



**Newsletter
Term 5
Friday 19th April 2024**

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school for term 5. What a great week it has been across the two sites. Despite the stormy weather we were greeted with on Monday, the children came back to school ready to learn and full of energy. Celebrating their learning today in celebration worship was an absolute delight as teaching staff said they could have chosen the whole class!



We have been able to use the fields at both sites which makes such a difference during breaktimes. It is definitely beginning to feel like Spring is here. Let's hope the weather stays kind and this term is a calm and happy one for all. Have a lovely weekend.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Sadly, we are becoming increasingly aware of negative comments being made by a very small number of families on various local community groups and class groups on social media. Recently, comments have been very negative about our lovely school and in some cases very personal, inciteful and hurtful specifically aimed at individual members of staff. Comments have been very inflammatory. Whilst we respect and encourage parents' feedback, positive or negative, social media is not the forum for criticism of the school or individuals. These messages and comments have a huge impact on staff wellbeing. All school staff work incredibly hard and are very passionate about making a difference for all pupils. Staff at St Anne's go the extra mile and we are enormously proud of our school. We do not get everything right – no school ever does but we always try our best. You may not agree with all the decisions that are made but airing grievances on social media platforms is not appropriate.

We always treat children and families and carers with kindness and respect. We expect the same from all our parents and carers at all times.

All parents have a responsibility to act as positive 'digital role models' to their children. Any negative, rude, disrespectful or misleading comments will be monitored and further action will be taken if necessary. We are seeking external advice about how to proceed with these online comments. We will be taking action which could include those responsible receiving letters or in extreme cases being excluded from school premises. We will involve our Trust leaders, governors and if necessary teaching unions. In the case of threatening and inciteful comments, we will refer immediately to the police. If you see any comments that you are uncomfortable with, please let school know and contact the admin of these groups and ask for them to be removed. If you are an admin of a school group, please take responsibility for what is posted and remove anything that is inappropriate.

If you have any concerns or issues with anything regarding the school, please talk to us directly and work with us to resolve them. Please think about your comments, before you publish them on social media.

We would like to say a huge thank you to those parents and carers that are always kind, respectful and supportive- thankfully it is the majority. Thank you for speaking up for staff and the school when you see this negatively and thank you for your support. I cannot tell you how much staff appreciate this.

ST GEORGES DAY

As Tuesday 23rd April is St Georges day, children who are Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies etc are welcome to wear their uniforms with pride to mark this special day.



END OF DAY PUNCTUALITY



We have an increasing number of children who are being collected late at the end of the day, without the office being informed. We understand that sometimes lateness cannot be avoided, but it is important that you call the office so that we know.



Isolated incidents are not a problem but **recurring lateness is not acceptable.**

Children cannot be left unattended and need to be supervised by a member of staff until they are collected. This sometimes means that staff members are unable to finish work at their allotted time. Whilst we will always look after children and keep them safe, it is not acceptable to regularly collect your child late. Please make arrangements to ensure your children are collected on time.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Some of our year 5 and 6 children participated in the North Somerset dance festival on the evening of the last day of term 4. They were absolutely amazing and a real credit to the school. They behaved immaculately throughout the practise in the day and the evening event. They performed brilliantly. We are all so proud of them.

A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support this event. Mrs Webb, Miss Williams, Mrs Treasure and Mrs Kelly ran dance club after school and during lunchtimes to get the children ready for their performance and then supported the dancers at the Playhouse theatre. Another big thank you to Mrs Hodges, without her hard work behind the scenes organising the event and transporting the children back and forth to the theatre, the event could not go ahead. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff.

Well done to everyone involved.

ASPENS



Thank you to everyone who has engaged with the Aspens-Select ordering system for school lunches. Unfortunately there are still a few children who regularly request a meal that has not been pre-ordered. The kitchen do their best to give every child a meal that needs one, but this does mean that they will not always like what they are given and can result in them being upset. In order to prevent this from happening please login and book a suitable choice in advance or before 9am each day. If your child does not have a choice booked and requests a meal at lunchtime they can only be offered the **main option or tomato pasta**. If you need any support with the online ordering system please ask the office crew.

