

Catholic Primary School

<u>Newsletter</u>



12th January 2024

Spotlight on Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been discussing the change of the season, and that we are in Winter.

The children have expressed their own knowledge about Winter and learnt new vocabulary.



We went outside to explore the changes and took photographs, we found sticks in different sizes and ordered ourselves by the size!



The children have also been busy using their scissor skills to create their own snowflakes.



Star of the Week: Ethan B Mission statement: Lily C



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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

Happy New Year to all our children, school staff and families. I hope everyone had a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

The approved holiday dates for 2024-2025 have been sent home this week and can be located on the school website following this link https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/termdates. Please understand that holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised on your child's register.

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are reminding parents of back-to-school advice amid rising levels of winter illness. Please click on the following link for more information.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-schooladvice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-

0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily



We have been asked to promote the above logo and ask families to scan the QR code to complete the short 'Family Hub Brand Recognition Survey'. Many thanks for your support.

Please click on the following link to access St Anne's School Calendar <u>https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/</u> The tab to the calendar is in the top right-hand corner of the webpage. The calendar will be checked each Friday with updates added accordingly.

Polite reminder to all adults that the school car park is only accessible after 5pm at night and that 5mph is plenty fast enough on school grounds!



Primary School Admissions

You may know a family friend whose child is due to start school in September 2024. We need your help to remind them the application window for primary school admissions is **open until 15th January**. The following link will take your family and friends to the 'Admission Page' on our school website <u>https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/admissions</u>

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery <u>See Spotlight</u>

Reception This week in Reception we have been learning about winter. In Literacy we have been creating lists of items that we would pack for a winter trip and a summer trip and looking at the differences in the two lists. In Maths we have been learning about zero and numbers zero to five. In RE this week, we have been learning about the three Wise Men's journey to see Jesus. We have also conducted an experiment to investigate which materials float and which materials sink.

Year 1 It has been great to welcome our Year 1 children back after the Christmas holidays and they have made a brilliant start to the New Year. In English we have begun our traditional tale 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. We have made predictions about the tale, gave our opinions and discussed the characters and the plot. We have also begun preparation for our performance of Snow White. In Maths we have been continuing with our Place Value to 20 and have been comparing objects and numerals. In Religion we started our theme on Special People and in science we have been exploring materials and their properties.

Year 2 In Year 2 we've become explorers for this half term! We are reading different stories from the author Jonny Duddle, particularly pirate tales from long ago and we've found many interesting words and phrases that pirates used. In Maths we've been learning to count money, both coins and notes, and we've learned to count the largest value notes first.

Year 3 Year 3 have made a great start to the new term. They have been really enjoying learning about the Romans, including finding out about the events surrounding Pompeii. They have also started the 'Health and Fitness' programme run by WLSP. The children have been testing their stamina and beginning to learn about how to stay fit and healthy.

Year 4 We have all made a fantastic start to the Spring Term. This week we started to read our class novel 'Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story' and we are finding it very interesting already. We have made links with the Arctic and used atlases to locate the Arctic Circle and the countries within it. In Science, we are going to be learning about living things and their habitats- we have found out which animals live in the Arctic and what their environment is like. In RE we are thinking about the communities that we are part of and what makes them special.

Year 5 Space is a topic that everyone loves and has fascinated people for thousands of years. Already we have learnt about the solar system and the make-up of the planets - did you know that 4 of the planets are called @Gas Giants' and have no solid structure? In Maths we are learning to multiply really big numbers using a grid and the column method - it is very challenging, but we have had a good go. In RE we are looking at our Mission for this year - we are going to try to make the world a better place.

Year 6 Spring term has begun where Autumn 2 left off! At the start of our new term we have been beginning all of our new topics. From looking at sources in RE, to the Wizard of Oz in English. The children have also begun looking at Lubaina Himid in Art and her unusual style - hence all of the requests for cardboard! As part of West Lancs PE lessons we are now learning about dance and will be creating something quite special!



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Our Award Winners!

<u>Star of the Week</u>	<u>Mission Statement</u>			
Francis M	Luna G			
Florence Mc	Mia R			
Corie C	Orlaith O			
lssy H	Wendy F			
Freddie S	Emily C			
Joni M	Daniel B			
Olive G	Grace C			
Theo R	Nancy R			
Malachy O	Jeron J			
Jessica T	Ella B			
Jack C	Seren H			
Sienna L	Mark Mc			
Isla S	Harrison H			
Lucy M	Amelia W			

Attendance for Week Ending 22/12/2023

Class 2 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1	Class	No Pupils	Attendance %	Sessions Missed	Rank
	Class 1	22	90.90%	16	5
	Class 2	23	97.30%	5	1
	Class 3	24	91.10%	17	4
	Class 4	24	95.00%	10	2
	Class 5	26	88.50%	24	6
	Class 6	26	94.20%	12	3
Class 13 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2	Class 7	22	87.50%	22	8
	Class 8	24	91.80%	15	5
	Class 9	32	90.60%	24	7
	Class 10	31	90.70%	23	6
	Class 11	24	94.30%	11	4
	Class 12	24	94.80%	10	3
	Class 13	31	95.20%	12	1
	Class 14	30	95.00%	12	2



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Feeding local people in crisis

Many thanks for your very kind donations of food (the weight being 26.75kg) which contributes to over 50 meals and gives support to people within Ormskirk and the surrounding areas



www.ormskirk.foodbank.org.uk





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<u>School Message</u>

St Anne's Toddler Group

St Anne's Toddler Group meets every Thursday morning during term time. It is open to all families and it is a great opportunity to meet new people whilst your children play. Each week there is a different activity including Creation Station, a local craft activity company, offering lots of different crafts for children to do. We also offer fun with food activities, messy play, stories, singing and lots more.

There is no need to book just come along to St Anne's School on a Thursday morning, 9am - 11am.

A small charge of £2.00 for the 1st child and 50p for each other child is required.



St Anne's Church Bulletin



The Bulletin is available on the Church website: stannes-ormskirk.org.uk

A link is available at the bottom of every page on our school website also.