



ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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Learning and achieving in a caring community

"Do to others what you would want them to do to you." - Matthew 7:12

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

Friday 11th September 2022

Newsletter No 1

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year at Ann Edwards Church of England Primary School, and welcome aboard to parents and carers of all of the new children who have joined us this term. Things have got off to a very calm and positive start, and I have particularly enjoyed seeing lots of smiley children around after such a long time away and singing lively songs together in the hall.

The remedial building works on the roof have not been completed during the summer holidays owing to supply, labour and other issues outside of our control, meaning that we currently expect them to finish on 23rd December. This will have an impact on access to the side and back of the school and mean that classes need to migrate to different learning spaces as the term progresses; we will communicate with you as necessary. Thank you to our new Reception families in particular for your patience and flexibility as you work with us to settle your children into school.

Miss Lund has shared some information about our new value for this term, Respect, on Class Dojo, including how this can be supported at home.

On Monday, you will receive phase newsletters informing you of curriculum topics, expectations and routines and homework. Also, at the end of this newsletter you will find key dates so far for the year – please keep these safe and/or add to diaries and calendars. Finally, to help the transition into this new academic year, we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' event for Parents/carers of children in Years 1- 6 next Thursday, 15th September. This will be held after school. Parents are invited to attend one of the following sessions: 3.05pm – 3.20pm, 3.25pm – 3.40pm. If you have 2 children you can attend both sessions and anybody with more than 2 children can have an informal chat with their child's teacher from 3.45 – 3.50.

The passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Following the passing of the Queen, we have now entered a period of national mourning. Schools are to await government guidance before organising events including silences and flags, and we will receive further information around such things as the state funeral. I know that parents and carers, especially of the younger children, would usually like to control what children become aware of when there is a significant death or a tragedy; in this case, there will be no escaping the news and the ongoing period of mourning. In school today, we are focusing on celebrating the Queen's reign, acknowledging that different children will be feeling different things at different times and at different levels of awareness, answering any questions in an age-appropriate way and supporting classes, all as you would expect from us. Obviously, we have recently really focused on the Queen during the Jubilee celebrations so she will very much be in the forefront of many children's minds.

I will update you in the coming weeks regarding any particular events but in the meantime can share the following information from All Hallows Church.



All Hallows will be open for prayer and candle lightening the following times:

Friday 9th September 10am -7pm
 Saturday 10th September 8am - 11am and 1pm - 7pm
 Sunday 11th September 1pm - 5pm

There will also be a book of condolences. Further details to follow.

Key priorities for this academic year

Here is a reminder of our 3 – 5 year strategic plan, including a summary of whole-school enrichment activities for this year. Given the cost of living crisis, we will be making every effort to reduce the amount of expenditure for trips and opportunities, thinking really carefully about anything we do organise and working with the PTA to help reduce the strain on families as much as possible. We are, however, more limited than ever before in terms of what support we can offer, owing to a budget deficit and increasing costs, particularly linked to staffing and utility bills.



ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
3-5 YEAR STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

‘Learning and Achieving in a Caring Community’

Golden Rule: ‘Do to others as you would have them do to you.’ Matthew 7:12

	Site, Organisation and Finance	Mental and Physical Wellbeing	Curriculum and Standards
2021-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-class structure in place Performing and Creative Arts space created Safe Space sensory room established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole-staff Trauma Informed Schools UK training completed 3 x TA Emotion Coaching training completed Nurture provision increased from 2 afternoons to 2.5 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address Covid-related attainment gaps Embed renewed curriculum under leadership of curriculum leadership groups Philosophy for Children Bronze Award achieved Voice 21 Oracy Project completed
2022-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-year financial forecast leads to surplus Associate (trainee) teacher recruited PAN of 30 established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed TISUK and Emotion Coaching Establish new PE curriculum and swimming provision Renew Forest School provision NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen implementation of DT and MFL Philosophy for Children Silver Award achieved ArtsMark Award achieved
2023-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget surplus achieved Community room established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish additional Emotion Coach and ELSA roles Embed new PE curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review whole-school curriculum intent Philosophy for Children Gold Award achieved

Enrichment and curriculum-focus programme

	Enrichment	Curriculum Focus
2021-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iSing Pop (Music, RE) Young Voices Skip-hop Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philosophy Day (RE, PSHE, P4C) Arts Week (Art, Music, Drama) School’s 200th centenary – rescheduled from 2020
2022-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Voices Skip-hop Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> German Day (Languages) Engineering Week (Science, DT, Computing, Mathematics)
2023-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole-school trip (tbc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nepalese Day (RE, PSHE, PP) World Week (Geography, Languages)

In light of our self-evaluation, our key priorities for this academic year include:

- Implementing our new phonics programme (Essential Letters and Sounds)
- To develop language skills and vocabulary for all pupils to enhance their confidence, learning and reading progress
- To further improve pupil outcomes in mathematics through consistently delivering a pictorial-concrete-abstract approach
- Implementation of a new design and technology curriculum
- To continue to improve pupil punctuality
- To raise whole-school attendance to above 96%
- To increase some families’ engagement in learning, including regular reading
- To focus on six school core Christian values, including Respect, Perseverance, Service and Creativity



Staffing update

Miss Sheldon got married over the summer and has now transformed into Mrs Collins. Again, huge congratulations! We welcome Miss Robyn Curnock to our teaching assistant team.

