



ST ANNE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



04/09/2026

New beginnings 2026 - 2027

Welcome back ! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday! We have had a great start to the new school year here at St. Anne's. Our new Reception children are settling in very well and we have welcomed several new families into our school as well. We hope they will all be very happy here with us.

The atmosphere around school has been very friendly, calm and productive - a fantastic start!

Thank you for all your support in preparing your children for the start of the school year, it really has been a positive start to this school year!

School App

Please make sure you have got our new Juniper App installed on your phones. If you have not registered, please keep an eye on your inbox (and junk/spam folder) for an email that will be sent early next week with further details. If you are struggling with this, please let the school office know as soon as possible as this is our main channel for communication. Please email bursar@st-annes.lancs.sch.uk

Reflection for the week



NEXT WEEK : Monday 7th September

Monday is our annual individual school photograph day. Please can all children wear full school uniform on this day – no PE kits please.



Contacts

Please inform the School Office of any changes to address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc.. as soon as possible. Thank you

Uniform

The children are looking very smart as they have come back to, or started, school – thank you so much. **Please ensure all uniform is labelled so any lost items can be returned.** If anyone requires any 'good as new' uniform, we have a stock in school of generously donated items so please speak to Lisa or ask at the office. Any further donations would be gratefully received.

Medications

If your child suffers with asthma and has an inhaler, please bring a labelled inhaler to the school office to complete the medical forms for us to retain in school.



New applications for free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, please do register them to ensure their entitlement begins as soon as possible. This is particularly relevant to children who have moved into Year 3 who have all previously been in receipt of the Universal free school meals. Please click on the link below to access the registration page

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

All children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a free school meal. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this provision - all meals are freshly prepared on-site and are a good way of introducing the children to food they may not necessarily have tried before.

Changes to Free School Meals

As you may be aware, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals changed over the summer. Unfortunately, this has resulted in some discrepancies, and we may not have received the most up-to-date information from Lancashire County Council.

If you have received an email confirming that your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please forward it to bursar@st-annes.lancs.sch.uk so that we can update our records accordingly.

Annual Permissions

Your child should have brought home the annual permission forms yesterday. Please complete and return these to school by Monday. This will help ensure that no child misses out on activities and that we have up-to-date permission information, including details of any adults authorised to collect your child.

Appointments

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of pupils being taken out of school for appointments during the school day. While we understand that some medical and emergency appointments are unavoidable, we ask all parents and carers to make every effort to arrange routine appointments outside of school hours, such as after school, during holidays or at weekends – as the school staff are required to do for themselves and their families. Even a single hour out of school can result in missed teaching, learning discussions and important class activities, and repeated absences quickly add up to a substantial loss of learning time across the year. Moving forward, pupils will only be authorised to leave school during the day for emergency or unavoidable appointments, and evidence of the appointment (such as a letter, text confirmation or appointment card) will be required. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maximise every child's learning time and attendance.

Parentpay

Parent Pay is the method we use to collect any payments in school, including school visits. Please contact the office if you have any Parent Pay issues. **Parents of our Reception Class children will be receiving login details for Parentpay either today or Monday. If you have any queries, please do pop into the school office.**

School Lunches : don't forget to order next week's lunches!

School Clubs are usually listed on Parentpay and this is where you will need to go to sign your child up for them. Clubs have a limit on places and places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Clubs on offer on Parentpay this half-term : These are now live on Parentpay



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Choir Yrs 3,4,5, & 6 : 3.20 – 4.15pm : Wednesday 16th September – Wednesday 14th October (5 weeks) 30 places available

Art and Craft Yrs 1 & 2: 3.20 – 4.15pm : Tuesday 15th September – Tuesday 20th October (6 weeks) 10 places available

Dodgeball Yrs 3 & 4 : 3.20 – 4.15pm Wednesday 16th September – Wednesday 21st October (6 weeks) 20 places available

Football : Yrs 5 & 6 : 3.20 – 4.15pm Thursday 17th September – Thursday 22nd October (6 weeks) 20 places available

The School car park

We are very fortunate to have a large car park which we allow parents/visitors to make use of. This can only remain the case if all car park users adhere to our safety rules. Any parents/visitors to school wishing to use the school car park **MUST park only in designated bays. Disability marked spaces are only to be used by holders of a blue badge.** If car park users choose not to follow these safety rules, you will be asked to move your car. Please understand, anyone asking you to move your vehicle is doing this for the safety of our school community.

