

Newsletter
Term 2
Friday 1st December 2023



Dear parents and carers,

It is finally December. November seemed like a very long month. December in school is all about Christmas – fairs, nativities, crafts, carols and so much more. It is a lovely time of year to be in a school. This weekend sees the start of Advent which marks the beginning of the church year. For many it is not just a time of advent calendars but a time for reflection in the darkness, for renewal of hope and for a movement towards a beginning. It is a time for hope, peace and joy.



Happy Advent to all.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair – it was great fun and very festive and a huge success. We will update you on the amount raised once all the pennies have been counted!

Thank to everyone involved in the organising of the event. It was lovely to see that the PTFA has some new recruits to help out. A huge thank you as always to Mrs Fox who is our PTFA chair – she has worked her socks off!



SIAMS REPORT – A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Earlier this month we notified our school community that our inspection by the Church of England Education Office would take place on Monday 6th November. This inspection is called a SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).

We promised we would share the results of the inspection with you as soon as possible and I am delighted to confirm that St Anne's is, through its vision and practice, living up to its foundation as a Church school enabling pupils and adults to flourish. This is a fantastic achievement for our school as a whole, but I would like to personally recognise the achievement of our colleagues who have responsibility for Religious Education and for Spirituality.

Our standing as a Church School is not just about teaching R.E., having links to local churches and being named after Saint Anne. Our standing as a Church School is about living and breathing Christian values, demonstrating our Christian vision, 'learn to love ... love to learn' on a daily basis, and about putting our students first in all that we do. I would like to share a few comments from the inspectors report that show why we have received such a well-deserved judgement from SIAMS:

'The Christian vision is the heartbeat of this school...' 'Leaders are ambitious, totally dedicated... They are relentless in exploring best practice.' 'The vision of enabling all to shine shapes the curriculum...' and my personal highlight: *'Learn to love, love to learn summarises St Anne's vision for each pupil. They talk of everyone as being capable of extraordinary achievements'.*

But don't take my word for it, you are very welcome to view the full SIAMS report (I promise it's only 3 pages long) by searching online for: [SIAMS Inspection Reports | The Church of England](#) and for St Anne's Church Academy.

A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that our school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. I am so very proud to be involved with St Anne's as a governor, but also as a parent, and I am delighted that the process of this inspection has shone a light on our brilliant culture, ethos and values and returned an incredibly positive report. For further details about everything to do with St Anne's as a Church School, there is a lot of information available on our school website about our Christian Distinctiveness, which I encourage you to take a look at: <https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/ethos-and-values/>.

Finally from me this time, I would like to thank all of the staff, parents, children, governors and central team colleagues from TPLT who actively took part in the inspection and all those that continue to support our wonderful school on a daily basis.

Kate Sargent
Chair of Governors

FOODBANK



If you are experiencing any hardship as the winter approaches Weston-super-Mare Foodbank are able to offer support. In order to access this help you need to be given vouchers. As a school we are able to issue these vouchers so please speak to us or follow this link for more information: <https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/>

If you would like to make a donation to Foodbank we have collection points in both of our foyers. This link will have a list of current most wanted items: <https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ St ANNE'S



The Christmas menu is now available to book for **Thursday 14th December**. If you prefer to order on a daily basis it is very important that this is done before 9.00am each day, but you can also book in advance for the whole term.



If you have not yet logged in to your child's account and need a reminder of your activation codes please get in touch with the office crew as soon as possible and they will be happy to assist you. This link will take you to the login page: <https://select.aspens-services.com/>

Please remember to update your menu choices – as it was the first of the month today, lots of children did not have meals ordered.

THE BIG AMBITION

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England. **The Big Ambition** aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December. Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition . Further resources are available on the [website](#).

PUNCTUALITY

The timings for the school day are as follows –

@ WW – gates open at 8:15am and close at 8:30am.

