

# ST ANNE'S FRIDAY UPDATE 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Our website: [www.st-annes.lambeth.sch.uk](http://www.st-annes.lambeth.sch.uk)  
Twitter X: [twitter.com/StAnnesCPS](https://twitter.com/StAnnesCPS)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/stannes5](https://www.instagram.com/stannes5)

Uniform orders: [www.stitchdesign.co.uk](http://www.stitchdesign.co.uk)  
Dinner money payments: [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)



## Headteacher's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and carers,

It was lovely to see you all back in school on Tuesday. I do hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This week's newsletter welcomes 2 key members of staff to St. Anne's and I'm sure you will give them both a super welcome.

Both Ms Alexandru and Ms Hill will play key roles as the school moves forward this year.

You will also notice that we are introducing our governing body. This week sees the introduction of our Chair of Governors Mr Knowles. You may well have seen him at our various events this year.

Stanne our school mascot has arrived and he can't wait to meet you all next week.

We are looking forward to a very busy and productive term.

Mr Hilton

## Welcome to our new staff



We also welcome Ms Alexandru to our reception class as teacher. St. Anne's Catholic school in Vauxhall is proud to celebrate exceptional leadership at our school Nicole Alexandru received the Silver award for Teacher of the year in 2022.

A seasoned educator with a wealth of experience and a commitment to fostering EYFS who will incorporate these in St Anne's Catholic values, Nicole has truly made a lasting impact on the educational landscape.

Last year, Nicole was awarded the prestigious Silver Pearson Teacher of the Year award, a recognition well-deserved for her dedication and outstanding contributions to education. Her arrival at St. Anne's in Vauxhall has brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), enriching the educational experience for both students and early year's staff. Nicole emphasis on the importance of EYFS has been instrumental in further, creating a nurturing environment where our pupils will not only excel academically but will also be able to grow spiritually. As the school marks this significant milestone, the community expresses gratitude for the positive impact Nicole Alexandru will have on the wider community and her efforts to shape our leaders of tomorrow. St. Anne's Catholic school looks forward to having Nicole on board we are truly blessed to have such an inspiring and accomplished teacher in our school.



St Anne's is delighted to extend a warm welcome to our new Pastoral Lead, Ms. Laura Hill. With a wealth of experience and dedication to student welfare, Ms. Hill joins us to play a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being and success of our students. As the Learning mentor and Pastoral Lead, Ms. Hill will be at the forefront of setting appropriate interventions for students with additional behavioural needs, providing support to those facing barriers to learning. Her role extends beyond the traditional boundaries of education, embodying the belief that the physical and emotional welfare of our pupils is the essential foundation upon which true learning can take place. Ms. Hill will be instrumental in identifying and working with students and parents to address any concerns related to their child's wellbeing, including low attendance rates. Through collaboration, she will work together with families to highlight strategies that enhance learning outcomes, ensuring every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. In addition to her direct work with students and parents, Ms. Hill will also support the professional development of our staff, helping them navigate the challenges posed by students with additional behavioural needs. Her expertise and guidance will contribute to a more inclusive and holistic supportive learning environment for all. Let us join together in welcoming Ms. Laura Hill to the St. Anne's community. We look forward to the positive impact she will have on the well-being and success of our students. Ms Hill will be on our school KS2 playground in the mornings before school starts should you have any issues you need to discuss with her.



Yr3 swimming Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

**NEXT WEEK**  
Tuesday 16th Class 4CS visiting Durning Library 9.30am

## **GOVERNORS UPDATE**

*Dear parents, carers, families and staff,*

*Happy New Year to all on behalf of the School Governing Board. We hope you enjoyed a joyful Christmas and peaceful break, and welcome everyone back to the new school term.*

*As a 2023 recap, I would like to thank you all for your welcome and support of our new Headteacher and other new joiners to the school. Mr Hilton has already been working hard with focus on high standards and delivering best possible outcomes for all our children. Hopefully demonstrations of ongoing progress are seen and felt by all within the school environment and initiatives in place. Over Christmas I especially enjoyed again the opportunity to see and join various events in December (in particular the Nativity was huge fun). The children in all the events really did themselves proud!*

*St Anne's is thrilled that Mr. Hilton has been honored with the prestigious Silver Pearson Head Teacher of the Year in a primary school award, which reflects outstanding leadership and achievements in education individually and through his teams. With Mr Hilton's commitment to excellence and passion for positive change we really do feel there continues to be an exciting chapter ahead for our school. As Father Gerald on our Governing Board has commented "We are very blessed to have the excellent, award-winning leadership of Peter Hilton at St Anne's Catholic school. His experience and commitment to our Catholic values will undoubtedly shape a positive and enriching educational experience for St Anne's students."*

*As governors our involvements are centered around strategic goals for St Anne's and the school's mission statement and Catholic values, placing the children at the heart of all we do. Alongside that, we take a key governance role over financial resources of the school, and seek to support the effectiveness and accountability of school leaders. For your awareness, our planning for 2024 will include new strategy meetings this term and self-evaluations of what is going well and what can still be done better. In doing so we partner with both the Catholic Diocese and with Lambeth local authority. Looking ahead, we also have plans to seek new parent feedbacks and also to join up with more school events such as coffee mornings, parents' evenings, etc. and offer our time to parents who wish to know more.*



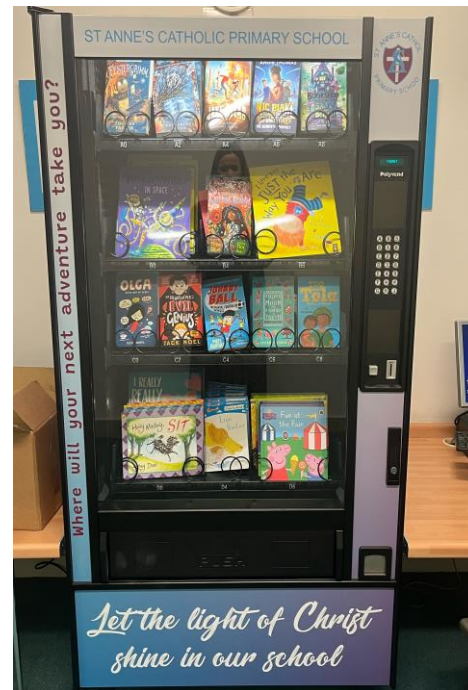
### Meet our Governing body Chair of Governors Bio – Chris Knowles

*I work in the Financial Sector in central London. Starting out originally as a Chartered Accountant I have experience in Accounting and Auditing and more recently in a career with Banking and Governance roles. That leans me towards oversight of Finances, but I also make inputs across all aspects of the Governors' scope including for school achievements and curriculum development plans.*

*I originally joined the St Anne's governors in March 2022 with goal for new volunteer experiences outside my workplace and am enthusiastic to make a positive contribution through time, knowledge and experience to help the local community and supporting our future generation. Last year I took the role of Chair in March 2023 which has offered many additional insights and deeper involvements. Most fulfilling of all though are still the opportunities to interact with occasional classes and pupil breakout groups, for example I am the link governor for English subject visits.*

*Personally, my interests beyond family time include a keen interest in most sports, and travelling, reading, and watching movies/theatre shows.*

## Our School Mascot Stanne the dog and our Book Vending Machine



The Book Vending Machine will allow pupils who earn a token to choose a free book.

Stanne will be around the school especially in the mornings to encourage children to be in school on time etc.



Sample below of Bronze, Silver and Gold badges for pupils.

Look out in next week's newsletter for more details on how pupils earn a book token for the book vending machine and our attendance rewards scheme.