Scooters (electric or otherwise) and bikes are not permitted to be ridden on the school premises. This is to safeguard all in the community, especially our younger members. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Water and Healthy snacks

All children are asked to keep a **water bottle** in school so they can keep hydrated. We do ask that only water is added to the bottle and not juice. Regular sized water bottles (up to 23cm) are required from Year 1 to fit the bottle holders attached to each chair for ease of access. Any oversized bottles will impact on how often the children can access water

We do offer **toast** to all pupils (pre-ordered before each half-term on Parent pay). Alternatively, pupils may bring in their own **healthy snack** – fruit or vegetables only please. Pupils in Reception class, Years 1 and 2 are provided with free fruit/veg through the Government scheme.

Communication



Our School website contains a wealth of information about school, our routines and our policies. Newsletter links are emailed and App messaged weekly on a Friday and are also available on the school website. If you have any questions about anything, please do contact the school office. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office and an appointment can be arranged. We believe in working closely with children, parents and families and welcome your ideas and views - please do share with us!

Admissions for Reception and High School 2027

If you have a child who is due to start school in Reception in September 2027 (those who have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027) or a Year 6 child due to start High School in 2027, the on-line application is now available. You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

Go to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. It is quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. There is also a supplementary form for Catholic Primary schools which is available from the School Office. This should be completed and sent into school in support of the on-line application. The website closes on the :

31st October 2026 for High School Applications

15th January 2027 for Primary School applications. Please do ask if you would like any help with your application.



Diary Dates We do like to provide diary dates as far in advance as possible but please keep checking as some dates may change and new dates will be added

Monday 7th September : Tempest School Photographs.

Thursday 10th September : 10am Nuncio Celebration Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Leyland :
Year 6 Pupil Leadership team
hall : 5pm

Monday 14th September : 1.30pm Open Afternoon for New Starters 2027

Monday 14th September : Year 6 Towerwood Parent Meeting 4.30pm

Monday 14th September : 5pm in our school Hall : St Mary's High School Roadshow for Parents of pupils in Years 5 & 6

Friday 25th September : Celebration Assembly : 9am : All parents are welcome to attend

Monday 12th October – Friday 23rd October : Swimming pool at school : lessons for all year groups

Tuesday 13th October : 1.30pm Open Afternoon for New Starters 2027

Monday 19th October – Thursday 22nd October : Year 6 Residential at Towerwood

Wednesday 21st October : Year 2 visit to 'Bring yer wellies'

Friday 23rd October : Celebration Assembly : 9am : All parents are welcome to attend

Nut-Free School

As we are seeing an increase of children with nut allergies, St Anne's is now a 'Nut-free' school.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially lifethreatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts e.g., Nutella, can trigger an anaphylactic shock which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties. As a school we have a responsibility to keep all pupils, staff and visitors safe reducing any risk of harm so pupils, staff and visitors must not bring products containing nuts into school either in lunch boxes or as snacks.

The following items must NOT be brought into school in packed lunches or for snacks:

- Packets of nuts
- Peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches
- Cereals / Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. No items containing nuts are prepared in the school kitchen.



Instagram – do give us a follow!
[stannesprimary_leyland](https://www.instagram.com/stannesprimary_leyland)



Your voice matters!

Please take the time to complete the Parental voice form – there is only one box – a space for you to share your praise, compliments, concerns or suggestions you may have about our school. Your comments help us celebrate what is working well and identify ways we can continue to improve. We believe in working closely with children, parents and families and welcome your ideas and views.

: [Parent Feedback – Fill in form](#)

Any suggestions raised will be discussed with staff and any explanations or changes brought out as a result of these, will be communicated via this newsletter.