



St Anne's Catholic Primary School



Weekly School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

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WEEKLY NEWS

Advent begins



This week we have started our Advent journey. On Monday children enjoyed an Advent art day in class. They had lots of fun creating their bambinellis and Christmas cards as well as other lovely pieces of art work. On Tuesday Father Stephen joined us in school and led a service where we blessed the Advent wreaths, Christmas tree and bambinellis.

On Wednesday our Year 3 children had the opportunity to watch another pantomime at the Standard and Triumph club. The children had a great time.

On Wednesday we also had two extra special visitors to school! Two donkeys called Samson and Dougal came to visit us for the day. The children in EYFS and KS1 enjoyed learning about the donkeys and come even got to have a ride on them.

Next week we are looking forward to our EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances to continue to get us into the festive spirit.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Batson



SCHOOL MASS

On Thursday 14th Years 5 and 6 will be leading Mass in Church at 9.30am.

SUNDAY MASS

Each Sunday Mass is celebrated at St Anne's Church at 9am.

OUR WEEKLY MISSION

This week we have been thinking about how Advent is a time of joy.



GOSPEL VIRTUES

This half term pupils are growing to be **attentive** and **discerning**.



[Wednesday Word Link](#)

Love one another, as I have loved you, in our home, school and parish families.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



ST ANNE'S CHRISTMAS *key dates*



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SPECIAL SEASON WITH YOU ALL.

13.12.23

Last Sky Blues in the Community afterschool club (new club in the Spring Term booking details to follow)

14.12.23



Christmas jumper / Christmas dinner day



20.12.23

9.00am: Dance Show
6pm: KS2 Choir Concert at St Annes church

21.12.23

Last Year 1 & 2 Football Club – rebooking required for the Spring Term – letters will be sent out



NOTICES LATE COLLECTIONS

Please be aware any children that are not collected at 3.30pm & 2.15pm on Fridays will be put into Kids Club. Parents will be charged £2.50 per 15 minutes late. This is to safeguard the children.

HAF – WINTER FUN

The Christmas school holiday, children and young people who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals can benefit from an amazing range of free holiday clubs, experiences. Families who are eligible will receive a letter in the post inviting them to book. In the letter, there will be the child's HAF code, which will be a reference number on all bookings.

To book:

- Make sure you have an account
www.myaccount.coventry.gov.uk
- Have your HAF code ready (we can provide this if you cannot find it)
- Add your child to the booking system
- Decide what to book – visit coventry.gov.uk/haf
- Book your child onto the activities, it really is as simple as that!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO THE CHILDREN
WHO CELEBRATED
THIS WEEK.

Grace & Frankie-Mae





STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Virtue Nominations

Back Soon





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It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



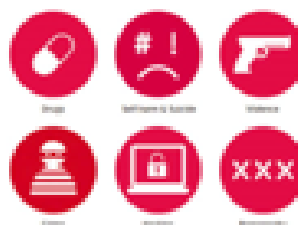
A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

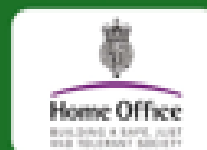
Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

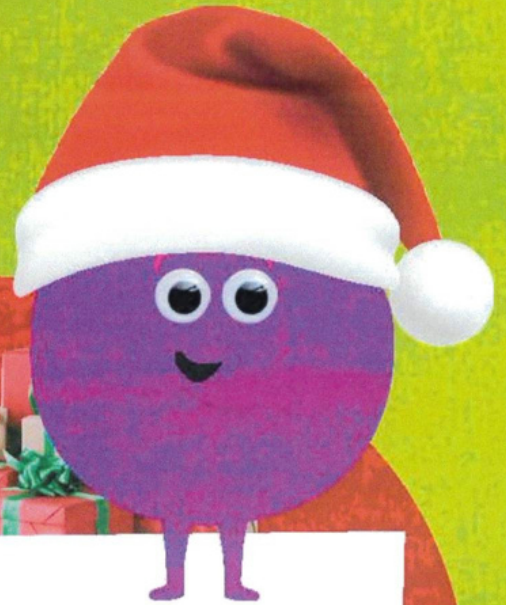
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www.skipssafetynet.org

