

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow"



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SEPTEMBER EDITION 2024

Holiday List

The Holiday List for 2024-2025 is available on the school website.

<https://saintannesps.com/parents>

Marking the new School Year

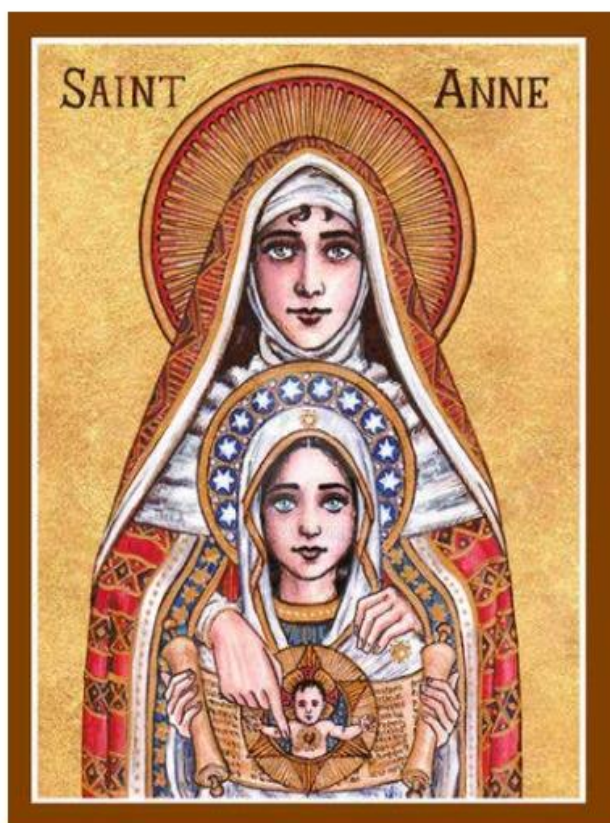
Father Peter will lead our 'Beginning of Year' Service on 26th September at 11.30am in St. Anne's Church. It will be attended by our P4-P7 pupils.

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

DEAR SAINT ANNE,

HELP US TO BE THANKFUL.
WATCH OVER US WITH CARE.
INSPIRE US TO TRY OUR BEST,
TO LOVE, LEARN AND SHARE.

ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF MARY AND
GRANDMOTHER OF JESUS, PRAY FOR US.



Reminder for P7 parents and carers:

Registration and application processes for SEAG will close at 11:59pm on Friday 20th September 2024. Visit <https://seagni.co.uk/>

PTA After School Programme

The After School schedule and registration details have already been shared.

The programme will begin for P2-P7 from Monday 9th September, and for Primary 1 pupils, after the mid-term break. All club leaders will receive their orientation and safeguarding information session prior to their commencement.

Parent Curriculum Meetings

You are warmly welcomed to attend our annual Curriculum Meetings. These are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to receive specific information regarding your child's class and year group.

General routines and procedures will also be shared with you.

The dates of these are as follows:

- P5 - 19th September
- P4 - 20th September
- P7- 23rd September
- P6 - 24th September
- P3- 25th September
- P2- 26th September

Curriculum meetings for all year groups will take place from 9.10-9.40am.

To facilitate these sessions, children will line up in their designated positions where they will be met and supervised by the Vice Principals and other staff. You should proceed directly to your child's classroom.

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Nursery and Primary 1

A very warm welcome to our Nursery and Primary 1 pupils and their families.

The 'Stay and Play' Sessions took place on:

- 27th August for our Nursery pupils
- 28th August for our Primary 1 pupils.

These were well received and provided relaxed opportunities for both parents and pupils to get to know each other.

The phased induction commences for Nursery and Primary 1 on Monday 2nd September 2024.



Other relevant information is contained within our Nursery and P1 Welcome Booklets which are available on our school website.

Our PTA needs you!

Our PTA is a group of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to raise vital funds for our school and to help foster and build a sense of community. However, they constantly welcome and need new members.

