

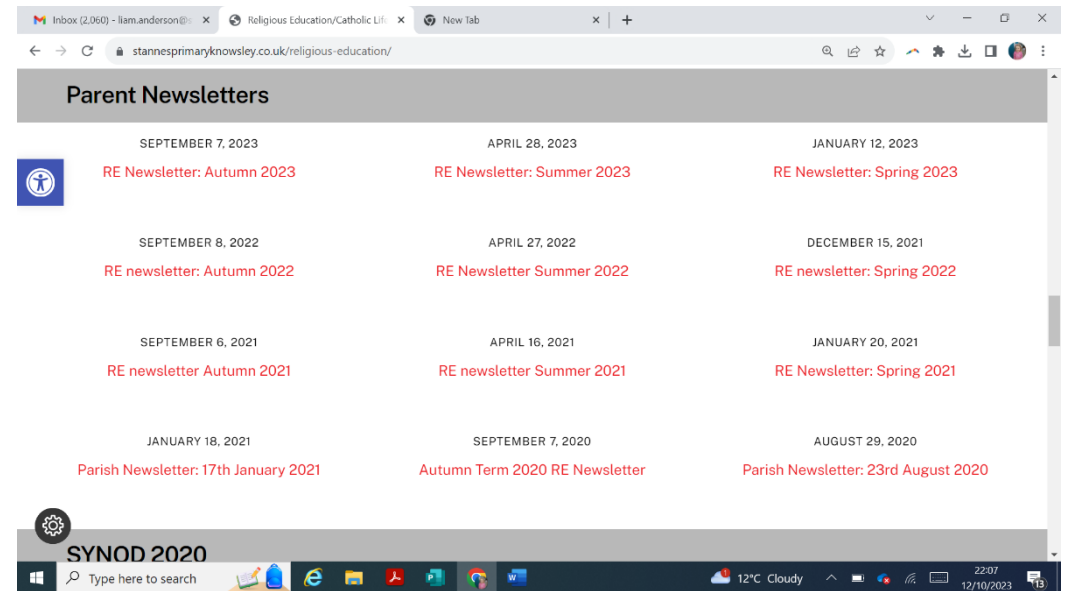
## St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

Dear parents/carers/families,

Thank you to all who took the time to fill in our recent questionnaire on Religious Education at St Anne's Catholic Primary School. As a Catholic school, Religious Education is always to the forefront of everything we do in our school. Our aim, after analysing the questionnaires, is to signpost you all to where we share this vital information and knowledge about this prominent subject.

First and foremost, as a Catholic school we teach the 'Come and See' Religious Education scheme recommended by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. This has been taught within the Archdiocese for over ten years and as you know, we are a mixed form entry school and so this is delivered in a two-year rolling programme. The RE Long Term Plans are available on our school website <https://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/religious-education/> - We are currently delivering Route B 2023-2024. Although this is on the website there is a dedicated tab at the top of our school website to signpost visitors to the Religious Education section.

To keep families informed of what is taught, we have always sent out our Religious Education Newsletter promptly at the start of every term. This is to inform families of what will be taught for each year group. This is sent out through our school app and is also on our school website. There is even a section in the RE Newsletter to assist with the curriculum at home called – **Suggestions for Home Activities** with ideas that you can do at home to support. We always send this out in good time, so families know exactly what is to be taught. Please see the screenshot to the right which displays when our Religious Education Newsletters have been published live on our website. We also include Key Dates for Religious Education and celebrations on this Newsletter. As a catholic school, we inform parents/carers of Religious Education progress/attainment at our parent/teacher meetings and this information is also reported in your child's annual report. RE information is also shared with parents/carers at our "Meet the Teacher" session in September. The RSHE (Relationship Sex Health & Education) scheme was also highlighted at these meetings with the relevant slide shared explaining what is taught. For the parents/carers who could not attend these sessions this was also posted on Seesaw and is also now on our school website <https://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/presentation-meet-the-teacher-sep-2023/>. We recognise that there is a lot of information provided to you and we would recommend that you refer to the RSHE Policy, at your leisure, which is on our school website which details more information <https://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/RSHE-Policy-2023.pdf>



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Our school Mission Statement – **Living and Working as Jesus taught us** - is shared weekly with parents/carers, this can be found at the top of our weekly newsletter and is displayed everywhere in our school, it is also very visual when you look at our school website. How we live out this Mission Statement in school is what gives us at St Anne's Catholic Primary School our distinctive Catholic Ethos that we live out every day – please do look at the section of our website which states how we live our Mission Statement out in school <https://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/school-mission-statement/>.

We endeavour to showcase all the Religious Education that is delivered in school as much as we can on our website, seesaw, our social media platforms X (formerly twitter) and Instagram. We have daily Prayer and Liturgy sessions in school for all our children and we regularly teach Catholic Social Justice to ensure children know about human dignity and the common good in society.

