



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

**“Live, Love & Learn
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An Introduction to Nursery

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Introduction

On behalf of myself, the Governors and the Nursery staff, I would like to welcome you to St. Anne's Nursery. St. Anne's prides itself on delivering a Catholic education to all our children where they are encouraged to value themselves and others as unique beings made in the image and likeness of Christ.

We aim to provide a safe, happy and caring environment, where your child can learn to grow as an individual. We will work with you to help your child develop their love of learning. Whilst your child attends St. Anne's we will always be guided by our Catholic Schools Values and Virtues as we work together for the benefit of all.

This booklet aims to answer any questions you may have as a new or existing parent of St. Anne's. I hope that both you and your child will be very happy with us. Please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything else you need to know.

Mrs Johnston

Head teacher – June 2025

The School Day

Arrival

The school gate is open from 8.30 am until 8.45am. After their first day, Nursery children will walk independently through the school gate, with Mrs Johnston there to greet and guide them. Please make goodbyes swift as this will really help your child. Please do not send toys or teddies with your child unless asked to do so. Children will have lots to carry, so please ensure they are not bringing in more than they need. Unfortunately, we cannot take children's things in for them (as we simply run out of hands) so please practise with children carrying their items beforehand.

They will be met by a member of staff at the Nursery door who will show them where to place their reading packets, drinks and lunchbox. Children will then sanitise their hands and make their way to the cloakroom. In the cloakroom, children will hang their coat on a named peg, then go to the toilet and wash their hands. Children will then return to the class, complete their self-registration by adding their picture and name to the daily board and then begin playing with their friends.

Please use the Home School link book to tell us anything we need to know for that day. This is checked daily by staff. If you need to speak to us further, please email the office so we can arrange a time to meet and discuss this with you.

Dismissal

Morning provision ends at 11.45am. For those children receiving 15 hour provision, please wait outside the school's main Reception where your child will be brought to you by a member of staff.

For those children receiving 30 hour provision, the school day ends at 3.10pm. Please come to the infant playground where Nursery staff will dismiss your child from behind the green gates. A member of staff will only dismiss your child when they can see and make eye contact with you, or your representative. If any person other than yourself is collecting your child from Nursery, please make sure the school are aware of this – either in the links book, by email or phone. Any child not collected at 11.45am or 3.15pm will be taken directly to the school office.

Lunchtime

Those children receiving 30 hour provision, will need to bring a packed lunch. Please pack a healthy & reasonable sized healthy lunch box (no fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate). Please practise with children opening their drinks and lunch boxes and send food you know your child likes to eat. For more information about healthy lunch boxes, please log on to:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/lighterlunchboxes.aspx>

There is a £4 per day charge for supervision of children over the lunchtime period, this is payable via the Arbor platform. The charge will be payable half termly (in advance).

Please ensure that the lunch box and any drinks are clearly named.

Snacks and Drinks

As part of the government's "School's Fruit and Vegetable Scheme", children in Nursery are entitled to a free piece of fruit in school each day. The fruit will vary depending on the season such as apples, satsumas, raisins, tomatoes, carrots, bananas and pears. For more information, please log on to:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/5ADAY/Pages/Schoolscheme.aspx>

Each morning, the children will be given their fruit to eat at snack time. Your child will be encouraged to try it. Often children will eat fruits they don't at home because their friends and teachers are. However, if you know your child will only eat a particular fruit, please send that in. Please also inform us if your child has any food allergies.

Milk is provided free to all children in Nursery and will be drunk at snack time in the morning. We will send out a letter in September asking for your preference for milk or their own drink. If your child does not like milk, then please supply your child with water in a sensible (non-spill) drinking flask. Please be aware that a few children might have the same flask, so ensure it is clearly named. Please also ensure this is a flask your child can open for themselves.

In the afternoons we do give children the opportunity to finish snacks from their lunch box. If your child has a good appetite, please send an item labelled 'afternoon snack' in the lunch box. They might like to have another piece of fruit from the fruit box.

Daily Routines

At St Anne's we believe that a regular routine is beneficial to your child's learning. Young children learn best when they are feeling happy, safe, secure and are active.

