St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

25 September 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

Macmillan Cake Sale Day! ☕🧁

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale today. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents, past pupils and parishioners joining us. A special well done to our School Council, who did a fantastic job in their first official role representing our school.

The cake sale this afternoon was certainly a busy one! The children loved choosing their treats and it was a lovely way to finish a very busy week. We are still collecting donations, so we will let you know the final amount raised next week. Keep an eye on our social media too, where we'll share some of the lovely moments from throughout the day.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible generosity and support. Macmillan is such an important charity to so many of our families, and it was wonderful to see our St Anne's community coming together to support such a worthwhile cause. 💚

Prayer Partners

This week, our Year 6 children had the lovely opportunity to meet their new Reception Prayer Partners. It was wonderful to see the children getting to know one another, with our Year 6 pupils already showing such kindness, care and responsibility towards our youngest children.
We're looking forward to seeing these special friendships grow throughout the year as our Prayer Partners learn, pray and share special moments together. ❤️

LIVING THE MISSION

This week, our newly appointed Liturgy Team had the opportunity to put our faith into action as they helped to pack 44 food bags for members of our local community. It was wonderful to see our children showing kindness, compassion and a real commitment to helping others.

We are incredibly proud of the way our children continue to live out our Catholic mission through their actions and service to others. 🙏

KEY DATES

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

Tuesday 20th October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 21st October- Parents Evening

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

St Raphael the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening appointments will be available to book through Arbor from next Friday. Our Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October**, with appointments available from **3.30pm–6.00pm.**

This is a lovely opportunity to catch up with your child's class teacher, hear how they have settled into their new year group and find out how they are getting on. We really encourage all parents and carers to book an appointment and take the opportunity to stay connected with your child's learning and progress. We look forward to seeing you!

Power Week Catwalk...

We're really excited to be holding our Catwalk Fashion Show on Friday 23rd October at 9.15am in the School Hall! This will be a lovely opportunity for the children to celebrate and showcase some of the learning they have been doing this term, while having lots of fun along the way.

We would like children to come to school dressed as a character or person linked to their current Topic:

Reception: Monster Phonics
Year 1: The Victorians
Year 2: The Great Fire of London
Year 3: The Stone Age
Year 4: The Romans
Year 5: The Anglo-Saxons
Year 6: The Ancient Greeks

Please don't feel that you need to spend lots of money on costumes – you really don't! Simple, homemade costumes using things you already have at home can be just as effective and will add a lovely personal touch. We can't wait to see the children bring their learning to life and enjoy their moment on the St Anne's catwalk! 🌟

Attendance

Reception- 99.6%
Year 1- 95.1%
Year 2- 97.7%
Year 3- 96.3%
Year 4- 95.1%
Year 5- 97.7%
Year 6- 94.4%

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

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.