Finally, the 'Come and See' scheme also looks at different faiths and this year the children will study Judaism and Islam during other faith weeks. Other faiths are studied in a cyclical pattern. Judaism is taught every year and the other faiths studied are Islam, Hinduism, and Sikhism. Please also note that over the next number of years a new Religious Education Scheme is gradually being integrated into schools nationwide. This is called 'To know You more clearly'. This has been taught in our Early Years (Nursery & Reception classes) since September and will soon be introduced into Year 1 with the aim for this to be taught across all year groups from 2025. The termly Religious Education newsletters will outline this too. We recognise the immense importance of what Religious Education means to you and your child/children in a catholic school. We will continue to inform you regularly about what is happening inside school and within our parish. We always publish items in our weekly school newsletter which includes our links to the Parish of St. Agnes and St Aidan's with times and dates of services. Finally, in this part of our Newsletter, we outline the Prayer and Liturgy focus for our school for the week – this is also shared weekly on X (formerly twitter) on a Sunday night for the week ahead.

| Row Labels         | Count of 1. Do You Know Our School Mission Statement? |                |
|--------------------|---|----------------|
| Yes                | 49  | 84.48%         |
| No                 | 6   | 10.34%         |
| Don't Know         | 3   | 5.17%          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>58</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> |

| Row Labels | Count of 2. Do You Think The School Has A Distinct Catholic Ethos? |        |
|------------|--|--------|
| Yes        | 52   | 89.66% |
| Don't Know | 4  | 6.90%  |
| No         | 2  | 3.45%  |

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| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>58</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |
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| Row Labels         | Count of 3. Are You Informed About The Religious Education Curriculum? |                |
|--------------------|--|----------------|
| Yes                | 47   | 81.03%         |
| No                 | 8  | 13.79%         |
| Date Know          | 3  | 5.17%          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>58</b>  | <b>100.00%</b> |

| Row Labels         | Count of 4. Are You Aware Of The Relationship And Sex Education Policy Taught At School? |                |
|--------------------|--|----------------|
| Yes                | 38   | 65.52%         |
| No                 | 17   | 29.31%         |
| Don't Know         | 3  | 5.17%          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>58</b>  | <b>100.00%</b> |

| Row Labels         | Count of 5. Is Your Child Happy At Our School? |                |
|--------------------|--|----------------|
| Yes                | 54   | 93.10%         |
| Don't Know         | 4  | 6.90%          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>58</b>                                      | <b>100.00%</b> |

Thank you for all the responses below.

**6. Why Did You Choose St Anne's Catholic Primary School for Your Child/Children?**

Had a good reputation in the local community. The outdoor / green space was a huge selling point too.

I live around the corner.

Location, reputation, Ofsted report, catholic school

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St Annes has always been a lovely school, even since I attended many years ago.

As it is a Catholic school which I find important in the upbringing of children in the Catholic faith.

My child enjoys learning about all different faiths and I believe it gives them a broader outlook in life too

Around the corner from my house

Location, reputation, Ofsted, catholic school

Chose St Anne's as I always liked the behaviour and attitude of children and parents out and around school as well as in school.

St Annes has always been a lovely school even since I attended there many years ago, there's never been a bad word said about it

I heard lots of good feedback and walking distance within our house.

Very impressed with the school and how they update parents on seesaw with child's daily activities, sending your child to "big school" can be daunting.

We found the early parents evening very much appreciated.

Reputation of the school and living in the same area

Lovely school. My elder son did great. Staff fantastic

School is clean and well equipped

Excellent communication skills with parents.

I feel my children are very well looked after

Such a lovely school and we have family members who go to the school

It is the closest school geographically to our house and we looked at the Ofsted report and it looked good.

It's the only catholic school within walking distance. Heard good reviews

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The school ensure excellent values and ensure the children are taught and aided within their studies.

Word of mouth from local residents.

Because it has a very good reputation in the area.

Range of wrap around and opportunities

Physical activity is really important

Focus on wellbeing

Child's dad and uncles attended St. Anne's and have heard really good things about the school prior to applying.

Sibling

Good school, previous pupil

Siblings at school

I think that the teachers are friendly, welcoming, and approachable.

The school has a good reputation and from word of mouth I had heard that it was very good.

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The school offers a lot of extracurricular activities, breakfast club and wrap around club.  
My child loves attending St Anne's and has flourished since starting.

At the time we felt it was the right school for us.

Area and reputation

I felt the school to be right but wanted him to attend a Catholic school.

Good Ofsted and word of mouth.

My niece went to the school and was always happy.

I felt she had lots of different experiences and plenty of opportunities to try new extra circular activities and different cultures.

I chose St Anne's having been recommended it from family members who have previously attended the school.

It is also the closest Catholic school to our home.

Good school, excellent teachers

To ensure my daughter is taught to a high standard, in a successful environment.

To provide her with good morals, behaviour expectations and encourage her to reach her full potential.

Because at the time it had a good reputation for the area, felt small friendly and like a community

Lovely small school

Catholic

Local

Great reviews and Ofsted

A lovely community spirit and a welcome feel.