<https://select.aspens-services.com/>

CHANGES TO DFE ATTENDANCE POLICY – PENALTY NOTICES



Department
for Education

In order to improve attendance, the Department for Education's statutory guidance for **all** schools - **working together to improve school attendance**- comes into force in **August 2024**, ready for the new school year in September.

The main changes are to the penalty notice framework. Please see the following brief summary:

1. Fines are going to increase from £60 to £80 for a first unauthorised holiday - 10 sessions within a 10 week period- this may not be consecutive days. (This increases to £160 if paid after 21 days.)
2. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any **three-year period**, this will immediately be charged at the higher rate of £160.
3. For a repeat third offence, a Penalty Notice will not be issued as fines per parent will be capped at two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like parenting orders, education supervision orders or prosecutions will be pursued. If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

4. The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is 10 sessions in a 10 week rolling period. This includes all unauthorised absences not just holidays.
5. Local Authorities (LAs) will have a duty to check with other LAs if a penalty notice has previously been issued in the preceding 3 years, which means that even if families move areas, any previously issued penalty notices by another LA can count towards the 2 penalty notice limit per parent per child in the 3 year period.

Penalty notices are part of the DfE's attendance guidance practice. They are not personal and all schools are expected to follow this guidance. If you receive a penalty notice, there should not be any verbal or written aggression and abuse directed towards members of school staff.

This new statutory guidance will mean that our Trust policies and practices will be need to be updated for September. Until the end of the year, we will continue to follow our current practices.

School attendance is mandatory for all children. **Please be aware that holidays in term time will not be authorised.** If you are considering booking a holiday in term time for next year, please read the guidance carefully and take into account the increases to penalty notices and parenting orders and education supervisory orders that may be issued as a result. Unfortunately, some parents and carers are not always truthful about holidays and leave messages that children are absent due to illness, please be mindful that if schools have reason to believe a holiday has been taken a penalty notice will still be recommended.

Children who arrive at school late after the registers have closed will be marked as absent. This is recorded as an unauthorised absence and could meet the threshold at which a penalty notice or further action is required.

All schools will be following this statutory guidance and we ask that all parents and carers work with us and support us to ensure that attendance for all pupils is strong.

Please see the link below for some useful information.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

The full DfE document for schools– working together to improve school attendance- can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_applies_from_19_August_2024_.pdf

REPORTS



You should have all received your child's annual report this week. We hope you enjoyed the new electronic format we have used this year. If you have not received your child's report, please check the contact details we hold for you with the office as they may not be correct. You will also receive a short report card sharing your child's end of year attainment in July.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS



The timetable for terms 5 & 6 clubs has been emailed out this week. You can view this information on Weduc or on our website by following this link :

<https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Term-5-6-Afterschool-Clubs-letter-2023-2024.pdf>

The closing date for bookings is Friday 19th April.

FOODBANK



If you are experiencing any hardship ,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/>

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)
Please share any concerns 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 23rd April – St Georges day

Monday 13th May – 17th May – Year 6 SATS week

Monday 20th May – Year 1 family worship @ H and WW

Tuesday 21st May – Sports Day @WW - KS2 am with family picnic / BB and KS1 family picnic and Pm

Thursday 23rd May – Sports Day @H - KS2 am with family picnic / BB and KS1 family picnic and Pm

Friday 24th May – Last day of Term 5

Monday 3rd June - First day of Term 6

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of Term 6

INFORMATION



ParkPlay park-play.com

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Castle Batch ParkPlay
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
(Congresbury)

PLANT AND CAKE SALE

in aid of Leavers' Bibles for our Schools
(St Andrew's, St Anne's and Banwell Schools)

SATURDAY 27 APRIL
10am – 12pm
at church

Refreshments available



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WCSA FAMILY BREAKFAST

Saturday 27th April 2024
9:30am – 12:00pm

FREE BREAKFAST • THE ANIMAL CLUB • FIZZ POP SCIENCE
INFLATABLES • ARTS & CRAFTS • MUSIC • FACE PAINTING •
SPORTS • ICE CREAM • PLUS MUCH MORE!

NO NEED TO BOOK, SIMPLY COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN!

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