



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Living and working as Jesus taught us!

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Headteacher: Mr. L Anderson

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Highlights of the Week

We have had a wonderful assembly this week in honour of Mrs Bannister who has retired after 19 years at St Anne's Catholic Primary. We thank her for her dedication, time and effort over the years and wish her a happy retirement.



We say a final goodbye to our Year 6 Leavers this week. You have made many wonderful memories at St Anne's Catholic Primary School and have grown into confident young juniors, ready for the seniors! We wish you every success in your next adventure.

Staff for Academic Year 2025/26

Classes next year

We wanted to take the opportunity to address some of the common questions we receive regarding class arrangements at school. It is important to note that, like many schools, we have mixed-age classes in our school. Specifically, we have Dragonflies (Years 1 and 2), Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6. This approach has been carefully considered and implemented to ensure the best possible educational experience for our students.

We can assure you that children perform equally well in these mixed-age classes. Our experienced teachers have spent considerable time reviewing the class compositions, taking into account a variety of factors to ensure that each child is placed in an environment that will support their individual needs and foster their academic and social development.

While it is understandable that some children may be separated from their friends, we believe that the benefits of mixed-age classes outweigh this potential challenge as during break and lunch times, the children have ample opportunities to interact, chat, and play with their peers. Additionally, we make a concerted effort to bring the entire cohort together for various activities, such as music lessons and school trips, to maintain a strong sense of community. I hope this provides some clarity and reassurance regarding our classes.

Head Teacher: Mr Anderson **Deputy Head/SENCO:** Mrs Vernon **Assistant Head:** Mrs Reale-Smith

Nursery: Mrs S Bromley

Reception: Wales: Mrs Henesy (EYFS Lead)

Reception: Scotland: Mrs Feeney

Year 1: (BB) Miss Harrison

Year 2/1: (DF) Mrs Daniels

Year 2: (LB) Miss Frodsham

Teaching Assistants

Mrs McSween (R)/Miss Wells (R)/Mrs Keiller (N), Miss Rider (DF)/Mrs Lee (LB)/Miss Balmer (BB)

Year 3: Mrs Fogg

Year 4/3: Mrs Cropper (nee Miss Williams)

Year 4: Miss Raynor

Year 5: Mrs Williams

Year 6/5: Mrs Reale-Smith

Year 6: Miss Hodgkiss

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Maclean/Mrs Peters (Y4/3)/Mrs Gregson (Y3)/Mrs Woods (Y4) Mrs Jones (Y6/5)/Miss Nelson (Y6)/Mrs Roberts (Y5), Mrs Gordon-Lawrence (Y4/3)/Miss Powell/Mrs Hollis

Wraparound: Miss Spellacy/Miss Weston/Miss Wells/Miss Rider/Mrs Roberts/Mrs McSween

School Uniform Expectations

At St Anne's Catholic Primary School we like to instil a sense of pride with our uniform. Upon return in September children should be wearing winter uniform with black school shoes, trainers should only be worn for PE sessions or if children are attending after school clubs.

Winter Uniform



If the weather is hot summer uniform will be allowed up to half term.

Summer Uniform



Rucksacks should not be used as school bags as we do not have the space in school to store them. We have a school red book bag which can be purchased from Lisa's School Wear.

Caps/hats and headbands should be in the school colours with headbands and ribbons discreet. All shorts, leggings should be plain for PE with no sporting or team logos on them. Earrings should be a plain stud only with a safety back (please respect this).

Please also note that transparent water bottles (as per policy) should only be used—not air up.

School Uniform Policy:

<https://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Uniform-Policy-2023-2024.pdf>

Lisa's School Wear:

<https://lisasschoolwear.co.uk/>

Message from a local resident

We have received a letter from a local neighbour asking for parental/carers support around the area of Oak Road/Oulton Lane.

I live locally and occasionally dip into your weekly newsletter to see what's going on in our local schools. I have been in touch with you before (it was some years ago I think and it was about that thorny issue of parking).

I was pleased (for want of another word) to see your comments regarding consideration for the local neighbours in today's letter. Up to now I've held back from commenting on the same issue but as the subject has now clearly been broached by the residents on Oak Road (who I feel very sorry for), I now feel emboldened to add additional observations.