Sensory toys

To lessen the chance of disruption and the disappointment caused when an item goes missing, toys, fidget toys and sensory chew toys are not allowed in school unless this has already been agreed with Mrs Collins (SENDCo). If we already have a record allowing a fiddle device, then this will be respected. If your child requires a fiddle device for clear and substantiated reasons then we respectfully ask you to let the school know and we will communicate this to staff. If you feel that your child requires equipment to support their needs and concentration, please contact Mrs Collins via the school office. Thank you.

Key Stage 2 Dance Club

We are really excited to start Dance Club again next week for our KS2 children. If your child is interested in joining this external club, please contact the school office. The club will run on a Thursday after school and the cost is £60 per child with sessions running through to December. The more the merrier!

Did you know?

...That children in Key Stage 2, including our brand new Year 3 children, learn German from a native German speaker, Mrs Rothery? You can find out more about our Languages curriculum on our website here <https://annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/information/curriculum-information/>.

Yours Sincerely



Ian Moore
Headteacher

Key Dates

Meet the Teacher – after school 15 minute presentation	Thursday 15 th September
Year 3 Swimming begins (Group A)	Friday 16 th September
Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Monday 26 th September
EYFS in All day	Monday 26 th September
Experience Communion Yr5/6 at church	Wednesday 5 th October
Parents' Evening – 10-minute phone calls	Tuesday 4 th & Thursday 6 th October
Black History Month	1 st -31 st October
New EYFS Open Morning for September 2023	Tuesday 11 th October
Harvest Festival in church	Wednesday 12 th October
<i>For new EYFS parents/carers plus those new to the school</i>	
Yr6 Residential – Morfa Bay	Monday 17 th – Fri 21 st October
Yr4 Braeside Residential	Wednesday 19 th – Friday 21 st October
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
INSET day – school closed	Monday 31 st October
First day of term	Tuesday 1 st November
Wear Something Bright for Firework Night	Friday 4 th November
Individual Tempest Photos	Monday 7 th November
Remembrance Sunday (children at cross)	Sunday 13 th November
Children In Need	Friday 18 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th November
Experience Christmas Yr3/4 at church	Tuesday 29 th November all day & Wednesday 30 th November am only
PTA Christmas Fayre	Friday 2 nd December – TBC
Prayer Space in classes	W/C 5 th December
KS1 Christmas Production – dress rehearsal	Monday 5 th December afternoon
KS1 Christmas Production	Thursday 8 th December afternoon & evening performances
Christmas Jumper Day (£1) and Dinner	Wednesday 14 th December
Church Christmas Service	Friday 16 th December 9.30am
Last day of term	Friday 16 th December (1.30pm finish)
INSET Day – school closed	Tuesday 3rd January

First day of term	Wednesday 4 th January
Christingle activity morning and service Rev McKenzie	Friday 6 th January
Young Voices (Yr4-6 children in school choir)	Thursday 26 th January
First Aid Champions Week	Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th February
1 st Aid Champions Week - Skip Hop workshops	Thursday 16 th - Friday 17 th February
Last day of term	Friday 17 th February (3pm finish)
Half term	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March
Red Nose Day	Friday 17 th March
Tempest Class Photos	Tuesday 21 st March
Prayer Space Week – Spirituality garden focus	W/C 27 th March – am or pm session
Parents' Evening - 10-minute phone calls	Tuesday 28 th & Thursday 30 th March
Easter Church Service (Yr3/4 parents/carers)	Friday 31 st March 9.30am – 10.30am
Last day of term	Friday 31 st March (1.30pm finish)
Easter Holidays	Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April
First day of term	Monday 17 th April
Yr5 Cycling Proficiency	Monday 17 th April – Friday 28 th April
KS1 SATS	1-31 st May
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
KS2 SATS	W/C 8 th May
Last day of term	Friday 26 th May (3pm finish)
Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Yr4 Multiplication Check	W/C 5 th June – 3 week window
Inset Day	Monday 5 th June
First day of term	Tuesday 6 th June
Yr1 Phonic Screening	W/C 12 th June
EYFS New parents meeting	Tuesday 13 th June
Experience Church Yr1 & Yr2	Wednesday 14 th June
Armed Forces Day	Friday 23 rd June
Sports Day	Friday 7 th July
Yr6 dress rehearsal to school	Monday 10 th July Pm
Yr6 performances to parents	Tuesday 11 th July PM and Thursday 13 th July evening
Prayer space week	W/C 17 th July
Y6 Leaving event	Monday 24 th July
Last day of term	Tuesday 25 th July (1.30pm finish)