



Newsletter
Term 3
Friday 9th January 2026



Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year to you all and a huge welcome back to school. We are all pleased to be back into the routine of school and we love seeing our wonderful children and their families. The children have started the new year brilliantly and have embraced their new learning enquires with enthusiasm. These are the learning enquiries for the next couple of terms:

- Busy Bees - What makes living things change and grow?
- Year 1 – What are things made from?
- Year 2 - What difference did Brunel make to Bristol?
- Year 3 - How did people start to settle?
- Year 4 - How can the natural world be unpredictable?
- Year 5 - Why do we need to know our place in space?
- Year 6 - Why is the legacy of the ancient Greeks important?

This week marks my 6th year as Headteacher of St Anne's Church academy. Time is really flying. I am much greyer, wobblier and wrinkly than when I first took on the Headship on January 6th 2020 but what an amazing adventure it has been! I feel incredibly lucky to be in this role and I could not be prouder of our whole school and community. I absolutely love my job. Every day is completely different. Some days are full of challenges and others full of smiles and laughter – sometimes we have both. As a school, we are always looking for ways to improve and grow and I am excited to see what the new year will bring us all!

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement – you and your children make this school the special place that it is. A huge thank you to our entire staff team who work tirelessly to ensure St Anne's is the wonderful school that it is. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

Have a lovely weekend.
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SCHOOL DINNERS



Please make sure you book your child's school dinner in advance or at least before **9.00am** each day. It is parent/ carers' responsibility to order children's meals. The school office will order in exceptional circumstances but please do try your best to order them in advance. We do not want any children to miss having a lunch ordered. If you need a reminder of your activation codes or how to use the booking system, please ask in the office and we will be happy to help.

Use this link to login: <https://select.aspens-services.com>

Meal prices are **£2.75** per meal but free to all Busy Bees and Key Stage 1 (This is called Universal Free School Meals).

You can check to see if you are eligible for free school meals via this link: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>. Please do check your eligibility as you and your child may be entitled to other support including additional funding in school.

SNACKS AND LUNCHBOXES - NO SUGARY SNACKS

Teachers have reported that some children appear to be very distractable and 'bouncy' after lunch. Whilst exploring what children are eating for their snacks and lunches, we have discovered that some children have very sugar heavy lunchboxes. We appreciate that children can be very selective in the food they will eat, however, a lunchbox that is full of chocolate and chocolate products and ultra processed food is not conducive to concentration or learning and in some cases is contributing to disruptive behaviour. Please minimise the amount of chocolate and sugary snacks in lunchboxes. **No more than one small chocolate snack please. Fruit and cereal products for snacks only please.**



Please can we remind everyone that we are a completely **nut-free school** and that 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**



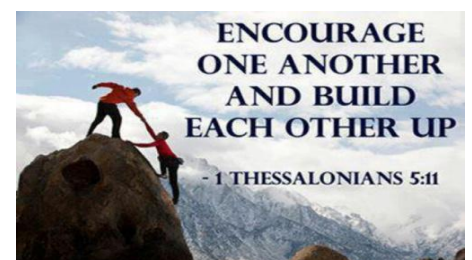
TERM 3 VALUE

This term's value is Friendship which is one of our favourite values.

The children will be learning how to be a good friend, someone who can be trusted and is loyal.

At home, you could talk together about how friends come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally. Can you think about what makes a good friend and how can we be a good friend to others?

We look forward to seeing year 4 leading our family worship on the value of Friendship on Monday 9th February.



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES/ YEARLY PLANNER

Monday 9th - 13th February – Children's mental health

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet day

Friday 13th February – End of term 3

Tuesday 24th February – Start of term 4

Monday 2nd - 6th March — Reading week

Thursday 5th March – World Book day

Friday 20th March – Comic relief

Thursday 2nd April – End of term 4

Family worship dates

Family worships are held on Monday afternoons and will be held on the following dates in the new year. They usually start at 2:15pm but you will be contacted nearer the time with confirmed timings – some classes like to start earlier to allow time for a look at learning in class afterwards.

Year 4 - Monday 9th February 2026

Year 3 - Monday 23rd March 2026

Year 1 - Monday 11th May 2026

Year 2 - Monday 6th July 2026



TERM DATES 2025 - 2026 / 2026 - 2027

Term 1	Start Monday 1 st September 2025 (INSET DAY) End Friday 24 th October 2025
Term 2	Start Monday 3 rd November 2025 (INSET DAY) End Friday 19 th December 2025
Term 3	Start Monday 5 th January 2026 (INSET DAY) End Friday 13 th February 2026
Term 4	Start Monday 23 rd February 2026 (INSET DAY) End Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Term 5	Start Monday 20 th April 2026 End Friday 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	Start Monday 1 st June 2026 (INSET DAY) End Tuesday 21 st July 2026

Term 1	Start Monday 7 th September 2026 (Thurs 3 rd & Friday 4 th September 2026 INSET DAYS) End Friday 23 rd October 2026
Term 2	Start Monday 2 nd November 2026 End Friday 18 th December 2026
Term 3	Start Monday 4 th January 2027 End Friday 12 th February 2027
Term 4	Start Monday 22 nd February 2027 End Thursday 25 th March 2027
Term 5	Start Monday 12 th April 2027 End Friday 28 th May 2027
Term 6	Start Monday 7 th June 2027 End Friday 23 rd July 2027
More information on INSET DAYS will follow	

Please be aware that holidays in term time cannot be authorised and will incur a penalty fine, which is issued by North Somerset Council, if the absence exceeds 10 sessions in a ten-week rolling period (10 sessions is a total of 5 days. The 5 days do not need to be consecutive). The penalty fine is now £80 per parent per child, which is payable within 21 days, this rises to £160 if paid between 22 and 28 days. Failure to pay will result in prosecution.

If you do need to take your child out of school, please ensure you complete an absence request form which is available from the office. Please be mindful that a second term time holiday automatically incurs a penalty notice of £160 per child, per parent. We do not want anyone to be caught out by this large sum of money.

Please also be aware that if a school believes a child has been on holiday even after receiving sickness messages, schools are still obliged to recommend a penalty notice.



DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

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