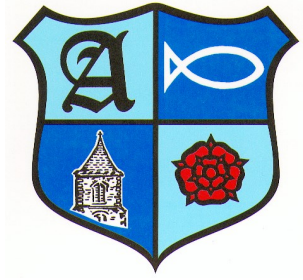




St. Anne's
Catholic Primary School
Newsletter



13th September 2024



Spotlight on
Year 5

If you can dream it, you can do it!

Building our future!

We are only two weeks into term, but Year 5 have grown in stature and learning. Our topics have enthralled us, entertained us and inspired us!

In English we have been studying what a legend is through being captivated by the stories of King Arthur, Finn McCool and Beowulf. We have seen how there are different versions of each legend and how they may have elements of truth in them. To finish off with, we wrote our own – our teachers have never seen such wonderfully descriptive (and mysterious) language. Next up, it is non-fiction and specifically persuasive texts.

In Maths we have encountered huge numbers as we have tried to grasp the value of digits. We even tried to round numbers to 10, 100, 1 000, 10 000 and even 100 000. Next we will move on to addition and subtraction, where we will develop our ability to add and subtract in our brains by rounding up or down, completing the calculation and then adjusting back again.

In Geography we have learnt how the United Kingdom is different to Great Britain and then where we are on a map of the world, Europe and the UK. We find atlases fascinating – they tell us much more than the

location of places we have visited on holiday. We have found where the mountains are in the UK, where sheep are farmed and where wind turbines are built. We are learning all the different map symbols and how to use grid references to locate a place.

In PE we have been learning about invasion games, such as netball. So far we have learnt three types of pass: chest pass, bounce pass and the one-handed pass. We have learnt how to mark, how to dribble and shoot (with varying degrees of skill it has to be said). We have also learnt how to hit forehand and backhand rallies with our coach from Ormskirk Tennis Club.

In Science we have been learning all about life-cycles and how they differ between species. We have especially been fascinated by the human life-cycle from pregnancy to old age. We have seen how a baby develops in the womb, doubling in size rapidly in the first few weeks. Then we charted how babies grew in the first 12 months – did you know boys are born taller than girls, but they are on average the same weight? We went on to look at changes in humans and adults when they move from child to adult and now we are studying the ageing process and how cells stop

being produced as effectively as before, resulting in weaker muscles and bones.

In ICT we have studied search engines for finding information quickly on the internet – we have learnt to narrow down a search and improve our use of key words.

In Music we have been learning about musical notation in a study of Egyptian music.

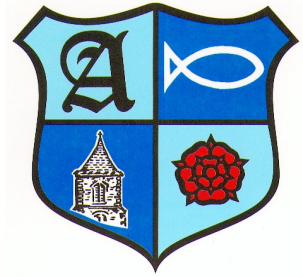
In RE we have been looking at ourselves, our qualities and skills/talents. In studying Colossians Chapter 3, we have learnt about what qualities we need to develop if we are to be like Jesus and how we can improve our qualities. This has been a challenging topic, as it has meant we have been taking long, hard looks at ourselves (it was much easier looking at other people!).

Next we are studying some classic poetry, learning how to multiply large numbers, analyse the success of Baghdad in the Golden Age of Islam and looking at reversible and irreversible changes in Science.

Finally do not forget to look out for our Christmas Carol Concert in December – it will be a great way of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Please join us.



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Message from Acting Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

Many thanks to all the parents who walked with the children to Mass this morning. Thanks also to Father Godric, Deacon Des, Mr Knowles and all the staff who helped celebrate Mass.

Polite reminder - No dogs are allowed on the school grounds. We have a number of children who are frightened of dogs. No smoking is allowed on the school grounds. This includes vapes.

Nut allergies in school - We have a number of children in school who have serious nut allergies. Foods that contain nuts are not allowed to be brought into school.

Earrings – Please ensure that on PE days earrings are not worn, or will need to be suitably covered with plasters.

Snacks – Can I please remind you that we are a healthy school and children should only be bringing fruit for a snack.

We continue our relentless drive to provide the best possible education for all our children and would like to invite parents to the first information evening of the year, which will be held on **Monday 23rd September**. **There will also be an Open Afternoon on Friday 11th October**. **Further information will follow next week.**

School Admissions – St Anne's Catholic Primary School

We are blessed to have wonderful children, teachers and families who attend St Anne's. You may know a family friend whose child is due to start school in September 2025. We need your help to remind them the application window for primary school admissions is now open. The following link will take your family and friends to the 'Admission Page' on our school website <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/admissions>

School Admissions – St Bede's Catholic High School

Secondary school admissions are open and close on 31st October 2023. If you wish for your child to attend St Bede's, it is essential that you also complete their Supplementary Faith Form and return this form to St Bede's along with proof of Baptism. The following link will take you to St Bede's website where you will find the Supplementary Faith Form. <https://sbchs.co.uk/key-information/admission-arrangements/>

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Kind Regards.

