St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

9 JAN 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to all our children and families! Despite a very chilly and wintry start to the term, it has been a fantastic first week back.

Our children have settled in beautifully, showing enthusiasm and focus in their learning, and it has been a joy to see their excitement as they begin new English topics and take part in engaging, practical Maths lessons.

We were delighted to continue our Hobby Day activities as part of our Holy Spirit Experience, with children confidently sharing their interests and exploring what preparing for adulthood means.

Thank you to our families for your support during the recent weather disruption. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted and look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead, including our 'Going for Gold' Assembly on Monday.

LIVING THE MISSION

On Tuesday, Year 5 led us beautifully in our whole school Mass celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The children showed great reverence and confidence as they guided us through the readings, prayers, and reflections, helping us to think about the meaning of the Epiphany and the message it brings. We are very proud of Year 5 for their thoughtful preparation and for leading the Mass so respectfully and prayerfully.

KEY DATES

Monday 12 Jan - Confirmation Parents Meeting - 5pm at St Anne's Church

Tuesday 13 Jan - Music Assembly

Wednesday 14 Jan - Year 6 Confirmation Retreat

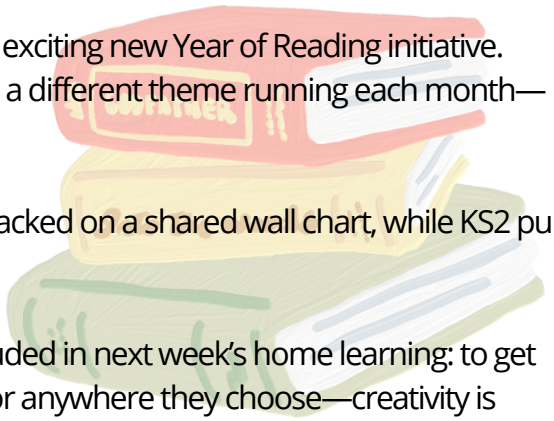
Wednesday 21 Jan - Confirmation 6pm - St Anne's Church

Friday 30 Jan - Celebration Assembly - Year 3

Monday 2 Feb - Year 4 & 5 Cadbury World Trip

Friday 6 Feb - Number Day

Spotlight on Reading:



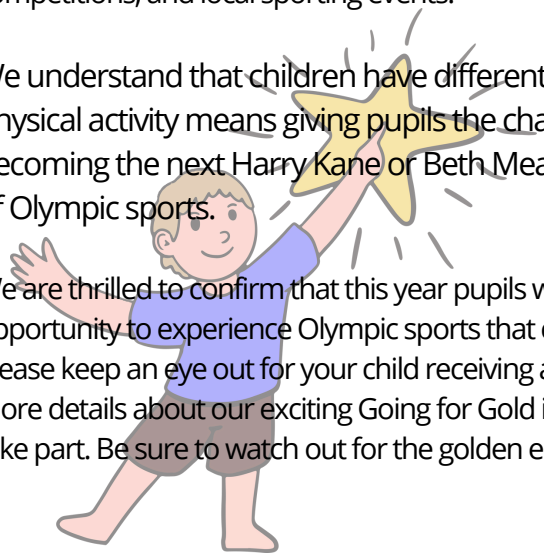
In assembly on Monday, the children are going to be introduced to our exciting new Year of Reading initiative. Throughout 2026, the children will be challenged to read 26 books, with a different theme running each month—starting this month with "Read Something New."

In KS1, the challenge will be completed as a class and progress will be tracked on a shared wall chart, while KS2 pupils will use reading passports to record their reading logs.

The children have also been set a fun extra challenge, which will be included in next week's home learning: to get "caught reading" somewhere interesting! This could be inside, outside, or anywhere they choose—creativity is encouraged. Full details, including where to send entries, will be shared next week.

Going for Gold:

At St. Anne's, Physical Education plays a vital role in every child's learning journey. We are passionate about providing high-quality PE that motivates and excites our pupils, encouraging them to take part not only in lessons, but also in after-school clubs, house competitions, and local sporting events.



We understand that children have different interests, abilities, and aspirations. Developing a lifelong enjoyment of physical activity means giving pupils the chance to explore what suits them best—after all, not everyone dreams of becoming the next Harry Kane or Beth Mead! For this reason, we make it a priority to expose children to a broad range of Olympic sports.

We are thrilled to confirm that this year pupils will once again visit a variety of specialist sporting venues, giving them the opportunity to experience Olympic sports that cannot be delivered on site. These experiences will be completely free of charge, so please keep an eye out for your child receiving a special golden ticket.
More details about our exciting Going for Gold initiative will be shared during Monday morning's assembly, where all pupils will take part. Be sure to watch out for the golden envelope!

Curriculum Information:

Today, you will have received via email, your child's individual targets, along with a one-page overview outlining what your child will be learning in each subject this term. These documents are designed to support you in understanding your child's learning and progress.
Please remember that our full curriculum is published on the school website should you wish to find out more.

Attendance:

Reception 95%
Year 1 98%
Year 2 92%
Year 3 98%
Year 4 92%
Year 5 91%
Year 6 89%

Important Reminder:

Is your child due to start school in September?
Parents of children starting school in September 2026 must apply by 4pm Jan 15th 2025.
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

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