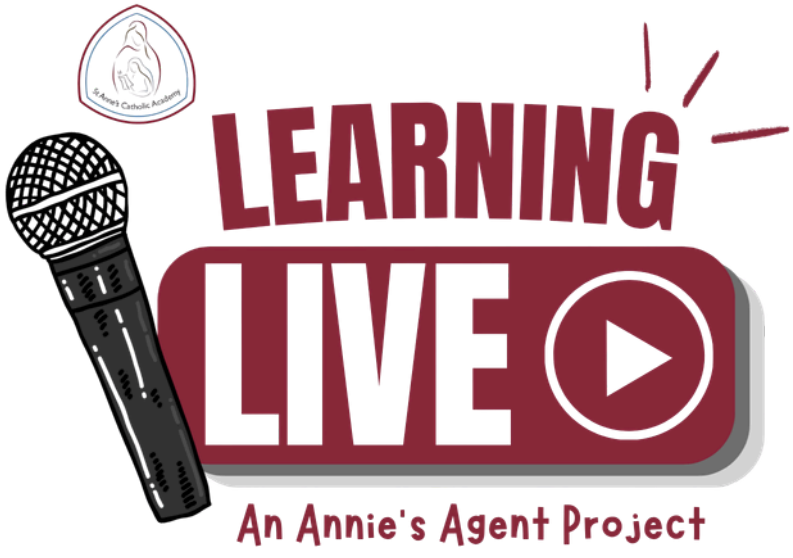
Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping to make our St Anne's community such a special one. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to another fantastic week ahead!

Annie's Agents...

We are delighted to announce that our new Annie's Agents from Years 1–5 have now been selected! We are incredibly proud of all the children who have stepped forward and are excited to see them take on their new responsibilities.

Our Year 6 leadership roles will be announced in assembly on Monday, with every child in Year 6 taking on a position of responsibility within our school. It is wonderful to see our children showing ambition, confidence and a willingness to make a positive difference. We can't wait to see all the fantastic things our Annie's Agents will achieve this year!

Coming soon...



LIVING THE MISSION

KEY DATES

Friday 25th September - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Tuesday 29 September - Feast of St Raphael the Archangel - Wear Green

Monday 5th October - Year 5 - Whitemoor Lakes

Friday 9th October - World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow

Thursday 15th October - Mass - Led by Year 4

Friday 16th October - Autumn Litter Pick

Friday 23rd October - Fancy Dress Parade 9:15am

St Raphael the Archangel
Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Macmillan

☕ **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Friday 25th September

We are delighted to be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning once again this year. It is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together while raising money for a very important cause, supporting people and families affected by cancer.

☕ **Coffee, Cake & Conversation**

Families and parishioners are warmly invited to join us in the School Hall from 2pm for coffee, cake and a chat. It is always a lovely afternoon and a great opportunity to spend some time together as a school and parish community.

🧁 **Children's Cake Sale**

In the afternoon, the children will have their own cake sale during Golden Time. Children can bring up to £1 to spend on a tasty treat. Donations can also be made through Arbor via the School Shop.

🎂 **Cake Donations**

We would be incredibly grateful for donations of cakes — homemade or shop-bought. Cakes can be brought into school on Thursday 24th September so that we can get everything ready for the morning. Any leftover cakes will be available to purchase at the end of the school day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you can join us, enjoy some cake and help us raise as much as possible for this very worthwhile charity. 💚

Whitemoor Lakes...

Year 5 are getting ready for their exciting residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes! This fantastic outward-bound experience will give the children opportunities to develop their independence, resilience and confidence while challenging themselves and stepping outside their comfort zones.

With activities including kayaking, fencing, assault courses and even a disco, there will certainly be something for everyone! We are delighted to be joined by children from St Benedict's, Our Lady & St Joseph's and St Francis. As well as being a wonderful opportunity for adventure and shared experiences, the trip will help our children to build new friendships and connections across the MAC, supporting those important steps towards transition to secondary school.

We are sure it will be an unforgettable experience, and we can't wait to hear all about their adventures!

Attendance

Reception- 97%

Year 1- 99.6%

Year 2- 93%

Year 3- 98.3%

Year 4- 95.3%

Year 5- 100%

Year 6- 95.3%

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:	**NSPCC Helpline:**	**Samaritans:**	**Childline:**	**Police:**
01926 414910	help@nspcc.org.uk	Jo@samaritans.org	0800 1111	Emergency - 999
	Tel: 0808 800 5000	Tel: 116 123		Non-emergency 101

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME - UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
- First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.