The PTA meet in the Birch Building once a month, each meeting lasting approximately an hour. A reminder text/email will be sent out when a meeting is scheduled. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September, commencing at 6.00pm

We hope to see you there!

School Uniform

School uniform promotes pride, identity, belonging and equality. Please support us by ensuring that your child wears their full uniform every day.

Black shoes (no trainers) and no jewellery for health and safety reasons.

P.E. Uniform In order to keep the cost of the school P.E. uniform to a minimum could I ask parents/ carers to adhere to the following.

Normal school polo shirt,
Plain black tracksuit bottoms,
Black plimsolls/ Black trainers.

These may be purchased in Tesco, Primark, Dunnes etc. Children **should not** wear branded clothing such as Nike, Adidas etc.

Please also ensure that your child comes to school with a coat.

Online Parental Forms

Parent/carers are asked to complete both the:

Special Requirements Form (P2-P7) and the **Excursion and Image Permissions Form (Nursery – P7)** using the online links that have already been shared.

Given the nature of these forms, we would appreciate if you would complete and submit these as soon as possible.

The closing date for both online forms is Friday 13th September 2024.

School Transport

Translink school buses will be operational from Monday 2nd September. The Bus Procedures and routes are available on the school website -

<https://saintannesps.com/parents>

Breakfast Club

P2 – P7 Breakfast Club will run from 8.15 – 9.00am at a daily rate of £2.20 per child payable via 'SchoolMoney.

Please note:

- Last admission to the Breakfast Club will be 8.45am.
- P1 pupils will be able to attend from Monday 7th October.

Breakfast Club for P1-P3 is hosted in the Dining Hall in the Birch Building and for P4-P7 in the Dining Hall in the Rowan Building.

Healthy Break Policy

Mid-morning breaks should consist of fresh fruit/vegetables and/or bread-based snacks with a sugar-free filling. Milk or water are the only drinks permitted during break and lunch. Water can be consumed throughout the day.

Special dietary needs – allergies (Please be mindful when packing your child's break/lunch)

Eco-school – support our efforts: reusable water bottle (refill in school) /reusable lunch boxes/bags (avoid single use plastics)

School Dinners

You will be able to register and pay for school dinners via School Money - £2.60 per day for P1-P7, £2.50 for Nursery pupils. We would encourage you to register and pay for school dinners a week in advance. The menu is available on the school website

<https://saintannesps.com/parents>

- P2 – P7 dinners will be available from Monday 2nd September.
- P1 dinners will be available from Monday 16th September.
- Nursery dinners will be available from Monday 23rd September.

You can apply for Free School Meals by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial->

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Certificates for the Month of September

To celebrate the children's great work and to encourage good behaviour in St Anne's we have a range of awards that are presented each month. This month's certificates will be awarded for:

- **Showing Kindness and Respect for Others**
- **Looking after School Property**
- **Making a Fantastic Effort in Class**
- **Showing Excellent Manners**

We wish all the children well in their efforts. It would be great if you would also discuss these with your child and encourage them to do their best.

Belfast School of Music (CBSM)

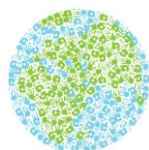
Music lessons will resume for P5-P7 pupils on Monday 2nd September.

Primary 4 pupils will have the opportunity to be tested to determine their musical ability and to decide if they are eligible for instrumental musical tuition by CBSM. Parents will receive further information regarding this process and a link to register their interest.

P5 Basketball

All four classes in Primary 5 will have the opportunity to participate in the Cleveland Basketball Programme beginning on the 13th September. This will involve weekly coaching sessions with Coach Carla and climaxes with a Blitz with other participating primary schools on 28th November.

The Eco-Agency



St. Anne's Eco code:

'Mission Possible'

P4-P7 Eco- elections will take place during the month of September. Class teacher will explain this process to their classes.

Our newly elected eco-agents will take up their post of responsibility in October. However, until then last year's eco-agents will continue in their role.