@ Hewish – gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am

Any child who arrives after the gate is closed, must enter through the school office and will be marked as late. Arrival after the register has closed, will result in an unauthorised attendance mark. This could lead to an attendance meeting or penalty fine. Please support your children to be punctual for school. Learning starts straight away and we do not want children to miss out on any learning. Many thanks for your support.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Price & Buckland are our new uniform supplier and you can order via this link:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stanneschurch> If you have any queries regarding our uniform policy please have a look at our uniform reminder - <https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/parents/uniform/>

A polite reminder that jewellery should not be worn. **Only very small, discrete round studs should be worn.** Children will be kindly reminded not to wear any unsuitable or large earrings or hoops and may be asked to remove them. Hoops and earrings that protrude the earlobe can be a health and safety hazard particularly at playtime or during PE. Hair should be tied back, especially for PE.

On **PE days**, correct school PE kit can be worn in place of school uniform - this should be **plain black** leggings, shorts or joggers, plain white T-shirts and school sweatshirts only. Trainers should only be worn on PE days and should be **black** or **white**.

Please ensure all uniform is named and please check regularly that the name can still be read. Children take items of clothing off and they get left on the field and playground. If they are named and we can read it, they can be easily returned.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

A polite reminder that St Anne's is a nut free school. Snacks and lunch boxes must not contain anything nutty, including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella and peanut butter. This is to ensure the safety of our children who can have severe allergic reactions to all nuts and peanuts. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.



SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Safeguarding lead at our school is our principal, **Emma Hardy Smith**. Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Diane Martin (SENCo), Ian Phillips (Vice Principal) and Rachel Few (Learning mentor)

If you have any concerns, please share them with any of the safeguarding team.

Our safeguarding governor is Kate Sargent Kate.sargent@saca.theplt.org.uk

Our school website has lots of safeguarding information and many links to other helpful sites.

The North Somerset safeguarding partnership has lots of useful information for parents and carers available. Please click on the link below for additional support.

<https://www.nsscp.co.uk/resources-parents-carers>

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 12th December - Busy Bees' Nativity Performance in the school hall @ WW 2pm.

Wednesday 13th December – West Wick Key Stage 1 nativity @ Locking church 2pm
Thursday 14th December – Christmas dinner
Friday 15th December – Hewish Busy Bees' Nativity Performance in the school hall 2.30pm.
Monday 18th December- Hewish KS1 Nativity @ St Andrews church @1:30pm
 WW – KS2 carol service @ 5:30pm
Tuesday 19th December – Hewish – KS2 carol service @ 5:30pm
Wednesday 20th December – Last day of Term 2
Thursday 4th January – First day of Term 3

INFORMATION



WELLS CATHEDRAL

Family Holiday Activities

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Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Christmas Crafts
December 2023

Get the holidays off to a festive start with these creative workshops for children:

A Host of Angels Monday 18 December
Make an adorable angel decoration to hang on your Christmas tree.

Colourful Candlelight Tuesday 19 December
Transform a jam jar into a beautiful candle holder, inspired by the Cathedral's stained glass.

Festive Foliage Wednesday 20 December
Use natural materials to make a festive centrepiece to adorn your table this Christmas.

Scan to book:
Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)
£2.15 per child / £1.10 per adult (including refreshments)
Please note children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities



THE AMAZING ELF WORKSHOP AND SANTA GROTTO

THE SOVEREIGN CENTRE WESTON SUPER MARE

JOIN THE ELVES AND SANTA, FOR A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE . SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, IN DECEMBER.

MEET THE FUNNY ELVES IN THE ELF WORKSHOP AND ENJOY MAKING COOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT PLAYING CHRISTMAS GAMES TOYS, BUILDING BLOCKS AND TEDDIES SNOW AND SNOWBALL FIGHTS

THEN VISIT SANTA IN HIS GROTTO FOR CHRISTMAS STORIES AND A COOL PRESENT FOR EVERYONE TICKETS ONLY £12 (SUPPER £15)

THURSDAYS SUPPER WITH SANTA
PARTY WITH THE ELVES, SANTA AND ACTION PUSSYCAT WITH AN INTERACTIVE DISCO, CHRISTMAS GAMES, SNOW, A MEAL FROM BURGER KING AND A PRESENT FROM SANTA

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