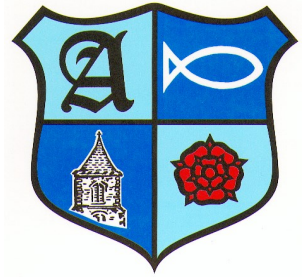
Ms G. Cleary
Acting Headteacher

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.



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Curriculum News

Nursery We have all settled into our Nursery life, meeting old friends and making new. The children have been very busy exploring the environment and learning new routines. We have been talking about our families, the children have been excited to share their family photographs and have been drawing their family portraits. We have been talking about what the children enjoy in Nursery and at home.

Reception What a fabulous start to the year! Well done to all of the Reception children for starting school with such enthusiasm. This week we have been learning our daily routines and exploring our classroom and school. In PE we have been learning dance moves to be lions.

Year 1 What an exciting week we've had in Y1! The children have been writing lists, labels, and captions, developing their understanding of non-fiction genres. In maths, we explored place value within 10, counting various objects and ensuring we formed our numbers correctly. Our scientific journey took us into the world of living and non-living things, sparking curious discussions. Additionally, we have thoroughly enjoyed playing phonics games to enhance our recall of phonemes. To top it all off, we read the Creation story and created some fantastic artwork inspired by it.

Year 2 This week year 2 have been working on partitioning numbers up to 100. We have had lots of practical lessons using base ten. In English this week Year 2 have become explorers, we have swam with dolphins and blew bubbles with whales. All the children have worked beautifully in lessons and seem to be enjoying our curriculum topics this term.

Year 3 The children have made a good start to Year 3, working together on Team Building activities and demonstrating their travelling skills in Gymnastics. They have also been recalling their knowledge of Ormskirk and learning new facts.

Year 4 What an amazing start we have made to the year!! We have been working hard on the presentation of our work and have adapted well to the new routines of Year 4. In DT, we have been researching seasonality and what makes a healthy meal in preparation for our cooking element of the curriculum. We ended the week with an exciting experiment to look for plaque on our teeth!

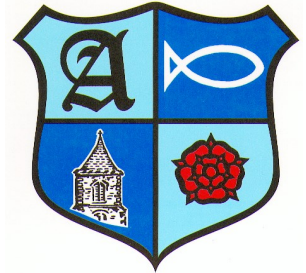
Year 5 **See Spotlight**

Year 6 This week in Year 6 the children have begun researching famous Paralympians both from Great Britain and further afield. This is leading to them writing an informative and interesting hybrid text about their chosen athlete. They have also been using the atlases to help them understand our world a little better, they're now familiar with longitude and latitude lines and how to use them to locate countries on a map. This is now the 2nd week of our Bounce Forward programme delivered by Lancashire Mind, which has been both informative, helpful and fun!





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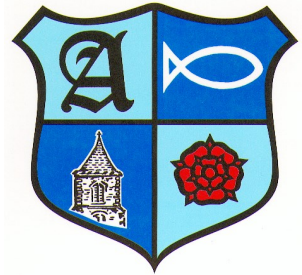


Our Award Winners!

<u>Star of the Week</u>	<u>Mission Statement</u>
Xaia H	Freddie S
Ivy Q	James Mc
Max B	Polly O
William G	Katie L
Molly H	Emelia A
Jack R	Jayden L
Harper H	Max G
William C	Lucy M
Beau OW	Sadie B
Ava M	Thea M
Sasha C	Malachy OL
Elsie S	Noah S
Beatrice W	Amelia W
Finlay S	Penny C



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PTA News



Dear Parents/Carers

We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has also joined forces with **Joe Wicks** to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

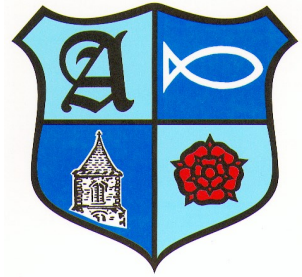
Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit www.asda.com/cashpotforschools



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INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

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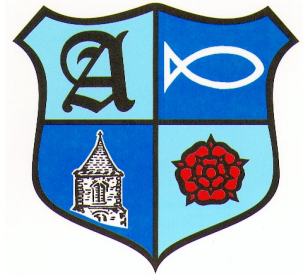
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