

Reception Newsletter – Thursday 1st October 2026

RE

This week our focus was knowing that God made us and loves us just the way we are and understanding that God made us people to love and care for at home and in our school family. We learned to identify how God made each of us and learned to draw simple pictures of our faces and made paper plate faces. We thought about how we can show love and care for our class family and the things we can do that don't show love and care for others. The children were putting their learning into action when playing in the class and playing outside. Perhaps you could help your child show love and care for their family at home too.

Our hymn for this week was 'God Made Me, I'm so Glad that God Made Me'. The children were good at matching the actions to the words:

<https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/main/pupils/class-pages/reception/hymns>

PE

Today we had our first active class from Aston Villa Football Coaching. The children went outside in 2 groups and took part in a variety of multi-skills games. It was wonderful to watch the children listening to and following instructions, taking turns and trying their best. This will occur every Thursday afternoon.

Therefore, we have changed our class PE session from Thursday morning to Tuesday morning.

Class PE Day – Tuesday
Aston Villa Coaching - Thursday

Reading Books

Next week your child will be bringing home their first individual reading book and reading record. They won't have seen the book before and the children won't and shouldn't be able to read the words just yet. Once we are well into Level 2 of phonics the children will begin to have books with regular words that they will be able to read the words too. I am sending home 2 help sheets for you to use at home to support your child in learning to read.

Please write in your child's reading record whenever you share these books with your child – you don't need to write much, just a few words please.

Friday 9th October at 2.30pm is our Literacy in Reception & Beyond Parent Workshop. Parents are invited to come and hear how we teach children to read and write at St Anne's and how you can support your child at home.

Have a wonderful long weekend
Mrs Turley