St Anne's Primary School

Newsletter 1 7 September 2026 'Curious Minds, Caring Hearts – Aiming for Brilliance'

Welcome!
This is the first newsletter of the new school year 2026-27. We would like to welcome all new children and parents/carers to St Anne's School and welcome back all other children and parents/carers. Newsletters are sent on a regular basis – approximately once a month and are numbered. Newsletters are also available on the school's website.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Teacher led clubs will commence the week beginning **21 September for 5 weeks until week ending 23 October and will finish at 4pm. Sports Clubs finish at 4:15pm**. These are all bookable via ARBOR when notified by the school office that bookings are open.

Monday
Keyboards: Tameside Music Service
Homework Club: KS2 Mrs Young
Spanish Club: Y2-Y6 Mrs Nurney
Tuesday
Chess Club: KS2 Mr Whaite
Wednesday
Multi Skills: Sports coach KS1
Thursday
Tennis: Sports coach Year 3/4
Choir: Y2-Y6 Miss Orme

There will be no clubs on **Wednesday 14 October and Thursday 22 October** due to Parents' Evening. **Please collect children from the back gate of school for all clubs.**

CONTACT DETAILS

Please check that all your contact details are correct within ARBOR, including all mobile numbers, email addresses and your current home address. Any changes to the above can be made by yourselves within ARBOR, or you can contact the school office who will amend your records accordingly.

PARENTS/CARERS VISITING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Please report to the school office at the front of school on arrival and before departure. If you are collecting or returning your child to school please leave them with a member of the office staff who will take your child to their classroom.

DRINKS

Just a reminder that only **still water** should be sent into school please. Sparkling and flavoured water should not be sent in. We also ask that the very large bottles are not sent into school. Your support is appreciated. Research shows that drinking water throughout the day helps children to work at their optimum level.

DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Please ensure appointments for routine check-ups are arranged outside of school hours to avoid any disruption to your child's education.

DIARY DATES

A list of diary dates for the school year is being sent home separately. Please retain for reference.

PARKING and TRAFFIC

Please be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your child/ren. It is also vital that our children are safe outside the school gates and therefore I would ask that due care is taken when driving around school and that there is no parking on the yellow markings or on pavements.

SMOKING AND VAPING

Just a reminder that the school is a 'NO-SMOKING' zone - this includes e – cigarettes. Please **do not** smoke in the school building or grounds. We would also like to keep our school gates smoke free and your support in this would be appreciated.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money is **£15.75** per week (**£3.15** a day) and is due in advance of booking within ARBOR. Please ensure that you are all choosing your child's school meals within ARBOR. Go to quick actions / meals to choose your child's meal, even if they are on packed lunches. You can do this for the full half-term. All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal.

MONIES

We operate a cashless system and we are unable to accept cash payments. All payments must be made online. Thank you in advance!

SCHOOL TRIPS

Many thanks for your support in making donations for school trips. These are very popular with the children and enrich their learning. If you are unable/unwilling to make the voluntary contribution, please speak with the office staff to enable us to make an informed decision as to whether or not the trip can go ahead. If enough voluntary contributions are not agreed, a proposed event may have to be cancelled as shortfalls have to be made up from the school budget. If events go ahead, all children would participate, irrespective of contribution circumstances.

ABSENCE REQUESTS IN TERM TIME

Just a reminder - holidays **cannot** be authorised in term time. Leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Application forms are available from the school office.

PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure children arrive promptly for school. Children arriving after the back gate has closed are recorded as late in the register.

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YEAR 6 NATIONAL TESTS – SATS

The national tests for Year 6 children will take place during the week commencing **10 May 2027.** The children have to take these tests on the dates set nationally.

PE

Please ensure that your child arrives in the appropriate PE clothes, red shorts and white T shirt only with either black joggers or tracksuit bottoms and school jumper (no football shirts or shorts) and a pair of black pumps or trainers. Children will remain in PE kit for the entire day. Long hair must be tied up for PE lessons. The days for PE lessons are currently as follows:

Reception	**Monday and Wednesday**
Year 1	**Wednesday and Thursday**
Year 2	**Thursday and Friday**
Year 3	**Monday and Wednesday**
Year 4	**Wednesday Swimming and PE**
Year 5	**Thursday and Friday**
Year 6	**Tuesday and Thursday**

We will inform the children of any changes in PE days.

COMING INTO SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS

When bringing children into the playground please do not allow use of the wooden equipment. Children must be supervised by a staff member when they are using the trail. Could we also ask that children do not ride scooters/bikes within the playground. Your support in this is appreciated. Please remember that parents/carers and friends should not come into the school building in the mornings as teachers are with their classes. Any messages for teachers must be given to the members of staff in the playground.

JEWELLERY AND HAIR

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. Please support us in this. Extreme hairstyles are not suitable for school. **Hair bands worn by the children should be in keeping with school uniform.**

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Reminder – the school must be informed of the reason for a child's absence, otherwise the absence counts as unauthorised. Please inform the school by 9.20am on each day of the absence either by telephone or letter.

SHARING ASSEMBLIES

Parents/carers and friends are welcome to join us for assemblies on Friday mornings at 9.05am approximately. Badges, certificates etc are presented at these assemblies and there are 2 presentations by each class during the school year. Children are welcome to bring in certificates, badges etc that are awarded out of school for presentation on Friday mornings. Still photographs may be taken providing they are for your own use and assemblies are not disrupted. They must not be displayed on social media sites.

The dates for this term are as follows:

18 September - Year 6
25 September - European Day of Languages-song from every class
2 October - Harvest service in church
9 October - Year 4
16 October - Year 5
23 October - Year 3
6 November - School Council
13 November- Children in Need and Anti Bullying Assembly
20 November- Road Safety Assembly
27 November - Eco Warriors Assembly
4 December - Infant Christmas Performance
11 December- Junior Christmas Performance
Thursday 17 Dec– Carol Service at St Anne's Church
18 December - Awards

OPEN SESSION FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

There will be an '**Open session'** for parents/carers on **Thursday 1 October** between **9.00am and 10.30am.** You are invited to walk around the school and see the classes in action!

FRESH FRUIT SNACKS

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are provided with fresh fruit and vegetables through the National Fruit Scheme.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) are invited to bring fresh fruit and vegetables, which they can peel themselves, for a mid-morning snack. Please encourage your child to bring something in each morning.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Nurney and Miss Orme on their wonderful pregnancy news. We are delighted for them both and wish them every happiness as they prepare to welcome their new arrivals. We know our school community will join us in sending their best wishes.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

Mrs Chapman will be leaving us on Friday 11th September to take up a post outside of education. She has been at St Anne's for 12 years and her contribution to the lives of so many children has been greatly appreciated. She will be sadly missed and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her happiness and success in her next chapter!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILD/REN DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR.