



This newsletter will be produced on a weekly basis and contain notices and reminders as well as ideas of how you can support your child at home. The newsletter will be added to the website and Tapestry every Monday.

We have had a wonderful start to the term, the children are settling in very well. We are looking forward to establishing routines and expectations with the children over the next few weeks as we get to know each other. Remember, to check on tapestry for photos of your children from their first days at school.

Becoming independent

We are encouraging the children to become as independent as possible as we establish our routines over the next few weeks. They are already holding their own trays to collect their school dinners and clearing their trays at the end of their lunch. They are becoming very confident using a knife and fork. Thank you for your support with this.

At home, please practise taking coats on and off, and as the weather gets colder- doing up zips and buttons. We give children plenty of time at the end of the day to independently pack their bags and put their coats on, helping where necessary but encouraging them to do it themselves.

When your child is coming to school, please allow them to carry their book bag so that they are developing responsibility for their own items.

Drop off and collection

Thank you for getting your children to school promptly at 8.25am. To help the children get settled quickly it is very important that we make the drop off process as quick as possible.

- Make sure the children have their bags and coats with them before entering through the gate.
- Please communicate any messages that you may have to the school office via email which will be forwarded to the class teacher.
- Collection is from the playground at 3.10pm. As excited as you may be to see your child and they to see you, please discourage them from running to you so we can avoid any accidents. Children will be dismissed from the adult one at a time.

School Uniform

Our school uniform policy can be found in your welcome pack and on the school website (<https://www.st-anselms.kent.sch.uk/uniform/>) but here are a few reminders:

- Polo shirts should only be worn as part of the summer school uniform and should be the burgundy shirt with the school logo. For winter uniform, your child should be in a white shirt with a school tie, we recommend a short sleeve shirt to avoid wet sleeves.
- Black school shoes or black trainers are permitted.
- Long hair should be tied back from the child's face and hair accessories should be subtle and school colours.
- **No jewellery**, including earrings should be worn.
- **All items of clothing should be labelled**. Please show your child what their label looks like and where it is so that they can easily recognise their own items. Similarly, **book bags and water bottles should also be labelled**. If you do happen to end up with someone else's belongings, please send them back in to school the next day so it can be returned to its rightful owner.
- From **this Friday** please send your child to school in their **PE kit**. Although formal PE lessons will not start yet, this will help them get used to their Friday uniform. We kindly ask that children wear **trainers without laces** (such as Velcro) for safety and independence.
- Continue to practise putting jumpers and cardigans on and taking them off so that the children can do this more independently, especially if their jumper/cardigan's sleeves end up inside out.

Thank you for your support.