St. Anne's School
ALDERNEY

School News

Easter Newsletter 2026



Attendance this term

Little Owls– 92%
Reception

Hedgehogs— 91%
Yrs. 1 & 2

Puffins – 94%
Yr. 3 and 4

Gannets— 95%
Yr. 5

Robins— 93%
Yr.6

Arch— 91%

Braye—95%

Corblets– 91%

Year 11—93%

Wishing all of our pupils, parents and staff a very Happy Easter!!



Welcome to the Easter 2026 edition of our newsletter for St. Anne's School.

Amazing Trip, Amazing Experience

***Following last summer's very successful production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, directed** by Mr Smith, Mrs Wilson decided to take the cast and crew to London on a Theatre Trip. The aim of the trip was to showcase careers that actors and production crew can aspire to. On 4th February, 22 pupils and 4 members of staff headed to London. Two of the participants reflect on the experience.*

In early February, Mrs Wilson and some lovely teachers took pupils, who had been part of the Midsummer Night's Dream, on an Amazing Performing Arts London trip. Whilst we were there, we were able to sightsee, learn all about performing arts and have a wonderful time!

We all set off from Guernsey to Gatwick and took tubes all around the place! We stayed in a cozy hostel for 3 nights. On the first day, we were all able to eat McDonalds, which loads of us were thrilled for, and got to watch the brilliant Matilda play (that we really recommend).

For day two, we went to Warner Bros studios, (specifically Harry Potter World), which we'd say was our favourite as the butterbeer was delicious! Then we got to go to a nice Italian restaurant for dinner. For day three, we travelled to central London, where we were able to visit the Globe Theatre where we learnt all about Shakespeare and his plays in the past, and had an interactive acting lesson. Using the Westminster walk as a path, we went to have some delicious burgers for lunch, and set off for London Dungeons and Shrek World, and on the way we saw the London Eye! Then, for dinner, we went to a special place called Giraffe and had some extraordinary meals. For day four, we travelled back which many were dreading as we had to leave the hostel early in the morning!

Overall, this trip gave us so many memories, that we can all look back on and reminisce on all together. This trip made us all come closer, by fun opportunities and being able to hold a bond by our walking groups and sharing rooms. We are forever grateful for the opportunity Mrs Wilson gave us, and a thank you for the teachers who took care of us, Ms Smith, Miss Cotton and Mr Smith, (who started this opportunity, by putting on a play).







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2026 is The National Year of Reading and so far we have gone all in!

Our main event for this term was World Book Day on March 5th which celebrated the joy of reading with a fancy dress parade and plenty of book-related activities throughout the day. It was the culmination of lots of warm up sessions which kicked off with National Story Telling Week in February. So far we have explored reading as a hobby, shared our Write Stuff competition entries, discussed reading routines, enjoyed story time with secondary readers and worked on our Reading Rivers.

To elaborate, our Reading River initiative encouraged pupils, from both primary and secondary, to share their reading journey so far. The children were invited to reflect on the reading experiences that have shaped them, such as story time with family, their favourite comic, a special letter, their first chapter book etc. The result has been that each child sees themselves as a reader, no matter what or how they choose to read, and to recognise that every reading journey is different.

More recently, Pre-School and Reception children, along with their families, enjoyed a fun Rhyme Time session in the library. We rhymed our way through numerous funny stories and shared lots of our favourite books.

We also welcomed Katie Anderson from The Guille Alles Library who presented A World Full of Nature Stories book to each Year 2 pupil. The children were spellbound as Katie read wonderful stories and were then each gifted a copy of the book as part of the Cultural Enrichment Programme supported by the States of Guernsey.

It's been a great start to our Year of Reading and we continue to celebrate and nurture the joy of all types of reading.





Red Nose Day 2026

On Red Nose Day we celebrated by wearing something red and designing our own red noses and we've loved seeing all the creative ideas the children came up with!



Y1 and Y2 have been working very hard this term with their reading, and we have been lucky to meet an author and be part of a book gifting session with the Guille Alles library





Infants Easter Bonnet Competition

A huge thank you to all the children and adults who decorated an Easter bonnet this year.