It was the best Catholic school in the area with smaller class sizes

It was important to me that my children went to a Catholic school, and St Annes was our first choice.

St Annes is our local Catholic school, within a short walk away from our home.

Before our children started, I read the Ofsted reports and was impressed with what it had achieved.

Good school

Good results with Ofsted and Archdiocese

Teach variety of subjects not just core subjects. This is main aim of mine as makes children well rounded for the world

Pleased with education and how progresses.

To provide my children with quality education while immersing them into Catholic life.

It's a great school with good values

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Close and catholic

I wanted my children to attend a smaller sized Catholic school, with a good reputation and a good Ofsted report.

It is a highly regarded catholic school in the area.  
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Most local Catholic Primary school

The school's positive school ethos and culture.

Religion being an important aspect of school life.

The quality of teaching and because it is a good school.

Very good reputation and recommendations from previous family members who attended

We visited many schools in the local area, regardless of our faith.

It was the welcoming and nurturing nature of staff upon entering St Anne's that finalised our decision to have our child attend the school.

Excellent reputation and local.

Because it was recommended as a very good school by friends and because of its size.

Also, it was mentioned it had a really good ethos and focus on children's well-being

I had heard really good things about the school,

I know people with children in the school that spoken very highly.

The Ofsted report was good.

## **7. Any Other Comments About Religious Education/Catholic Life And Mission Of The School?**

My child is very happy at school.

Religious education and Catholicism are not really that important to us as a family, however, the moral education that comes with it is. The teaching of how to be a good person is far more important than the learning of the bible as a fact. I think children should be allowed to make their own mind up about what to believe.

My child always talks about her Come and See lessons and the topics that she is exploring at home. She remembers scriptures and what activities she does during lessons.

I enjoy seeing Prayer and Liturgy taking place in school on Twitter and also really enjoy being invited in to see it happen in school.

When attending school for curriculum meetings / meet the teacher etc the school has a really welcoming feel. The children in Year 6 who helped out at the recent meeting were very respectful, pleasant and confident when talking about their school. It was clear that they enjoy attending St Anne's and have good opportunities in school.

I feel my child has been exposed to and encouraged to learn and discover various different religions and cultures and she has really enjoyed it.

I am glad my child is being taught in a catholic school and has the opportunity to learn more about the faith.

My eldest was selected as an RE ambassador last year and it was a role he enjoyed when he's previously not had the confidence to go for other opportunities.

I think the school mission should be seen when entering the school gates. I think the current signs at the school gates and inside the school should include the cross and our new school mission statement.

The school does a lot for religious beliefs and has taught the children well. It offers life lessons through religion.

At St Anne's I don't feel as parents we are given advanced notice, as advised on the recent parents meeting video, as to what will be taught to our children which many of it at their age is inappropriate!! (please see information shared above on Religious Education Newsletter and Long Term Plans for the academic year Route B 2023 -2024).

I understand the school are following the curriculum but this does not follow the mission statement in my opinion - please see the links above We should have the right to opt out if we as parents feel its right to do so - <https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/religious-education/item/1003623-right-of-withdrawal-from-re>

However I do feel as a school you will do the very best to teach as appropriately for the child's age as you can.

We are given very brief info as to what is taught in RE these days. I understand you can check the website but parents should not rely on this and advanced note should be sent out (please see information shared above on Religious Education Newsletter and Long Term Plans for the academic year Route B 2023 -2024).

Would like to see the older children in KS2 being involved more in religious events e.g. KS2 Christmas performances. KS2 have a greater understanding of the birth of Jesus and the Christmas story and it would be lovely to see them participating and given the opportunity to retell this event through drama and performing arts. Not just restricted to EYFS and KS1. - Over the years this has been adapted to ensure that the curriculum was taught in full with - rejoice assemblies taking place in Advent in preparation for the coming of Jesus. Last year, if you remember, Key Stage 2 pupils were invited to come back and sing Carols around the crib and it was lovely. It is hoped that this will continue to evolve in the coming years.

I am not too sure if children attend their church very often but I may be wrong.

I'd like to see more taught on other religions - please see information above on other faiths

To comply with teaching the children to live a healthy lifestyle I'd like to see more sport available to the children either included in lessons or within breakfast/after school clubs - please check our website and social media outlets for what we cater for sports wise within the school - please also keep a look out on our school app and newsletter for more activities

After school club appears to focus on the children's well-being, including well rounded activities however, breakfast club (since lockdown) has extremely limited activities and food choices. I know some children (mine included) often don't want to attend breakfast club and this isn't a healthy start to their day, feeling stressed and anxious about attending. I'd like to see more focus on the breakfast club children. - please be reassured that we do the best that we can with the resources available to us. The shorter time does not allow us to have the same enhancements that our Wrap Around Club have. We were certainly try to improve it further after this feedback.

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Thank you to all who took part in the survey and for the feedback – we will continue to work together and keep you informed of the changes in Religious Education and how they will be implemented in school.

Yours sincerely,

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