Our daily routine offers the following:

Morning Provision

- Prayer time
- Calendar (Day of the week, weather and season)
- Register
- Focus teaching (e.g. Literacy, RE, Mathematics)
- Activities – inside & outside
- Tidy up time
- Milk and Fruit
- Whole Class Outdoor Play
- Activities
- Story time, prayer time and dismissal of Morning Nursery
- Lunch and Outdoor Play

Afternoon Provision

- Register
- Prayer time
- Child-initiated activities – inside & outside
- Snack time
- Story/Singing/Rhymes
- Prayer time
- Home time

Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum underpins all future learning and ensures that children are taught skills needed for their life after Nursery. It covers 3 'Prime Areas of Learning' and 4 'Specific Areas of Learning'.

The 'Prime' of Learning:

- Physical development;
- Communication & Language;
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development.

The 'Specific' Areas of Learning:

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the World;
- Expressive Arts and Design.

At the beginning of each half term a new Curriculum Parent Planner will be available on our website so that you know what sort of activities your child will be involved in and how you can help at home. For more information about the EYFS Curriculum, please log on to:

<https://st-annes-sutton-coldfield.secure-primariesite.net/curriculum-support-information-sheets/>

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The Catholic faith is at the heart of everything we do at St Anne's. It directs our teaching and learning and guides the Values and Virtues we offer the children. You can find out more on our Catholic Life web page:

<https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/catholic-life-1/>

As a Catholic school we follow the R.E. curriculum devised by the Archdiocese of Birmingham to broaden knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. We also take part in the Ten Ten RSE Curriculum.

We have a special Prayer Area where we say prayers at the start of the day, before lunch, after lunch and at the end of the day. We use the prayer area to listen to stories from the Bible and to reflect upon events happening both in our Nursery environment and the outside world.

Prayer Bag

Every class at St Anne's has a 'Prayer Bag' which goes home with children on a rota basis. The bag is filled with prayer books and artefacts so you can pray together as a family. For more information, log on to:

<https://st-annes-sutton-coldfield.secure-primariesite.net/prayer/>

Entry Assessment

At the very beginning of the Nursery year, all children will be assessed to see their next steps in learning. These assessments will help staff with future planning.

Woodlands Forest School

At St Anne's, we have a wonderful Woodlands Forest School which children regularly visit. You will be advised in September the days Nursery will visit. On their Woodlands Forest School days, we ask that children come to school in non-uniform and instead wear clothes they do not mind getting muddy, wet and dirty E.g. old jogging bottoms with a t-shirt and fleece. Please also send in a waterproof all-in-one playsuit, wellington boots and a hat (winter / summer) in a named carrier bag.

Outdoor Play and Learning

The play and learning that happens in Nursery takes place both inside and outside. Please always make sure that your child is wearing appropriate outer clothing such as a coat, warm hat, gloves and scarf in winter or suncream and sunhat in the summer.

Dough Disco

Once settled, Nursery children will take part in a daily 'Dough Disco' activity. This activity is designed to strengthen little fingers and muscles and improve fine motor control.

1000 Stories

At St Anne's, we understand the importance of young children having a story read to them every day. Children will choose a story book to bring home every day. It is intended that you read this book with your child that day, talk about the 'WOW Word' that is in the front of the book, record it in their collector chart and return it the next day. More information will be given in September.

Uniform

Main Nursery Uniform

The Nursery children have their own uniform which is different to the main school and is compulsory. The uniform consists of a brown sweatshirt with the Nursery logo and a white polo shirt with the Nursery logo. Either or both items may be worn with a pair of black jogging bottoms or leggings. In summer, the girls may wear a yellow and white gingham check school dress and boys may wear grey or black shorts. Children should wear sensible shoes with Velcro fastenings.

School uniform can be purchased through the 'Clive Mark' website or by visiting the Clive Mark shop in Boldmere:

<https://clivemark.co.uk/collections/st-annes-primary-streetly>

PE Uniform

Children will need a PE Bag with a pair of **Velcro trainers (no laces please)**.