It was a very hard decision to make but this year's winners are: Reception – Bertie, Y1 – Amelia, Y2 – Theo



The Letter

Tim, Mark and Julian were best friends.They always went to the pub with their dads.
On the day our story begins,the boys were going to their favourite pub, but when they got there, it was closed for construction work. Bored, the three mischievous boys snuck round the back to see what was going on. There, they found something really weird... Where the cigarette bin usually stood, was a suspicious looking post box. Tim (the brave and curious one of the bunch) reached his hand in and pulled out a mysterious letter addressed to the three of them.
Mystified, they opened the letter and couldn't believe what they saw... The letter was blank!

Just to be sure, Tim had another look at it, but this time he remarked "What do you mean guys? There is writing on this, it's just very small so I can't read it! Let's go to the library because there are magnifying glasses for reading small writing there."

The boys got a lift with Mark's dad because it was too far to walk. When they arrived at the library, they immediately went over to the magnifying glass area and sat down in the comfy, plush chairs. But there was one problem, the writing was in French. They decided to go to Mark's house but, instead of going in, they went next door to see his old, French neighbour. They knocked on her door and the kindly, old lady came out. The boys showed her the letter so she invited them in and carefully studied it. When they sat down, she explained that it was a birthday letter from Julian's Great Uncle Albert. The boys gave each other an incredulous look. All that fuss for a pointless birthday card... AND it wasn't even his birthday!

Author: Max Cotton- Team Casquets!!!

1st Alderney Scout Group

The 1st Alderney Scout Group is reopening soon - on a Wednesday evening, mainly at the Island Hall with some evenings being at the Hut at the campsite. If your child is aged between 5 1/2 to 14 years and would like to join please can you email me on Lynne.Braby-Pavitt@scouts.org.uk providing their name and date of birth only at this time and I will get back to you with further information.—Lynne

Reception Class

This term Reception have had such a busy time! We held our very first class assembly all about what makes us happy, we enjoyed a Valentine's Day treasure hunt, we had a fantastic World Book Day and most recently we have enjoyed taking part in our Eat Them To Defeat Them campaign, learning all about healthy eating choices.



Year 10 DofE

Four hardy year 10 students completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice on the southwest coast of Guernsey. It was a wet and windy March weekend, but they kept their spirits up with Alderney Farm shop, Kiln Farm steak, cooked to perfection on their camping stoves!



Small Change, Big Difference!

Students from Year 5 to Year 11 at St Anne's School have discovered that Sir David Attenborough will be turning 100 years old on 8th May. To celebrate this incredible milestone, we're gathering "small change" to donate £100 to a wildlife charity he supports.

We'd love your help!
If you find any spare change you don't need, please send it into school. Every coin will go toward our special tribute donation



PE update

It has been an exceptionally productive Spring Term for Physical Education and Extra-Curricular Sport. We have seen a fantastic level of engagement from pupils across all key stages, with a diverse range of activities on offer. In the Primary phases, pupils have been developing their coordination and creative expression through Gymnastics and Dance, alongside building tactical awareness in Tag Rugby. Meanwhile, Secondary pupils have balanced the fast-paced demands of Badminton and Table Tennis with the physical challenges of Tag Rugby on the field. Our Extra-Curricular provision continues to go from strength to strength. Alongside our established Football and Gymnastics clubs, we were delighted to add Tag Rugby to the timetable this term, further broadening the competitive opportunities available to our pupils.





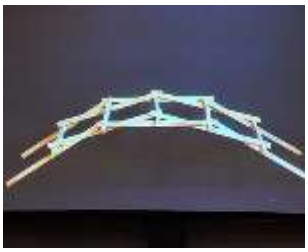
Legacies that Last

Six pupils from St Anne's School flew to Guernsey on Tuesday 3rd March to take part in the de Putron Challenge 2026. This is the second time that our school have participated.