CHRISTMAS



Christmas Lunch Thursday 14th December

Main Dish

Roast Chicken
Vegetable Wellington (v)

Sides

Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables
& Gravy

Dessert

Festive Biscuit
Chocolate Cake
Jelly

A healthy food meal is important for children and young people to keep healthy and improve their performance



COVENTRY HEALTH VISITING TEAM ARE OFFERING A SESSION AROUND
TOILET TRAINING
WOULD YOU LIKE INFORMATION OR ADVICE



Let's talk about wee & poo!

VENUE – ONLINE VIA TEAMS



**Click the link below or the QR code if you would like to attend.
You will receive confirmation and the link a few days before to access the session.**

Monday 11th December 2023 at 13.00-14.00pm

<https://forms.office.com/e/TNDQcAQ6rn>





NUT-FREE SCHOOL

At Saint Anne's we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all students and due to some of our pupils and staff suffering with life threatening nut allergies, we would like to remind our parents we are a **NUT-FREE SCHOOL**.

An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air. Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- a) Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches
- b) Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks
- c) Avoiding supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for birthday celebrations, sales or events

We do acknowledge that many foods are labelled as 'may have been produced in a factory handling nuts and cannot be guaranteed to be nut free'. Such items will be allowed in school as it would be unreasonable to expect these to be kept out of school.

Please note where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, the product will be removed politely and the member of staff will explain why this has to be done. A message will then be sent to the parent to explain what has happened so they are fully informed and to remind them of the Nut-free policy.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risk of allergic reaction to these children. I realise this is a significant change in school policy but it has been introduced due to specific allergies of some pupils so that the school takes all reasonable steps to keep all of its pupils safe.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact school.

Apply now for free school meals.

If you think you maybe eligible for free school meals please make an application following the link below.

[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Children in Reception class through to Year 2 all receive Government funded Universal free school meals. To receive free school meal vouchers through the holidays you must have made an application to see if you are eligible.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Income Support

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
in full-time education

- _____
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Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a [government-funded school](#) and in:

reception class

year 1

year 2

Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits. Your child's school can get extra funding if you do.



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Thursday 7 December 2023

Dear families

We have received information from the Local Authority regarding the bus services that currently operate to service the school. The official correspondence is below:

Coventry City Council has started its process of setting the budget for 2024/25 but faces difficult choices ahead with a £12m funding shortfall this financial year, which is set to rise to around £30m next year. A report is set to go to Cabinet on 12 December for permission to start consultation on potential savings. The consultation will run until 7th February 2024 before elected members agree the final Budget at the end of that month.

As part of these proposals the Council is proposing to remove funding subsidising the following school bus routes:

- The Number 50 Bus
- The Number 60 Bus (expanded capacity to be removed)
- The Number 48 Bus
- The Number 40 Bus
- The Number 49 Bus

If the proposal is agreed then these services will not continue after July 24. You can access more information and respond to the budget consultation at <https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/> from 13 December.

Coventry City Council will continue to provide bus passes for children entitled to statutory support for home to school transport to enable them to utilise the public transport network in line with the following policy and guidance: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/schools-schooling/school-travel-passes/2>

This news means that from September 2024 Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School will no longer have any dedicated bus travel. All public transport to and from school will need to be on public bus routes. I recognise that this will have a significant impact on families planning safe travel to and from school for their children. I would therefore strongly recommend parents respond to the consultation to ensure our school position is heard. The removal of these bus routes will place over 300 extra students into an already stretched and unreliable public transport system.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school or your local representatives.