On PE days, we ask that children come to school in either black leggings, black jogging bottoms or shorts (depending on weather) - no skirts please. Children will change into the correct footwear from their PE bag in school. Please label the PE bag with your child's name clearly written on the outside. We realise there is no space apparent to write, so please attach a keyring or something else suitable with your child's name on it. No earrings to be worn on PE day, please remove at home. If you are going to have your child's ears pierced, then please wait until the 6-week holiday, so that earrings can be removed for PE.

Woodlands Forest School

For Forest School Days we ask that children attend in non-uniform and wear clothes that they do not mind getting very muddy/wet and dirty. E.g old jogging bottoms and a fleece (see above for more information).

Spare Clothing for Accidents

Children should also have a spare set of uniform/pants/socks in a plastic bag in case of any 'accidents' in school. Please ensure that this is replaced if used.

Outdoor Clothing

Nursery children spend lots of time playing outside in a variety of weathers. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate waterproof coat in school every day. It is essential that your child has a warm hat and gloves in cold weather and a sun hat in the warm weather.

Reading Packet

A reading packet should also be purchased to keep links books, letters, pictures, party invitations and class 1000 Story books safe. This should be brought to school every day. Please do not put drinks inside these reading packets as they often spill and cause damage to books.

Naming Uniform, Flasks & Lunch Box

Please ensure that all your child's uniform (including coats, hats, gloves and shoes), flasks and lunch boxes are carefully labelled. We have no way of knowing which jumper/cardigan etc. belongs to which child. Children often do not recognise their own items, and we don't want items unclaimed at the end of the day!

StampTastic Name Labels

The labelling company 'StampTastic' is a good way for you to help our PTA raise funds and name clothing at the same time. Name stampers are a quick, easy and effective way of labelling your child's clothing, drinking flasks and fruit pots etc. Please follow the link below, add the code '**B743PL**' when you are at the checkout and the PTA will automatically receive 15% of the total spend.

https://stamptastic.co.uk/pages/school-welcome#a_aid=5db2ff345a646

General

Illness

If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend Nursery, please inform the school office by telephone on the first day of absence and every day until their return. Please telephone the school office by 9am each day.

Medications

Medicines are not normally administered in school by staff, unless it is specific medicines such as inhalers, epi-pens and insulin. Please complete the registration forms which include details of medical conditions/history and allergies. This medication will be kept in class in a named box with your child's photograph on for emergencies. See separate medication in school policy on the website.

Sun cream

In summer, please apply sun cream before leaving home - once a day application cream is ideal with a sun hat.

Toilet Accidents

Children in Nursery are expected to be able to go to the toilet by themselves. They need to be able to wipe their own bottoms and pull up their own pants. At this age, boys should be sitting down to go to the toilet. Please ensure trousers etc. are not too small or have difficult fastenings for the children, as this makes pulling them up or undoing them difficult. There may be odd occasions when your child, for whatever reason, has a toilet accident at Nursery. Obviously for your child's comfort and health we will remove any wet/soiled clothing and re-dress your child.

Please ensure there is always a spare set of clothes in their PE bag - including pants and socks.

Parent Meetings

Parents are asked to make every effort to attend their child's pupil progress meeting. You will be informed of the dates on the weekly school Headlines via Arbor. During these meetings, you will be informed of your child's progress, achievements to date and their next steps in learning. If you need to talk to a teacher before this meeting, please make an appointment.

G.D.P.R.

We collect information from you about your child and their family. We take great care with this information and do not share it with third parties unless there is a statutory or valid reason for your child's education. You will be asked to complete permission forms stating your preferences around photographic permission. We will always ensure that all staff comply with this. The Privacy Policy can be found in the Policies section of our website or by following the link below:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-annes-sutton-coldfield/UploadedDocument/aa16157bff4f440f961545f7f8177549/privacy-notice.pdf>

School fund

The school operates a school fund scheme, that enables us to pay for enriching activities for pupils. We ask for a donation of £20pa or £7 per term. Payments are made through using the Arbor app. We also have a Gift Aid scheme, so we ask that you tick the gift aid box when making these donations. This allows school to claim free money from the government scheme at no extra cost to you.

Building Fund

Parents are asked to make a £30pa contribution per family. This money is used by school to renovate the buildings, helps towards our 10% contributions on any grant projects. Over the past few years we have completed the following building projects: New external fencing, New EYFS unit and outdoor area, New Reception area and meeting room, a new classroom, upgraded heating system and upgraded windows in the school hall. School can only do these projects with the valuable support of our parents. These contributions can also be gift aided.

