



# St Anne's Catholic Primary School

*by faith to the stars*



# Welcome



Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure. It will give you a flavour of what makes St Anne's a special school. We are a Catholic community of learners striving to achieve excellence in everything that we do.

Ensuring that every child learns to the best of his or her ability is at the core of what we do. We take a holistic view of education and seek to develop children academically, physically, spiritually, culturally, personally and emotionally.

The words and pictures in this brochure give you a good introduction to St Anne's. However, the uniqueness of our school can only be fully appreciated by visiting us. Accordingly, you are warmly invited to do so and experience first hand what we offer.

If you would like to visit - or would like to know more about the school - please contact us using the details at the end of the brochure.

I look forward to welcoming you to St Anne's in person.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Chris Donovan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Donovan, Headteacher





# Our vision

## *striving for excellence*

We are a Catholic community of learners striving for excellence in all our efforts.

We respect each child's dignity and uniqueness.

We develop strong Christian moral values.

We provide a climate of successful learning in which children are encouraged to work to the best of their ability and develop their individual talents.

We stimulate children's sense of awe and wonder, excitement and enthusiasm about the world around them.

We respect our environment and encourage children to look after it.

We involve parents in all aspects of school life, working closely with them to make their child's education the best it can be.

*"We are thrilled with how well our son has settled into school life at St Anne's, and the high standard of both academic and pastoral care and guidance."*

*(Reception parent, May 2010)*





# Spiritual & moral development

*growing in God's love*

## **We encourage children to:**

- grow in God's love by living according to the practices and teachings of the Catholic Church
- pray on their own and with others
- respect and value other beliefs and cultures
- take time to wonder and care about the world we live in
- recognise their talents as a gift from God

## **Things we do:**

- give children frequent opportunities to participate in a range of liturgies
- foster close links with the parishes from which our children come
- ensure that religious education is a core part of the curriculum, giving children opportunities to explore questions about life within a religious framework
- use a prayer partner system to support and help children with their spiritual well being



*“Very good opportunities are given to pupils to participate in acts of worship ... this is a truly worshipping community .”*  
*(Section 48 inspection report, November 2007)*



# Equal opportunities

## *valuing each individual*

### **We encourage children to:**

- be tolerant and accept that we are all different
- respect other people's views and opinions
- take pride in themselves and celebrate their culture
- respect other cultural traditions and customs

### **Things we do:**

- teachers plan and deliver their lessons according to each child's needs
- children's special educational needs are met through individual educational plans
- ensure school facilities are available to all
- provide formal and informal support and guidance to parents

*"Pupils who have special educational needs do as well as their peers because of the good care and support they receive."*

*(Ofsted inspection report, July 2010)*





# Learning

*letting children into the secret of learning to learn*

## **We encourage children to:**

- be positive about themselves and others
- take responsibility for their own learning
- work together and learn from each other
- “have a go” in a risk-controlled zone
- achieve the ambitious targets they set for themselves and those set by their teachers
- be proud of their achievements

## **Things we do:**

- foster a love of learning by weaving key learning experiences into lesson planning
- use innovative teaching techniques that result in children being actively engaged in thinking, learning and assessing their progress
- involve parents in their child’s learning, helping them to support their child effectively



*“At St Anne’s we have unique ways of learning, such as steps to success, which help us to learn better.”  
(Year 6 pupil, September 2010)*



# Curriculum

## *making learning meaningful*

### **We encourage children to:**

- make links between different areas of learning
- learn through first hand experiences
- demonstrate their learning to a variety of audiences
- participate in a wide range of clubs and extra-curricular activities
- find new talents and embrace new experiences
- use their imagination

*“Pupils are enthusiastic about the stimulating range of activities generated from the ‘learning journeys’ curriculum.”*

*(Ofsted inspection report, July 2010)*

### **Things we do:**

- organise the curriculum into relevant, purposeful and enjoyable learning journeys
- run an extensive range of trips and visits, including residential trips for the older children
- arrange regular learning journey celebrations where children can showcase the learning process as well as the results
- offer a very wide range of clubs, including a breakfast club





# Environment

## *appreciating God's creation*

### **We encourage children to:**

- take an active interest in the environment
- walk, cycle and scoot to and from school
- relate their learning in the classroom to the wider world
- enrich their learning journeys by taking part in activities and events outside the school
- make use of local community facilities

### **Things we do:**

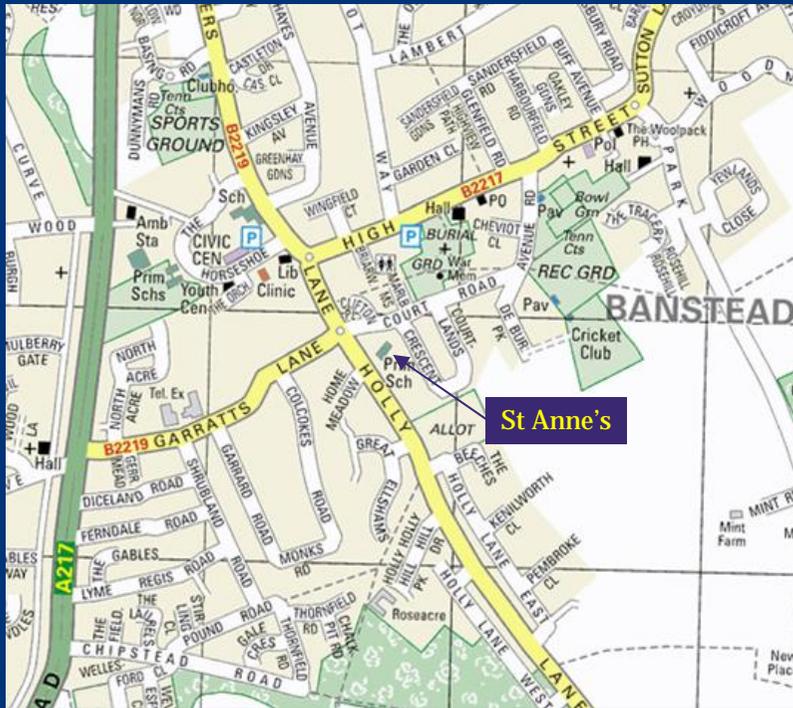
- strongly support several local, national and international charities
- take part in a range of school travel initiatives, including the Golden Boot Challenge and Bike It project
- participate in Reigate & Banstead's litter-free scheme
- encourage children to help maintain and improve our school grounds



*"I am proud that we raise so much money for charities during Lent."*

*(Year 5 pupil, September 2010)*





## St Anne's Catholic Primary School

God said, "Let there be learning,"  
and there was.

God said, "Let there be a building of happiness and enjoyment,"  
and there was.

God said, "Let there be teachers with kindness and helpfulness,"  
and there were.

Finally, God said, "Let there be joyful children to learn and share  
their thoughts,"  
and there were.

So God named this place a school,  
created for learning and teaching.

*Emily Murfitt, Year 6*



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