St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

6 February 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

What a busy and exciting week it's been! Year 4 and 5 launched the week with a deliciously memorable visit to Cadbury World 🍫, where they learned about the history of chocolate with the Mayans, discovered how chocolate is made, and enjoyed a 3D cinema experience – we are definitely chocolate-tired but very happy!

Looking ahead to next week, we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week with the theme "This is My Place." During wellbeing lessons, children will have time to talk, reflect and take part in creative activities linked to this important theme. We will also take part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10th February, with a focus on the safe and responsible use of AI.

Throughout the week, children will also enjoy Power Week, applying their learning from this half term's topic in creative ways through Art and Design & Technology. We will end the half term on Friday 13th February with our 'Hopes and Dreams' morning – a chance to pause, reflect and celebrate learning. Parents and family members are warmly invited to join us (up to two per family, due to space) to look through books and celebrate achievements together. If you have more than one child, there will be time to visit each class. Reception parents should go directly to the Reception unit. The morning will conclude at 10.30am.

Read with a Loved one...

On Thursday 26th February, we would like to invite parents and carers into school to enjoy a special morning of reading with your child. This will be a lovely opportunity to share and celebrate reading together in the classroom. For safety reasons, we kindly ask that no more than two adults per child attend. The session will run from 9.00–9.45am, and we look forward to welcoming you. 📚✨

World Book Day 2026

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day at school on Thursday 5th March, a wonderful opportunity to share our love of stories and reading.

This year, children are invited to create their very own **'Story in a Shoebox'** at home. They can choose their favourite story and bring it to life inside a shoebox using drawings, characters, small objects or craft materials.

The children will then bring their shoebox into school to share and talk about their story with their friends.

We can't wait to see the children's creativity shine and to enjoy a day filled with imagination, storytelling and a love of books.

Thank you, as always, for your support- we know this will be a lovely activity to enjoy together at home.

LIVING THE MISSION

Our Year 3 children have begun their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. An information meeting for parents will be held on **Wednesday 11th February** at **5.30pm** at St Anne's Church, led by Father Jimmy.

We keep all of these children and their families in our prayers as they continue their sacramental journey.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are baptised are also welcome to attend this meeting if you would like your child to receive these sacraments.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 10 Feb- Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11 Feb- Year 6 Conkers Trip

Friday 13 February - Hopes & Dreams 9:00 - 10:30

Monday 23 February - Children return to school.

Thursday 26 February - Read with a loved one - All Classes

Friday 27 February - Sports Taster Day - Please wear your PE kit.

Friday 27 February - Cake Sale - Nursery & Year 4

Friday 27 February - Celebration Assembly - Led by Year 1

Dragon Dancing...

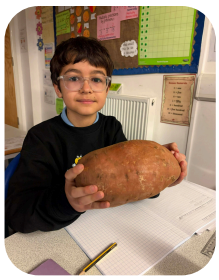
House Football

Today, the children took to the pitch with great enthusiasm for our much-anticipated inter-house football competition! The spirit was electric as each team donned their house colours, rallying together to secure victory and earn house points.

As the matches unfolded, each child demonstrated incredible skill, teamwork and determination, making it a truly memorable day. The competition was fierce, and every goal celebrated with pride. The winning team will be announced on Monday, prizes will be decided by the School Council and prizes will be awarded for outstanding performances, both on and off the field and special recognition for notable efforts. We're so proud of all the children for showing such passion and commitment! We can't wait for the next competition. Bring it on!

Number Day

Today, the children engaged in a fun-filled day dedicated to all things number. The children arrived dressed in an array of vibrant clothing with numbers. One of the highlights of the day was the coin race, where participants enthusiastically collected coins in an effort to create the longest line. The winners of the coin race were Year 4, who demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination!



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations, which contributed immensely to the day's success. The funds raised will be used to purchase a Virtual World Gift from CAFOD as part of our Live Simply Award initiative. These gifts will bring joy and significantly improve the lives of families and communities living in poverty.

Attendance:

Reception 86%
Year 1 94%
Year 2 95%
Year 3 91%
Year 4 96%
Year 5 94%
Year 6 98%

Mobile Phones & Smartwatches

We have updated our Mobile Phone Policy so it fully aligns with the new national guidance while continuing the clear rules already in place at St. Anne's. Mobile phones, smartwatches and any device that can message, record or access the internet are not permitted during the school day. Recently, we have noticed more pupils wearing smartwatches with messaging or recording features. These are not allowed. Only simple digital or analogue watches may be worn. Any device seen or used in school will be stored securely and returned to a parent/carer.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping school a calm, focused and safe environment.

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