



FRIDAY ROUND UP



12th December 2025



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Festive Week at St Anne's!

What a wonderful week it has been at St Anne's as the whole school has been swept up in Christmas excitement! Creativity, joy and festive spirit have filled every corridor.

Our Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday was a truly special occasion. Every child across the school designed and made their own sustainable

Christmas hat using recyclable materials—and what an incredible celebration of environmental stewardship it was. The hall was bursting with imaginative, eco-friendly designs that showcased both creativity and a real commitment to caring for our planet. A huge thank you to our brilliant kitchen team, Fiona and Rob, for serving such a delicious festive feast. The school choir added a touch of Christmas magic by performing beautifully as the children enjoyed their lunch.

This year, our School Council set a whole-school challenge: create a hat that was both festive and sustainable. Members of the Council then selected the winning designs from each class and these pupils were proudly presented with a book voucher. Well done to every child for taking part—the standard was incredibly high, and it was wonderful to see the whole school joining together in such a joyful and creative project.

To round off the week, Reception and KS1 shared their nativity dress rehearsal with the school this morning. Parents and carers, you are in for an absolute treat next week! Performances will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, with doors opening at 2.00pm for a 2.30pm start on both days. Our fantastic PTA will be selling mince pies and drinks beforehand, and the school choir will once again be performing to welcome families as they arrive.

It has been a week full of laughter, creativity, music and community spirit—everything that makes Christmas at St Anne's so special.

Best wishes
Mr. Farrell

The Governing Body is pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Co-Chair, Mark Harvey. Mark joins Joe Gilbert as Co-Chair, replacing Vicki Weinand, whom we would like to thank for her outstanding commitment and excellent contribution to the school during her time in the role.

In addition, we have appointed Simon Williams as our Vice Chair and are proud to welcome two new Parent Governors, Hannah Knight and Wade Schoeman, who both bring a wealth of experience to the board.

We look forward to working together to support the school as it builds on the recent successful SIAMS and Ofsted inspections.



CLASSROOM NEWS

CLASS R

We loved making our sustainable party hats and enjoying our first Christmas dinner at St.Anne's. MERRY CHRISTMAS from Class R.



CLASS 1

Year 1 really enjoyed making their hats for Christmas dinner. We used cereal boxes and left over crafts.



CLASS 2

Year 2 made Christmas hats for our wonderful Christmas dinner, with music from the choir and food cooked by Mrs Claus and Elf.



SEND: Hints and Tips by Miss Tavender

Christmas can be hard for your child if they struggle with crowds, noises and changes in routine. The festive period can be overwhelming for autistic children and children with ADHD, sensory issues or anxiety.

Make a list

Make a list of what your child finds difficult. The list will be unique to your child because every child will cope with Christmas in different ways.

Try to think about when they might experience these things. Think about whether you can avoid those situations or help your child prepare. It might help to let friends and family know what you're doing and why.

Prepare them for gifts

Some children find surprise gifts overwhelming. You might want to let them know what type of gifts they will open and when this will happen.

For example, you could tell them you will give them a book and the surprise is which book you choose. It can also help to:

- spread gift giving over the day or different days
- give gifts without wrapping
- allow them to open gifts away from others or at the same time as other people, so they don't feel like they're being watched
- talk to friends and family to explain that your child's responses to gifts might not be what they expect

Plan for visitors and outings

If your child struggles with people visiting your home or going out, think about how you can help. You could:

- see if your child wants to stay at home with another family member when you go out
- let your child know they don't have to hug or kiss people they don't want to
- ask if they want to play in a different room
- share pictures of people in advance, so they're familiar with their faces
- let your child stay with you if they want to when at other houses
- remind the people you're seeing not to put pressure on your child to speak or join in

PTA NEWS

Mums and Dad's Present Buying Monday 15th December

Please see attached poster - it's a lovely opportunity for your child to buy you a little surprise gift to put under the Christmas tree! Please ensure children bring exact change, in a sealed envelope clearly marked with their name and who they are buying for. (Please note the gifts are aimed at adults not children) Up to three gifts per child, £3 per gift. Please hand the envelopes to the class teacher on the day.

Purchasing your Hamper Raffle Tickets

Tickets will also be available to buy at the two Nativity performances, and at the Christmas Fayre. It is £2 per strip - please bring correct change if possible. The winning tickets will be drawn at Christingle.

For those attending **Nativity plays (Reception/KS1)**, the PTA will be selling hot drinks and mince pies at this event, as well as Hamper Raffle Tickets, so please bring cash.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 15th December - Parent Present Buying

Tues 16th and Wed 17th December - KS1 Nativity 2.30pm

Thursday 18th December - Christingle - 9.30am

Friday 19th December - LAST DAY OF TERM

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th January - Children back in