School Website & Class Pages

St Anne's has a school website full of information about the school, news, gallery, dates, the PTA, the curriculum and ways you can support your child at home. Staff ensure that the class pages are kept up-to-date with a variety of information and learning resources, including useful website and photographs of your children in school. Please make the website your first port of call for information. Nursery class has their own webpage that you can refer to and see photographs of your children playing and learning in Nursery.

<http://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/>

Arbor

We have a facility for parents to receive newsletters and messages via email. You will also be able to receive SMS text messages where necessary. If you have access to the internet, please ensure that you sign up for Arbor. The App is free and an efficient way to manage this. For those parents who do not have access to the internet, you can arrange to receive a paper copy. You will receive more details once your child is registered.

Contact details

Please make sure that you keep the office informed of any changes in contact details through the year, especially any changes in mobile phone numbers. We may need to contact you in an emergency if your child falls ill during the school day for example.

Home School Links Book

In September your child will be given a 'home school links book'. Please use this to send messages regarding your child's needs. These may range from simple changes in collection arrangements to achievements or concerns you may have.

Your child's birthday

If you want to give the class a treat on your child's birthday, then please provide a small packet of sweets or chocolate bar. We are a nut free school so please do not send in items with nuts in. We do not have the facilities for sharing big birthday cakes and anything larger can make some parents and children feel uncomfortable.

Starting Nursery

Please make sure that children entering Nursery make a good attempt at doing the following things independently:

- Remove and put on coats
- Make reasonable attempts to take off and put on shoes and socks
- Feed themselves
- Use the toilet independently
- Wash and dry hands
- Play with a variety of toys
- Tidy up after using toys, books, games and other equipment
- Play with other children
- Share with others (with support)
- Communicate their needs to an adult verbally

More information about how to support your child can be found on our Parent Information Sheets page on the school website <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/parent-information-support-sheets/>

Induction to Nursery – July – September 2025

New Parent Meeting

Thursday 19th June 2025

By attending the Nursery New Parent Meeting, you will have received the information required to support your child through the year. The staff will now need to meet with and get to know the children before they come to St Anne's in September.

Induction Meeting for Parents & Children

Wednesday 16th July 2025 or Thursday 17th July 2025

Parents and children are asked to meet with Nursery staff on **either Wednesday 16th July or Thursday 17th July (see schedule for timings)** in the meeting room. Uniform is not required for this visit. Any questions or concerns you may have can be answered then. It is intended that this visit will ease any worries your child may have, by meeting staff with their parent close by. It is anticipated to last for no more than 20 minutes. Staff will get to know your child by playing with them and will talk to parents about your child's likes and dislikes and discuss any concerns or questions you may have. During this visit, your child will be given a 'Summer Book' which can be used by them to draw pictures, stick in photos of family and from their holiday etc. These should be brought into school in September and will give the staff and children things to talk about. They will also be given a copy of their peg label for September which you can keep at home. **Please bring your child's Health Record Book (red book) with you to this meeting.**

Induction Meetings Wednesday 16th July 2025

Time	Pupil Name
8.30am	Ivy
8.55am	Saoirse
9.20am	Poppy B
9.45am	Louis-George
<i>Break</i>	
10.30am	Olivia
10.55am	Milo
11.20am	Lachlan
11.45am	Cainan
<i>Lunch</i>	
1.00pm	Sophia
1.25pm	Harriet
1.50pm	Alayna
2.15pm	Hallie
<i>Break</i>	
2.50pm	Joshua
3:10pm	Brooklyn
3:35pm	Milo W

Induction Meetings Thursday 17th July 2025

Time	Pupil Name
8.30am	Cara
8.55am	Elliot
9.20am	George
9.45am	Ada
<i>Break</i>	
10.30am	Kaiya
10.55am	Saif
11.20am	Daisy
11.45am	Poppy
<i>Lunch</i>	
1.00pm	Kellan
1.25pm	Sienna
1.50pm	Peggy
2.15pm	Louie
<i>Break</i>	
2.50pm	Amelia
3.15pm	Rosemarie
3.40pm	Evelyn

Stay & Play Session

Friday 5th September 2025

We then ask you to attend a 'Stay & Play' Session where you and your child come to Nursery class and play, whilst meeting classmates and other parents. This will take place on **Friday 5th September 2025**. Again, uniform is not required for this visit. Children will come at the same time as the children who start Nursery on the same day as them. Please come to the main Reception for your time slot.

