St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

23 January 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

It has been another amazing week at St Anne's, and I have really enjoyed seeing all the learning that has taken place across the school.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Year 6 children who were confirmed by Bishop Richard Walker on Wednesday. It was truly a beautiful and prayerful evening for our St. Anne's family as our children received the Sacrament of Confirmation . This special sacrament marks an important moment of growth, commitment, and trust in God, as our children strengthen their relationship with Him and continue to become the wonderful young people we see every day at St Anne's. It was lovely to share this joyous occasion with families and our parish community, and we pray that God will guide, protect, and bless our children always as they continue their journey of faith.

We have already had some fantastic "Caught Reading" photos added to our display- please keep them coming!
Photos can be emailed to *admin2035@we-learn.com*.

Have a restful weekend.

Tracey Gillin
Principal

RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch...

Our Reception children have been busy taking part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, developing their understanding of the natural world around them. They have enjoyed learning about different birds and the importance of caring for wildlife. As part of this experience, the children made their own bird feeders to encourage birds into our gardens, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity while learning how we can all help to look after our environment.

LIVING THE MISSION

Our Year 2 children have shown wonderful compassion and generosity this week by helping to arrange food bank items to support 36 families across our MAC.

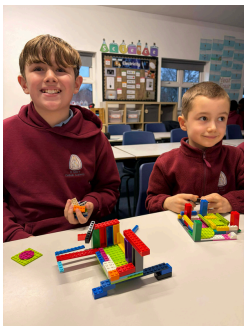
Through this meaningful act of service, the children lived out our Gospel values, showing care and kindness for others in a very practical way.
We are incredibly proud of the empathy and responsibility they demonstrated, reminding us all of the importance of helping those in need and serving our community with love.

KEY DATES

Friday 30 Jan - Celebration Assembly - Year 3
Monday 2 Feb - Year 4 & 5 Cadbury World Trip
Friday 6 Feb - Number Day
Tuesday 10 Feb- Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th Feb- Year 6 Conkers Trip
Friday 13th February - Hopes & Dreams 9:00 - 10:30

STEM Club:

In STEM Club this week, our aspiring architects created their very own LEGO island. 🧱🏝️!
Throughout the session they were given various scenarios to tackle, from invading zombies to combating a tsunami. These bright minds used their engineering skills and thought of creative ways to solve each problem brick by brick. Well done everyone!



Number Day:

Friday 6th February
We can't wait to see the children's creative number outfits! During breaktime, classes will take part in the annual Coin Race, so please keep collecting loose change for your class pot – all money will go to charity. Some year groups will also take part in our carrot/potato measuring activity; teachers will text if your child needs to bring one in. It's set to be a fun day full of maths – watch this space for updates on our learning!

SATs Information

On Monday 26th January, a virtual presentation about the forthcoming Year 6 SATs will be shared with all Year 6 parents.

The presentation will outline what the SATs involve and how we support the children through their learning in the lead-up to May. On Tuesday 27th January, the children will receive their SATs resource pack, which will be explained further in the presentation.

We are very proud of the way Year 6 have started the term. Our focus continues to be on building confidence, supporting learning and keeping everything calm and manageable for the children. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Waite or Myself.

Hopes & Dreams

On Friday 13th February, the last day of this half term, we will be holding our 'Hopes and Dreams' Morning.

Parents or a family member are warmly invited to join their child in their classroom, look through their books together and celebrate their learning and progress. This is a lovely opportunity for children to talk confidently about their work, feel proud of what they have achieved and share their hopes and dreams for the future.

If you have more than one child in school, you will have time to visit each of them in their own classroom across the morning. Reception parents should go straight to the Reception unit, where staff will welcome you and you can stay with your child.

This is always an enjoyable and meaningful experience for both children and families. Due to space constraints, we kindly ask that no more than two family members attend per family, to avoid excessive numbers and to help us keep everyone safe. The event will finish in time for playtime at 10.30am.

Attendance:

Reception 95%
Year 1 94%
Year 2 95%
Year 3 94%
Year 4 93%
Year 5 96%
Year 6 96%

IMPORTANT

SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS AND PUNCTUALITY

The school day begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. We have recently noticed an increase in children arriving after 9:00am, particularly in the mornings. As lessons begin promptly at this time, late arrival can mean children miss key learning such as phonics, reading sessions and targeted interventions, all of which support progress.
We completely understand that emergencies do happen — such as accidents, illness or car issues — and these are always taken into consideration. However, arriving even 10 minutes late on a regular basis can quickly add up to lost learning time. Late arrival can also have an emotional impact on children, as coming in after their peers does not always give them the calmest or most positive start to the day.
If your family is experiencing ongoing difficulties with morning routines or punctuality, please do contact the school. Our pastoral and attendance team are always happy to offer support where needed.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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