Eco-agents will conduct their beginning of year annual audit and from this, identify our school's targets for the coming year. We are excited to build on the work that has already been accomplished and very much welcome your support with our future endeavours.

Key Stage 2 Swimming Programme

Our swimming programme starts on 9th and 10th September for all our P5 classes and two of our P6 classes: Mr Gribben's and Miss Payne's. The swimming block will finish on 2nd and 3rd December.

Each class will receive further information and there will also be a request for parent volunteers to assist with the safe transportation of children.

Our P7 and the remaining two P6 classes will follow in Term Two.

Have a concern about your child?

If you have any concerns about your child, the first point of contact is your child's class teacher.

Should you need any additional support, you can reach out to the **Head of Key Stages:**

Nursery: Mrs D Hamill
Foundation: Mrs L Mc Glone
Key Stage One: Mrs J O Neill
Key Stage Two: Miss A O Neill

Here at St. Anne's the welfare of our pupils is paramount. If you have a particular concern about the safety of your child or another, you can make contact with one of the members of the **Child Protection Team:**

Designated Teacher for Child Protection: **Ms E OCarroll**
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection: **Mrs L McGlone**
Deputy Designated Teacher for the Nursery: **Mrs D Hamill**
ICT Co-ordinator: **Mrs A Stott**
Principal: **Mr C Conway**
Designated Governor for Child Protection: **Mrs B Niblock**

Contact can be made through the school office.

School office

The school office is open from 8.15am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Contact Details



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Helping Hands

A huge thank you to the students and staff from the South Eastern Regional College who completed a three day 'residential'. During this time, they completed a variety of tasks to help get our grounds ready for the return of our pupils.



Freckle Maths Programme

We are delighted to launch Freckle, an online learning platform that allows P2-P7 pupils to practice Numeracy at their own level.

More information about how this platform is used both in school and at home will be shared by the class teachers.

A huge thank you to the PTA for funding this venture and to everyone who supported the PTA events which raised this money.

Gaelic Games

Eire Og, our parish club, will begin a fundamentals coaching programme, starting with our P3 classes beginning on Monday 30th September.

Girls and Boys Gaelic Football Teams: Following the trials in June, further trials will be carried out on Tuesday 10th September. Information regarding these will be shared by Mr Teague and Mr Donnelly.

Have you changed your contact details?

If your address, telephone number or email address has changed please inform the office immediately to ensure we have up-to-date information should we need to contact you. info@stannesps.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Adhering to designated parking areas

To ensure the safety of everyone on campus, including pedestrians and drivers, we kindly request that you use only the designated parking areas, **namely the turning circle and the church car park**, when dropping off or collecting your children.

Avoiding parking on pavements is crucial for maintaining clear pathways for pedestrians particularly those with prams and children.

We understand that parking can be challenging during busy times, which is why we encourage you to consider alternative options, such as utilizing the Park and Ride area on Black's Road and walking your child to school. This not only eases congestion but also promotes a healthier lifestyle by incorporating physical activity into your daily routine.

By respecting these parking regulations, you contribute to a safer and more efficient traffic flow, allowing everyone to navigate the school premises with ease. Let's work together to prioritize the well-being of our children and foster a culture of mutual respect among all road users.

Attendance and Punctuality

If your child is absent, please email the school giving a reason for their absence or send in a note with your child on their return.

If your child has an appointment during the school day, they should be signed out at the school office **before** you collect them.

Arriving to school on time gives your child the best start to the day. Pupils who join the class after 9.20am, will have a late recorded against their name.

Attendance and punctuality are monitored by the school's Education Welfare Officer who carries out attendance audits at various points during the school year.

Please do not arrange family holidays during term time. The school does not provide work for pupils who are on holiday during term-time.

Please visit our website to access a copy of our Attendance Policy.

School Choir

Our P5-P7 choir will begin their weekly practice, following auditions conducted by Mrs Mc Gleenan and Mrs Collins over the next few weeks.



To visit our school website, scan the QR code.