9.30am – 10.30am	10.45am – 11.45am	1.00pm – 2.00pm
Evelyn	Joshan	Saif
Milo D	Lachlan	Cainan
Amelia	George	Louie
Daisy	Hallie	Louis-George
Poppy	Peggy	Kaiya
Alayna	Milo	Ivy
Cara	Saoirse	Sophia
Poppy B	Olivia	Brooklyn
Sienna	Harriet	Rosemarie
Kellan	Elliot	Ada

Starting School – September 2025

Monday 9th September 2025

There will be **no** Nursery during the first week of term – **Tuesday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 6th September 2024**.

Nursery will begin a staggered start for the first week – **Monday 8th September 2025 – Friday 12th September 2025**.

The youngest 10 children will start on Monday, the next 10 youngest on Wednesday with the remaining children starting on Friday. Once the children have attended Nursery on their first day, they will begin their Nursery provision, whether it be 15 hours or 30 hours.

On their **first day only**, parents are asked to bring their child to the infant playground from **8:50am - 9am**. Staff will be on hand to greet you and receive the children. Parents are encouraged to make goodbyes quick (especially if your child is upset) and leave the playground. Staff will be on hand to support all children. From your child's second day, they will leave you during the normal school rolling entry procedure at the front of the school from **8.30am – 8.45am**.

Monday 9th September 2024	Wednesday 11th September 2024	Friday 13th September 2024
Evelyn	Joshua	Saif
Milo D	Lachlan	Cainan
Amelia	George	Louie
Daisy	Hallie	Louis-George
Poppy	Peggy	Kaiya
Alayna	Milo	Ivy
Cara	Saoirse	Sophia
Poppy B	Olivia	Brooklyn
Sienna	Harriet	Rosemarie
Kellan	Elliot	Ada

Some things Parents say about starting Nursery:

- "Be Prepared"
- "Name everything"
- "Don't be surprised if your child is extremely tired after school for the whole first term."
- "Get organised, have a calendar with important dates and make extra time for tired children."
- "Be prepared to go through lots of new tops as they explore their use of pens – they tend to stain their shirts. Invest in a stain remover."
- "Expect your child to be very tired, it's a big adjustment for them. They often don't want to talk about school and sometimes their behaviour is worse having been concentrating at school all day."
- "Talk to your child about starting school and what to expect."
- "Encourage independence over the summer so they can put on and take off shoes themselves, go to toilet/wash hands, carry their own bags and tidy up their own toys. Get involved with school - whether it's with the teacher about learning, or to other parents for fundraising and socials."
- "Make friends with other parents in your child's class."
- "Relax and be there to support your child. Don't be stressed, your child will pick up on your emotions."
- "Don't worry – our children are ready more than we are and they take all these things in their stride. They are like little sponges so embrace their hunger and need to continue to learn while they explore the world around them."
- "It's ok to be a little worried and sad when your little one starts Nursery, but enjoy every step of the next stage in their growing up."
- "Relax and let your children enjoy Nursery."
- "Don't be upset or stressed! They will be fine! And have a great time!"

Finally

Please ensure you go through the registration packs tonight and fill out and return all the relevant forms.

Please return these forms to school before you leave tonight.

For many of you, this may be the first time your child has been away from you on a regular basis with people who are not family. Many of the staff at St Anne's are parents ourselves, and we understand how difficult this time can be. Our aim is to make your child's first steps into the big world as comfortable as possible. Please trust us to do our very best for your child and know we are willing to listen and assist you with any concerns you may have.

We hope that both you and your child will be very happy at St Anne's' Nursery and we look forward to meeting your little ones soon.

Gemma Lingwood – Class Teacher

Aaron Johnston – Class Teacher

Alison Turley

EYFS Leader – Summer 2025

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