



HEADLINES

	September
7 th	Nursery pupils phased start.
9 th	Whole School Start of the academic Year Mass @ 9am in the school hall, all welcome.
12 th	First Holy Communion Commitment Family Parish Mass @ 6pm all Year 3 pupils should attend as this starts Communion preparation.
15 th	Y6 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am.
16 th	Y5 Mass in school hall @ 9am
19 th	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Welcome to St Anne's Mass for Reception and Nursery.
22 nd	Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
23 rd	Y6 Mass in school hall @ 9am
25 th	EYFS Meet the Teacher (Reception and Nursery) @ 2:45pm. School Discos EYFS @ 4:00pm - 4:45pm KS1 @ 5:00pm - 6:00pm KS2 @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm
26 th	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y4/Y1
28 th	Y1/Y2 Enrichment Day
29 th	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
30 th	Y4 Mass celebrating FHC followed by Corpus Christi Procession.
	October
1 st	National Poetry Day for all year groups. 6pm Curriculum Committee in school (governors) to include pupil voice.
2 nd	INSET School Closed to pupils
3 rd	GIFT/CARITAS/MINI-VINNIES family parish Mass @ 6pm
5 th	School photos individuals and siblings
6 th	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
8 th	Online Safety by Enlightened Street Teams
10 th	Family Parish Mass for Special Friends from Y6 and Reception meet your child's special friend and their families.
14 th	Y5 residential @ Alton Castle to Friday 16 th October
17 th	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y3/Y2

Word



The word is **forgiveness**. We are reminded that we are a people who need to forgive each other as we ask to be forgiven.

Whole School Mass Wednesday 9th September at school, this will launch our academic year together. All parents welcome.



Headteacher Message

What a wonderful start we have had to our academic year. It was great to start on Tuesday with all of the staff who work at school. Then on Thursday we welcomed all of our pupils into school. It was fantastic to hear the classrooms filled with laughter and fun.

We are looking forward to a great year, ensuring that our children continue to have a great

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Nursery We were so happy to meet our new pupils with their families for our Stay and Play sessions. We hope that you all enjoy a great weekend and we look forward to welcoming our first group to Nursery on Monday 7th September. Group 2 will join us on Wednesday and Group 3 on Friday. Please arrive at school between 8:30 – 8:45am. Remember parents, you are welcome on the first day to accompany your child onto the playground, to take your first day at school photo.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception What can I say? Well done everyone on your first 2 days in Reception. You have been amazing. I'm so proud of the positive start and the excellent efforts you've all made. Staff have noticed new friendships developing already and the children are starting to learn the new routines and expectations that come with moving from Nursery to Reception. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. Welcome to Year 1. We have had a fabulous start to our first couple of days back to school! We have thoroughly enjoyed having some continuous provision this week and we have been super amazed at how focused your children have been when they are practising their writing skills! Super effort Year 1! What was your child's favourite memory this week? Miss Wallis enjoyed measuring the height of all our children and Mrs McCabe loved seeing so many children dressing up or playing with the cars! We look forward to seeing you next week! Please note that PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Forest School is on Tuesday.

Mrs McCabe, Mr Johnston & Y1 Team

Year 2 Welcome to Year 2! It has been lovely to hear all about your summer adventures and get settled into the new year together. Everyone has bounced right back into school life with a smile, which is fantastic to see! We have been learning about our class saint, Therese of Lisieux and how she encourages us to show small acts of kindness that make a difference. I know you will be great friends to each other this year. Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Regan

Year 3 A wonderful couple of days back in Year 3. You have all made a great start to the year. We have been very impressed with your hard work and presentation in lessons. It's been great to see you putting in so much effort with all areas of work. I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Well done on a fantastic first week back everyone! We have enjoyed getting to know the Year 4 classroom and getting used to our new routines. In English, you have written some fantastic emails to me and Mrs Matchett, to let us know about what you've been up to since we last taught you in Year 2. I have loved reading about your new hobbies and the lovely things you have been up to in the holiday. I have uploaded the Meet the Teacher presentation to the Year 4 class page so please feel free to have a look. Have a great weekend!

Miss Jones

Year 5 Welcome everyone to Year 5! I hope you all had a restful and relaxing Summer and that you enjoyed the good weather at home or abroad. It was lovely to see so many of you at Meet The Teacher this morning. If you couldn't make the meeting then please see the Year 5 class page of the website - I have uploaded all the slides, Parent Planner for Autumn 1 and Knowledge Organisers. The children have settled in to the class very well and I am looking forward to a fun-filled year! Homework this week is to learn spellings for a test on Monday and to complete your first reading journal entry to hand in on Thursday. Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 Well, what a great start to Year 6! Mrs Lee and I are both so impressed with your learning behaviours and determination to get off to a flying start. You have all produced fantastic posters about our class saint - St. Vincent de Paul, shown your commitment to improve arithmetic scores and remembered your grammar word classes! Please remember that 'smart people work out' whenever tackling maths problems and that jottings are key to Year 6 success! Next week we start all our other subjects and confirmation preparation so have a great weekend!

Miss Keedwell



Sporting Achievements this year.



Don't forget to tell us about your out of school achievements. Email Mrs Baynham-Hughes on

Sbaynham-hughes@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk

Remember we will soon be starting our calendar of competitive events. As a reminder to parents and children:

Sporting events are in different categories.

Elite events are for children who regularly participate in this sport and are highly competent

Achieve events are open to all pupils - don't be afraid to give it a go

Inspire events - these events are designed to inspire pupils to try something brand new, no experience at all is needed.

Please monitor the newsletter and website calendar and if you are interested in participating, let Mrs Baynham-Hughes know (either by expressing your interest or parents can email). Thank you

Thank you to the incredible Mrs Baynham-Hughes who has led a wonderful campaign to help us to achieve Platinum status. This is the first time that we have achieved this level of sporting participation and it truly is an incredible achievement for such a small school. It has involved many woman hours - thank you so very much.





Based on the gospel for Sunday 6 September, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 18:15-20

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

We all have unique qualities and perspectives. God calls each one of us to serve him as part of a wider body, his church. Although God intended to unite us through our differences, it is easy for us to allow this to result in divergence and dispute. Conflicts are made even more challenging when compounded with wrongdoing in the church.

In today's gospel, Jesus outlines how to handle misconduct in the community. We are called to privately bring attention to the sin, before escalating the matter to a few additional individuals if a resolution is not reached. The wise counsel of the wider community is presented as the final remedy for the wrongdoing.

Maintaining our moral integrity is important. As God's children we are called to be custodians of his commandments and hold each other accountable with humility and honesty.

How do we react in the face of wrongdoing and injustice? Are our churches and global communities truly safe places of kindness, respect and dignity? Standing up for what is right can be frightening. Let us be courageous and remember that God is always with us, no matter how challenging the circumstance may be.

Dear God, thank you for the gift of your holy church. By your Spirit, please give us the courage to boldly love and support each other as we continue to grow in you. Amen.