Yours sincerely

C Billings
Headteacher



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'Positive Family Foundations' at Coffee Tots @The Wave
A free Family Learning course for parents

These free sessions are for any parent / carer who has a child in a Coventry Nursery / Primary School.

Where: Coffee Tots @ The Wave, Coventry, CV1 2GY, England, United Kingdom
<https://www.coffeetots.co.uk/>

When: 12.30 -2.30pm every Wednesday from January 17th for 8 weeks
To join: Just come to the venue at the time of the course, or you can enrol by searching for 'Family Learning' on <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>

We can offer a crèche for pre-school children – **please email to reserve a creche place.**

To find out more contact: steve.withers@coventry.gov.uk or
kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk

We will:

- Learn about and reflect on, our own and other family units
- Look at practical examples focused on raising well-behaved, happy, safe and secure children
- Investigate general theory on parenting styles and family groups
- Consider how we as parents/ carers use rewards, consequences, rules and expectations
- Give out plenty of free resources and suggestions of activities to do with your children

The sessions are focused on practical information, activities, and resources for you to use at home with your family – encouraging a Positive Family Foundation!

If you can't make this course look out for our online courses on [coventry.gov.uk/adulted](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted)

Family Learning – programmes that promote strong positive relationships within families; enabling parents and carers to support their children's learning and development.



Family Learning
Coventry Adult Education Service

Free, downloadable, pre-recorded online courses for parents/carers with children in Coventry Primary Schools or Nursery Settings.

Family Learning is part of Coventry City Council, and we provide workshops and courses for Coventry parents/carers.

These are our three online pre-recorded courses for the spring term:

- 'English in the Primary School' - recorded online sessions course code FL23555
- 'Maths in the Primary School' - recorded online sessions course code FL23554

These two courses tell you more about what our children learn at school and how you can help at home.

- 'Positive Family Foundations' - recorded online sessions course code FL23553

This course tells you about how children develop, and looks at practical examples around raising well-behaved, happy, safe, and secure children.

Where: A pre-recorded online course to watch wherever and whenever suits you (each video is approx. 30 min long)

When: we will email you the resources each week - beginning 15/1/24, for 8 weeks

How: Enrol by clicking 'Enrol online' and then 'Family Learning' on www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted

To find out more:

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50 Things to do Before You're Five

Family Learning stay and play sessions.

These free stay-and-play sessions are for parents/carers and their children aged between 0 and 5 to help parents to support their child's development throughout the early years.

The sessions run in venues across the city each week – just choose the best venue for you.

- Activities and resources for you and your child to enjoy during and after the sessions linked to the "50 Thing to do before you're 5" [app](#)
- Share ideas which will help you to support your child's [development](#)
- Address any questions or concerns you may have around child development and family [support](#)

- **Park Edge Family Hub** (Roseberry Ave, CV2 1NE) Monday, 9.30-11.30am from 15/01/24
- **Woodside Family Hub** (Upper Ride CV3 3GL) Tuesday, 9.30-11.30am from 16/01/24
- **Families For All Family Hub** (Foleshill Road, CV6 5LB) Tuesday, 1.00-3.00pm from 16/01/24
- **Aspire Family Hub** (Humber Avenue, CV1 2SF) Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm from [16/01/24](#)
- **Mosaic Family Hub** (Jardine Crescent, CV4 9PL) Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00pm from 17/01/24
- **Harmony Family Hub** (Clifton Street, CV1 5GR) Wednesday, 1.00-3.00pm from 17/01/24
- **Moat Family Hub** (Deedmore Road, CV2 1EQ) Wednesday, 1.00-3.00pm from 17/01/24
- **Pathways Family Hub** (Lawrence Saunders Road, CV6 1HD) Thursday, 1.00- 3.00pm, from 18/04/24

How:

Just come to the venue at the time of the course, or you can enrol [online](#)

Website: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>

Phone: Steve Withers – 024 7697 1301