



ST. ANNE'S
R.C. VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

SEND Summer Newsletter

Update from the SENDCo

As we approach the end of the academic year, it's important to reflect on all that the St Anne's community has achieved over the last ten months. Our SACRED values continue to be embedded and our pupils have demonstrated fantastic examples of Service, Ambition, Compassion, Respect, Equality and Determination both in school and outside in the local area.



Although St Anne's continues on its improvement journey, it's clear that we have so much to be proud of. Our final SEND newsletter of the year sums up some of the events and achievements that have taken place, all of which involve many of our pupils with Special Educational Needs, demonstrating how they are included in all aspects of school life.

As always, if you would like to contact the SEND team, please use either of the methods below.

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Year 6 Transition

Alongside the main St Anne's transition day, the SEND team organised additional transition mornings for Year 6 pupils who may have SEN or who require additional pastoral. The invitation was also extended to any pupils who were transitioning from a primary school by themselves.

The mornings consisted of a 'getting to know you' activity, a tour of the school, a Food Practical lesson and a variety of team building activities. All pupils received a transition 'goodie bag' to take home with top-tips and key information to prepare them for September.

A small group of pupils at St Anne's supported with the transition mornings, ensuring that our Year 6s were involved in the activities and had any burning questions answered. A huge well done and a big thanks to these pupils, they were a credit to St Anne's!





Sports Day

Last month, pupils took part in a range of sporting activities spanning across two days. It was a privilege to be able to go outside and cheer on our pupils as they participated in shotput, long jump and a variety of relay races. Each year group had the opportunity to watch the events and support their peers and it was wonderful to see so many of our pupils come together to encourage and celebrate one another.



Year 11 Prom

On 29th June, our Year 11s attended their Prom at the Village in Cheadle. All of the pupils who attended looked fantastic in their suits and dress and it was wonderful to see staff and the Yr11s come together for the last time to celebrate the end of their St Anne's journey. The evening consisted of 'mocktails' on arrival, a 2- course meal and an awards ceremony presented by Miss Baird, the Head of Year 11.



Celebration Evening

The St Anne's community came together to celebrate our pupils' achievements and to showcase the work that St Anne's is doing to maximise outcomes. The evening followed a packed agenda including Shakespeare performances, music recitals, SACRED values certificates, Subject Awards, and the 'Mr Logue Award for Excellence'.

It was fantastic to see so many of our parents and carers in attendance celebrating our winners and nominees. Well done to all pupils on their brilliant achievements this year!



Spotlight on...Dyslexia

Dyslexia is a **common learning difficulty that mainly causes problems with reading, writing and spelling**. It's a specific learning difficulty (SpLD), which means it causes problems with certain abilities used for learning, such as reading and writing.

The British Dyslexia Association estimates that 10% of the population are dyslexic and that the condition can range from mild to severe, co-occurs with other learning difficulties and runs in families.

It is important to remember that there are positives to thinking differently. Many dyslexic people show strengths in areas such as reasoning and in visual and creative fields.

For a child with dyslexia at St Anne's, we can provide the following support:

- Dyslexia friendly fonts
- Coloured overlays for reading
- Literacy interventions such as 'Lexia' and 'Accelerated Reader'
- Guided Reading strategies
- Exercise books with pastel coloured pages
- Dyslexia friendly PowerPoints
- Access Arrangements such as having a reader, a scribe and/or 25% extra time

Support for Parents/Carers

Navigating the world of SEND can be difficult, particularly when there is a specific piece of information or package of support that you are trying to access. Within Stockport and Greater Manchester, there are a range of facilities and agencies available for young people with SEND and their families. Please find links to the Local Offers for Stockport, Manchester and Tameside below. These links can also be found within our Information Report on the St Anne's website.

Stockport:

<https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/localoffer.page;jsessionid=EB3A21F15F48A5F88DDB8EF9F8D46B91?localofferchannel=0>

Manchester:

<https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

Salford:

<https://www.salford.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer-for-children-and-young-people-with-sen-or-disabilities/>

Tameside:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/localoffer>