



St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Newsletter  
Term 2  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Dear parents and carers,

From everyone here at St Anne's Church Academy, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the festive period and we will see you all in January.



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### SNAPSHOT REPORTS

You will have recently received your child's end of Autumn term snapshot reports via email. These reports are generated from the online assessment platform that teachers use to track progress against the objectives for each of the year groups. These reports are an indication of how your child is currently progressing against these objectives - they are nothing for you to worry about.

Teachers use the objectives to inform their planning and to plan interventions and provision to close any gaps in children's learning.

If you have any concerns about the snapshot report, please talk to your class teacher in January.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 3



Booking is now open for After School Clubs for Term 3. Follow the appropriate link below to book directly with the club providers or via ParentPay for school-run clubs:

<https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/parents/after-school-clubs-hewish/>

<https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/parents/after-school-clubs-west-wick/>

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

A huge well done to all our children for their brilliant Christmas productions. Thank you to everyone who attended the many different Christmas performances over the past couple of weeks. They truly have been magical. Each and every nativity and carol concert was absolutely brilliant and I hope you are as proud of your children as we all are!



A huge thank you to all the staff who have worked their socks off preparing the children for each performance and a special thank you to St Andrews church at Congresbury and Locking Castle church for hosting us several times. Our new Christingle service at St Andrews was really special and something we hope to repeat in years to come.

## SAD GOODBYES AND WARM WELCOMES

Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Abby Fox who has been an amazing member of our Education support staff at West Wick for a number of years. She has also been the chair of our PTFA and been responsible for running school and community events so brilliantly. She will be sorely missed by all the staff and children. We wish her lots of luck in her new exciting role.

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to a member of the Education support team at Hewish too. Mrs Beth Mathers is also leaving to take on a role outside of education. We thank both of these members of staff for all their hard work and commitment to St Anne's. Both of these ladies are also parents so will still be involved in the school.



We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff too. Mrs Alison Wigley and Miss Rebecca Dinsmore have joined the Education support team at West Wick.

## SCHOOL DINNERS



**Please make sure you login to Aspens before we return to school in January to book meals for your child in Term 3. We would like to ensure all children have food to eat on their first day back - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

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, 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.**



Snacks and lunch boxes should be as nutritionally well-balanced as possible, according to your child's preferences. Your consideration and co-operation are greatly appreciated. **Breaktime snacks should be fruit or cereal based if possible – no chocolate.**

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**



### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES/ YEARLY PLANNER

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of Term 2
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – INSET day
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – First day of Term 3 for children
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of Term 3

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- Year 3 - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**
- Year 1 - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**
- Year 2 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**



### TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

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

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.**

## PARENT AND CARER INFORMATION

**Families at St Anne's are warmly invited to join New Creation Churches for Christmas celebrations!**

Everyone is welcome.

- Puxton Carol Service – Sunday 21st December at 3pm at Holy Saviour's Church, Puxton.
- Crib Service – Wednesday 24th December at 3pm at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury.
- Christingle Service – Wednesday 24th December at 5pm at St Andrew's Church, Banwell.

Services include festive music and storytelling, perfect for all ages.

Details of all Christmas events can be found at [NewCreationChurches.org.uk/Christmas](http://NewCreationChurches.org.uk/Christmas)

