



Handy Hints for Parents

Helping Your Child Settle into School Life

We want your child's start at St Anne's to be as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Below are some helpful tips and key information to support their transition into school life.

Preparing for School

- ✓ **Label Everything** – Please ensure all clothing, including coats, and shoes and socks, are clearly labelled. A **permanent marker** is ideal; as stick-on labels can come off unless sewn in.
- ✓ **Book Bag Tip** – Attach **ONE keyring** to the handle of your child's book bag to help them easily identify it.
- ✓ **PE Days** – On PE days, children should come to school wearing their **PE kit**. We will inform you of the specific days closer to the time.
- ✓ **Outdoor Play** – Please provide a pair of **named wellington boots** and a **waterproof suit/trousers and jacket** for outdoor play. These will stay in school and be sent home at the end of each half term for washing.
- ✓ **Water Bottles** – Your child should bring a **named, non-spill water bottle** with fresh water daily to ensure they have constant access to water.

Understanding School Terms & Abbreviations

- **EYFS** – Early Years Foundation Stage (Ages 4-5)
- **KS1** – Key Stage One (Ages 5-7)
- **KS2** – Key Stage Two (Ages 7-11)
- **FSM** – Free School Meals
- **ELG** – Early Learning Goals
- **EYFSP** – Early Years Foundation Stage Profile
- **PP** – Pupil Premium
- **PTA** – Parent Teacher Association

Supporting Your Child's Independence

 **Class Support** – Each child will have a **Class Teacher** and a **Year 6 Buddy** to help them settle in.

✉ **Letters & Money** – If your child is bringing in a letter or money, please show it to them beforehand and explain that they must hand it directly to their teacher. **Bags are checked once a week**, but we encourage independence.

🍎 **Snack Time** – Children receive **free fruit** daily. We also offer an extra snack such as **cheese and crackers or pancakes** which they will be able to choose from the self-serve snack area.

Celebrations & Rewards

🎉 **Weekly Assemblies** – Foundation Stage & Key Stage One have a **Celebration Assembly every Friday**. Each class will have a '**Star of the Week**' and '**Mission Statement Award**' winner. Children are encouraged to share any certificates or achievements from outside school (e.g., swimming, dance, football).

🏆 Rewards for Effort & Good Behaviour

- **BucketFillers / Target Ten Points** – When a child earns **10 points**, they can choose a prize from the **Treat Box**.
- **Class Charts** – This online system is used for **homework assignments**. Login details will be provided once your child starts school.

☔ **Rainy Day Activities** – Your child may bring in one **colouring book** for use during wet play. Please write their name on the front.

Our School Prayer

Help your child learn our school prayer as part of our faith community:

Loving Father,
Bless our school.
Bless our teachers and our friends.
As we work and play together,
Always glad to help each other.
May we live and grow together,
Happy in your loving care.
Amen.

We look forward to welcoming your child to St Anne's and supporting them on their exciting learning journey! 🌟