

Reception Newsletter – Friday 26th June 2026

Hot Weather

Well, we managed it! Even though the weather was extremely hot, the children have been truly magnificent. There was no moaning of being hot and more importantly, no falling out. We've tried our best to keep the children cool and calm. The fans in class have helped, as have shoes and socks off inside, lots to drink, mindfulness in the class and hall, beach play in our new role play including paddling in the pools, ice pops and stories on the field in the shade. But the favourite activity of the week was definitely the water play on the MUGA!. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting each other wet with the water pistols and the hose - including me! Many apologies for any problems in what the children have been wearing at any point of the day or for any misplaced clothing. But the main thing is the children had fun trying to stay cool and got me wet too.

There are many photographs and videos on our Facebook page. I hope you enjoy looking at what we've been up to.

Phonics – Level 3

WE'VE DONE IT!!!!!!

Although it has been a hot week, we've completed the review of our Level 3 sounds. This week we reviewed the final 4 sounds from Level 3 - **'ear (fear)'**, **'air (chair)'**, **'ure (cure)'** & **'er (hammer)'**. The children are becoming more confident at writing words using these sounds including thinking carefully about their handwriting. Please use your child's sound books to review these sounds and the front pages of their reading books. You might want to play the games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk using the school login to help your child practice reading words using these sounds or want to do the dictation challenges using these sounds to help reinforce them.

The tricky words for this week were **'are'** & **'all'**. The tricky part in the word 'are' is the 'e' which has no sound in this word and the tricky bit in the word 'all' is the 'a' that makes an 'or' sound.

Next week we begin Level 4. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be completing the final check to see which Level 3 sounds the children are confident in recognising and which Tricky Words the children know from Level 3. I will send home a copy of the findings and be informing Year 1 of any gaps in learning. However, I am so very proud of the progress all children have made. A huge well done to everyone and thank you for your support in helping your child develop their early reading skills.

Mathematics – Numbers to 20 & Beyond

This week we've been reading and using numbers from 10-20 and beyond. The children love the missing number game using the 100 square and are getting quite good at working out the number I've taken away. Perhaps you could play some missing number games at home using numbers from 1-100. Ask your child what we do in school. It's clear the children have a good knowledge of early number.

Understanding the World - Exploring Under the Sea

This week we've started our final unit of work by Exploring Under the Sea. This week we've looked at fish and named parts of their bodies and made our own Rainbow Fish to match our focus story. Please look on our Facebook page for a picture of their display. Perhaps you could pay a visit to a local garden centre or pet shop to look at the fish – a simple free activity. Next week we move on to another sea creature.

Thank you to Mrs Long and Mrs D'Arcy who spent 2 hours after school on Monday setting up our beach role play corner. The children were 'ready to burst' on Tuesday morning when they came to

school. It's been a wonderful way for children to prepare for any summer holidays and also keep cool with water play this week. From sand play, to investigating shells, fishing, sailing and relaxing under the parasol, the children really have enjoyed their visits to the beach. This will be our final role play area for the year.

General

Please return PE kits to school so we can continue our Thursday's PE lessons. **Next year in Year 1**, the children will come to school in their PE kits on PE days – you will be informed of these in September. Children will need a plain black tracksuit, black shorts, their St Anne's PE T-Shirt and Velcro trainers. Children can wear either shorts or their black tracksuit depending upon the weather.

We've started to consider all the learning that has taken place in Reception, the things we've made, the games we've played, songs we've sung and the role play and activities that have taken place. The children were full of good memories about what they've enjoyed doing in Reception and what they've learned. Their ideas will be on their end of year report.

As our end of year treat for filling our marble jar (we will do this next week), the children wanted to go to the park. Therefore, we have planned a day out of school. We are going to link this visit with a Woodlands trip to the Secret Woods, coming back to school for lunch. We are planning on doing this straight after our Stay & Pray on **Friday 10th July**. More details will be sent home next week.

If you didn't send a bottle to school on Friday, please do so. It really will help the PTA with their bottle tombola and help them raise more funds for the school projects.

Help needed – I am looking for some parents to help Mrs Long and myself on the Reception stall at the Summer Garden Party. I need help from 1pm – 4pm. It would be great if you could spare 30 minutes or 1 hour. If everyone helped for a short period of time it will make the afternoon much easier to manage. In the past the children have loved helping run the games with their parents. Please let me know when you can help. If you can't help with the stall, we'd really appreciate help in the morning to move chairs/tables and again at the end of the day. As the saying goes 'Many hands make light work'! Thank you in advance for any help you offer.

I hope we all manage to have a cooler weekend and normality resumes on Monday.

Mrs Turley

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th June – Bottle Mufti for PTA Garden Party. Please send in an alcoholic bottle for our Summer Garden Party Bottle Tombola

Friday 26th June - Woodlands School

Monday 29th June – St Peter & St Paul Feast Whole School Mass at Church for 10am. Children should come to school as normal

Friday 3rd July – Sweet Jar Mufti Day. Please decorate a cleaned empty jar (jam jar, coffee jar, etc) and fill with sweets. They will be part of the sweet jar tombola at the Garden Party

Friday 3rd July - Woodlands School

Saturday 4th July – PTA Summer Garden Party. Open Air Mass at 12pm to start the afternoon with a return of our successful colour run. If you can support in any way, please let me know – donating a raffle prize from your place of work, helping to run a stall (even for 1 hour) or even helping to set up / tidy away at the end of the day

Tuesday 7th July – Reception & Y6 Mass at church. Please take the children directly to church for 8.45am. We ask that you do not leave your child until staff arrive.

Thursday 9th July – iRock concert at 9.15am

Friday 10th July – Stay & Pray session

Friday 10th July – Visit to the park

Friday 10th July - Woodlands School at the Secret Woods

Saturday 11th July – Our final Reception & Y6 Family Mass at church for 6pm. It would be wonderful if everyone could attend to celebrate Y6's time at St Anne's and to celebrate the special relationships that have developed this year.

Monday 13th July – Final week in Reception

Monday 13th July – Please send in a named shopping bag to school so children can bring home their exercise books and artwork from the year. I will be asking for some parents to return their child's exercise books in case of any visitors (OFSTED etc) or monitoring visits that might need to see evidence of the children's achievements. The books will be returned at the end of Year 1.

Monday 13th July – End of year Reports to parents

Thursday 16th July – Celebration Assembly

Friday 17th July – End of year Leavers Mass & Leavers Assembly from 9am. Everyone welcome to join us celebrate Year 6's time at St Anne's

Friday 17th July – No Woodlands School Today

Friday 17th July – School closes for the summer holiday