

# ST ANNE'S FRIDAY UPDATE 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



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## Headteacher's Weekly Message

Dear parents and carers, we have enjoyed a lovely end to the autumn term, with so many joyful Christmas celebrations taking place. Watching the Year 5 Carol Service was a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. As we begin the holidays, let us remember that even the smallest acts of kindness can change the world. As a Catholic school community, we are called to live this message each day: to love as Jesus loves, to welcome the stranger, to show compassion to those in need, and to be people of peace. May the Light of Christ shine in your family homes during this holiday season. I wish you all a very happy, peaceful and prayerful Christmas. **Mr Hilton**



### **This Sunday is the Forth Sunday of Advent - Peace**

If hope has a different meaning in the Bible than it does in the world, then peace also has a different meaning. Jesus talked a lot about the peace He came to give. His peace isn't the absence of conflict, war, or trials, but it is a calm assurance that Christ is in control even when the world around us is in chaos. Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. He's not called that because everything becomes peaceful when we get saved. He brings us peace in the midst of our troubles.

*Loving God, as we wait for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we give thanks for the wonderful gift of new life. We pray for all parents around the world and for their children, that they will be healthy, happy and love one another. Amen.*

## **ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

Whole school

attendance

RA	94%	3	97%
1	95%	4	96%
2	89%	5	93%
		6	98%

It is expected that all children reach at least 96% attendance

**Best Class Attendance goes to  
Yr6 98%**



Well done

Please note that all attendance and awards are for the previous week

*Wishing you all a safe, happy, Holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

Check out the new school menu starting in January 2026. We will add a copy to the website and email you a copy in the new year for when the children return.

Our school menu is a 3 week roll over so we will be starting with week 1 from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

We now have air filters in all classes and various areas around the buildings. Please read the details on page 2 of this newsletter.

### Guidelines of lesson time missed by a child who is absent from school

- 1 day's absence = 5 lessons
- 3 days absence = 15 lessons
- 1 week's absence = 25 lessons
- 2 week's absence = 50 lessons

### Lateness

When your child arrives late after registration, they will miss the introduction to the days' timetable and vital information to support their learning.

Monday children need to be on the playground before 9am when we say our school pray.

Tuesday – Friday children go straight to class at 8.45am.

The playground gate closes at 9am

**School Closes Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

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**School re opens for children  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **FIRST WEEK BACK IN JANUARY**

**Mon** TEACHER TRAINING DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

**Wed** Yr4 & 5 visiting the Polka Theatre  
**Thur** Yr3 Swimming  
Yr4 Oval

Fr Gerald will be sending out details and information on applying for St Anne's Reconciliation & First Holy Communion applications in the New Year. We will keep you up to date.

Our school has been chosen to take part in the Mayors school filter programme. The filters were delivered this week so hopefully it will make a difference to the quality of air in the school building.



These filters have been carefully selected based on typical classroom dimensions and the National Education Union's guidance of six air changes per hour which combines natural ventilation with filtration.

A recent GLA pilot study in London schools showed that these air filters can reduce levels of the key pollutant PM2.5 by up to 68%. Cleaner indoor air is closely associated with improved wellness and is even linked to better learning outcomes and attendance.

**Thank you letter from the St Vincent de Paul Society. Our Certificate is on the Noticeboard.**



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15th December 2025

Dear Mr P Hilton,

**RE: Thank you for your support**

I am writing on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) to thank the Mini Vinnies for their generous donations given to St Vincent's, Brixton.

The children's contributions will make a big difference to those most in need, especially at this time of year.

Our mission of fighting poverty and hardship is needed more than ever today, and your Mini Vinnies' continued support and hard work that they carry out at home, school and in your community is vital for that mission.

Thank you once again from all of us here at the SVP.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Advent and Christmas.

Kind regards,