We live around the corner to the slope, that slope and - just as importantly - the area of mature woodland that wraps round along the top of the slope up to the bend at Twickenham Drive, has always been a bit of a magnet for local children. However, just recently it has gained a renewed interest and the grassy slope is being damaged by local children. Branches (big ones) are regularly being snapped and often Oak Road looks like it's been hit by a tornado with leaves, twigs and branches strewn around. The huge pieces of corrugated cardboard left on the slope just add to this scene of disarray.

Could you please stress to parents and children that restraint should be shown at all times and not just when in school uniform? So much time is spent in school talking about caring for the environment and planting trees and plants, and we so lucky to live in such a green, wooded area, so it really upsets us to see this wilful damage taking place.

The path at the bottom of the slope is exceedingly narrow and it's impossible to bring the momentum of a 'good slide' to a halt without ending up right across the pavement and out onto Oak Road itself. I fear that there will be an accident soon when an unsuspecting car comes round that bend from Acacia Avenue with absolutely no braking time. This is a serious consideration that has not been mentioned and I certainly don't think that the children involved are giving it too much thought from what I've witnessed.

I am sure that some of the offenders are pupils from your 'next door neighbours' too, but I too have seen St. Anne's pupils.

I hope you don't mind my additional observations. It's not good to receive complaints from local residents at any time, but now that the holidays are about to begin I really hope that we can all enjoy six weeks of considerate, safe play in the neighbourhood.

I wish you and all your staff a restful break. I've been empathising with you each time I've seen a Sports Day in progress on the field, or classes of children being led out on a walk somewhere. I'm pleased that your pupils enjoyed their visit to Chester.

Local Resident

Thanks to one of many of our local residents who are looking out for the safety of our children and having a nice peaceful community. It is so important that we all play a part in this and we want the best for our children and keeping them safe. Please be mindful of this and ensure our children are safe and respectful in our community.

If you're struggling for things to do over the summer holidays, why not check out the activities at both Huyton and Prescott Town Centre. Alternatively, you can keep an eye on Knowsley Council Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/knowsleycouncil/?hl=en>

Please find the contact details of the local Councillors - they can be contacted during the summer break. To signpost families to food clubs, community centres and support.

SWANSIDE Community Colin.Dever@knowsley.gov.uk

ROBY Community Megan.dever@knowsley.gov.uk



We would like to wish Mrs Bannister a happy retirement and to thank her for her 19 years of dedication to St Anne's Catholic Primary School. She has been a positive role model and inspiration for so many of our students over the years. Her passion for teaching and commitment to our children has been truly remarkable and her commitment to excellence has left an indelible mark on our school and wider community.

Mrs Bannister your wisdom, humour and kindness have made our school a wonderful place. May your retirement

be filled with all the happiness and adventures you so richly deserve. We will miss you.

All the staff and community at St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Summer Message from Mr Anderson

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we reach the conclusion of another remarkable academic year, I write to share some significant moments and important information with our school community but also thank you for your support in another academic year. Today marked a particularly poignant occasion as we bid farewell to Mrs Bannister, who has dedicated nineteen years of exemplary service to St Anne's Catholic Primary School. We held a special Prayer and Liturgy to honour her tremendous contribution to our school community, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her unwavering commitment to our pupils' education and wellbeing.

Simultaneously, we celebrated the departure of our Year 6 pupils, who have concluded their primary education journey with us today. These remarkable young people have served as tremendous ambassadors for our school, and we shall genuinely miss their presence. We wish them every success as they embark upon the next chapter of their educational journey. I would like to extend particular appreciation to our Year 6 Buddies, Prefects, Captains and Vice Captains for their invaluable support throughout the year. Additionally, I must acknowledge the generous gifts received from families - these gestures truly mean a great deal to our dedicated staff—thank you.

Looking ahead, school will reopen on Tuesday, 2nd September at normal times. Please note that our Reception and Nursery children will follow a shorter timetable initially to facilitate their settling-in period. During the summer break, please watch out for Passport Challenges and reading and mathematics challenges on Seesaw. Furthermore, North West Community Sports will be operating a Sports Camp on our premises throughout the summer.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone for another wonderful year and your support. Thanks for all your kindness to our staff and let's hope we build upon the successes over the last few years and continue to be the best we can be in everything. Have a lovely summer break.

Mr L Anderson (Head Teacher)

A note from Mrs Bannister

Feeling grateful, loved and overwhelmed by the kind words, cards and gifts, it has been an honour to be retiring after 25 years in education. The last 19 years as Deputy Head at St Anne's Catholic Primary School has been the best job in the world. Keep me in your prayers as I will you. Love, light and blessings, Mrs Bannister.