The Year 6 Team, Sandy Allen, Nyla Clay and Benjamin Domaille, were due to take part in the first heat, but due to a slight flight delay, were moved to the second heat – playing against seven other primary schools.

The first round was a STEM challenge, to build a da Vinci Bridge (see picture) out of chopsticks. This was followed by a current affairs round (buzzer round), Maths (whiteboard round) and Music & Art (Kahoot Quiz). The questions were challenging but our team came joint third with 18 points; the winning team and second place scored 22 and 20 points, respectively.

Sandy (team captain) said "It was an amazing opportunity. I would recommend it to Year 6s in the future."





In the afternoon, it was the turn of the Year 8 team: Saoirse Neill, Isla Cauvain and Lucas Parmentier, who were in the heat against other 5 secondary schools. The STEM challenge was, again, to build a da Vinci bridge (only one team in the entire competition managed this task). The Year 8 rounds were: Current Affairs (buzzer), Music & Art (Kahoot), History (Video round), Literature (Picture round) and Science and Geography (buzzer). Our Year 8s were top of the leader board for most of the Kahoot round.

There was only one point separating third and fourth places. St Anne's finished joint fourth with 12 points.

Saoirse (team captain) said "Taking part in the competition was a great experience. I think we worked well as a team."



Calshot Fundraising Diary Dates







Term Dates

Summer Term

Monday 13th April—Term Starts (Staff)

Tuesday 14th April - Term Starts (Pupils)

Monday 4th May—May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May—Half Term

Friday 17th July—Term Ends 12.25pm

Other Diary Dates

Monday 13th April—Parents and Headteacher candidates meeting 5-6pm

Wednesday 15th April— Term Time Host Service meeting with year 11 parents at 5pm.

Friday 17th April— Calshot non-uniform (bring £1) and cake sale for Calshot

Friday 24th April and Saturday 25th April—Bronze Practice- Yr 9 pupils

Friday 24th April—Race night at Moorings for Calshot

Saturday 25th April— Alderney Family Event- EYFS 10am- 12noon

Tuesday 28th April— Vaccinations for HPV - Year 8, Teenage Vaccines - Year 9

Friday 1st May—Calshot - Non-Uniform and bring a bottle

Saturday 2nd May—Calshot Jumble

Saturday 16th May—Calshot car wash at fire station

Friday 12th—13th June—Bronze Real Expedition Yr 9

Monday 15th June—Year 6 trip—all week

Tuesday 23rd June—Y7 & Y9 oral health sessions

Tuesday 7th July—Year 6 parents transition evening

Wednesday 8th July—Transition Day

Monday 13th July—Yr 8 and 9 Calshot all week

Monday 13th July– Yr 10 Silver Expedition

St Anne's School Year 6 pupils would like to thank all the parents, teachers, helpers and all the people that supported the jumble sale and grand raffle on Saturday 21st February.

We are delighted to announce that an incredible £3509.05 was raised .

In particular we would like to thank all the businesses that provided prizes for the fabulous "Grand Raffle"

With this amazing amount of money raised the children will be able to have an exciting trip and will be able to make memories that won't be forgotten due to the kind support of the people of Alderney.

States of Guernsey Early Years Team

States of Guernsey Children and Family Community Services

Speech, Language and Communication Support in Alderney

for children aged 0-4 years, before starting school

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's **speech, language and communication** development you can arrange an appointment at our

Let's Talk Assessment Clinics

Clinics will run once per term

We can assess your child, provide advice and recommend next steps.

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To **book an appointment** contact the Children's Speech, Language and Communication Needs Service on **01481 227760** or email: **SLTchildren@gov.gg**

Let's Talk Assessment Clinics		
Wednesday 18th March 2026	1 – 3 pm	The Mignot Memorial Hospital
Wednesday 10th June 2026	1 – 3 pm	The Mignot Memorial Hospital









Free event for families with children under 5

Hosted by

The States Early Years Team

Saturday 25th April 2026

10 am to 12pm

St Anne's School

Snuggle up with your little one to watch a short family film and take part in "brain boosting" activities from a range of professionals.



States of Guernsey Early Years Team