



## St Anne's Primary School

19 January 2026 Newsletter 5 'Curious minds, Caring hearts  
Aiming for brilliance!'



### NEWS...

- This is the first newsletter of 2026 – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- Year 6 enjoyed their residential trip to Robinwood and were a real credit to the school.
- Thank you for your monetary contributions following the Christmas productions, this was added to the raffle and treasure hunt donations and we raised £714.14 in total for school fund!
- The Christmas Jumper Day raised £213, thank you for your kind donations for this charity.

### SCHOOL DISCO

There will be a school disco on **Thursday 5 March 2026** from **5:30pm until 6:45pm**. It is open to **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** children who currently attend St Anne's School. Admission is **£4** and this includes light refreshments. Further details to follow.

### RED NOSE NON-UNIFORM DAY - 20 MARCH 2026

We will be having a non-uniform day for Comic Relief on **Friday 20 March 2026**. The children are invited to wear their own choice of clothes, in return for a donation to this charity.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5 March 2026**. The children will be involved a range of exciting reading activities. We **will also be inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character** this year.

### INSET DAY

As previously advised, school will be closed on **Thursday 7 May 2026** due to teacher training.

### FRUIT SNACKS

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 have free fruit for morning breaks as part of the national fruit scheme. This scheme is not available to children in the Key Stage 2 classes. Children in these classes are invited to bring fresh fruit in for mid-morning breaks. Unfortunately, a large number of children do not bring anything in. Please encourage your child to bring fresh fruit in as it is a long time between breakfast and lunch, especially if your child has not eaten much before coming to school.



### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The after school activities available next half term for **5 weeks** commencing **23 February** and finishing week ending **27 March** are as follows:

#### **Mondays**

Homework Club: Y3-Y6- Mrs Young

Tameside Music Tuition: Keyboards (Paid Club – see school office for details)

Spanish Club: Mrs Nurney Y3-Y6

#### **Thursdays**

Drama Club: Y1- Y4- Mrs Gaskell

All activities will finish at **4.00pm** unless advised otherwise. Please collect your child/ren promptly using the back gate.

We are also inviting **Y6** children to ‘**Boost**’ sessions on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** mornings at 8.15am. (**Continuing from week beginning 23 February**) Please encourage your child to attend these sessions. Refreshments will be provided!

**There will be no clubs on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March due to parents evening.**

### **ASPIRATIONS WEEK**

We will be holding an ‘Aspirations Week’ on the week beginning 26th January 2026. During this week the children will take part in lots of exciting activities all about inspirational people, learn about values such as determination and courage and find out about different occupations.

On Friday 30th January, we ask that children come to school dressed as their ‘Big Me’ to end the week. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an inspirational person or as an occupation that they aspire to.

### **ABSENCE AND END OF THE DAY PROCEDURES**

Please inform school by **phone** if your child is absent. In some instances, emails may not be seen until later in the day which could cause communication problems between school and home. It is also important to let the school office know if someone else is going to collect your child/ren at the end of the school day.



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### **BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH**

We have been talking to the children about the upcoming 'Big Garden Birdwatch' event which takes place on the weekend of 24-25 January 2026. Every year families across the UK sit down for one hour over the course of a given weekend to count all the feathered visitors to the garden. The RSPB will use the information gathered to help discover more about the health and welfare of bird species in the country.

More information about the event is available at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

### **JEWELLERY HAIR AND NAIL VARNISH**

Children should **not** wear jewellery in school. The only exception is one pair of **small, flat, gold or silver stud earrings**. These should be removed and left at home on PE days. Extreme hairstyles are not suitable for school. **Hair bands worn by the children should be in keeping with school uniform and nail varnish or false/gel nails should not be worn for school.** Can I also ask that children do not wear trainers and that the correct PE kit is available. This includes a white t-shirt and red shorts. Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring school uniform guidelines are upheld.

### **EASTER BONNET PARADE**

Children are invited to make an Easter bonnet and bring it into school on **Tuesday 24 March 2026**. There will be an Easter Bonnet parade at **2.45pm** on that day. Parents/Carers are welcome to come and join us for this. All children who bring in a bonnet will be given a small chocolate egg as a thank you.



### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

School will close at **3.15pm** on **Friday 13 February 2026** for the half-term holiday and reopen at **8:45am** on **Monday 23 February 2026**.