



St. Anne's
Catholic Primary School
Newsletter



2023

Spotlight on Year

It's hard to believe that Year 6 have almost completed their final Autumn term in primary school! What a busy term it has been!

Most recently, the children have spent the past few weeks observing, researching, planning and finally creating a piece of artwork inspired by the amazon. The results have been brilliant!

In English the children have written newspaper reports based on the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004, reporting on the devastation it caused as well as commenting on it as if they were witnesses.



As part of their Geography topic they have worked hard to understand longitude and latitude and how it can help them locate continents and countries on a globe. The children have also completed their athletics course of lessons with West Lancs Sports Partnership.

We're looking forward to next week and to the party with our buddies!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!



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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

A huge thanks goes to the school staff and the PTA who have prepared the school building with Christmas decorations and have also planned wonderful Christmas events for our children to enjoy. During Advent assemblies and classroom lessons, children and teachers will be reflecting on how we can help others during this Season of Advent who may not be as fortunate as ourselves.

Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday of Advent.

Monday 18th December - Year 3 Christmas party. (Children may wear their party clothes).

Tuesday 19th December - EYFS/KS1 Breakfast with Santa (Infants may wear their Christmas jumpers/hats).

Tuesday 19th December - EYFS and Year 6 Christmas party. (Children may wear their party clothes).

Tuesday 19th December - Year 5 Christmas party. (Children may wear their party clothes).

Wednesday 20th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party. (Children may wear their party clothes).

Wednesday 20th December - KS2 Breakfast with Santa. (Juniors may wear their Christmas jumpers/hats).

Wednesday 20th December - KS2 Christmas bingo.

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Reflection.

Thursday 21st December - KS2 Christmas quiz.

School closes on Thursday 21st December at 3.30pm. The spring term begins with classroom doors opening at 8.45am on January 8th.

Congratulations to all our Year 5 children who led the school/parish family in a beautiful Carol Service on Wednesday night. The children read and sang to the best of their abilities, and we are all extremely proud of our children. I am sure all who were present will agree it was an exceptional Carol Service. Well done to Mr Knowles and Mr Batchelor for organising this service.



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[Message from Headteacher cont.](#)

Breakfast and Afterschool Club – Price Increase

Please note from January 1st an increase of 25p will be added to each session. This increase has been deferred for as long as possible over recent years.

Please click on the following link to access St Anne's School Calendar

<https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/> 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 <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/admissions>

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery In Nursery we have been very busy this week making Christmas gifts for our families, the children have worked very hard and have enjoyed making them. We have also completed our RE topic 'Prophecy and Promise', the children have been listening to and talking about the Christmas Story. We have had discussions about what it means to 'Celebrate' and the different ways and reasons why we do.
Star of the Week: Maggie P Mission Statement: Rosie G

Reception In Literacy this week in Reception we have been using our amazing phonics skills to write a message in our Christmas cards and in Expressive Art and Design we have been creating Christmas magic by designing the front of our cards. In Maths we have been developing our skills in finding one more and one less than numbers up to 5 and in Music we have been learning about traditional Christmas music. We have been enjoying our Christmas themed challenges, including using tweezers to find the reindeers jingle bells, finding all of the Christmas images hidden around our classroom and writing their initial sound, ordering different lengths of paper to create a Christmas tree and lots more!

Year 1 This week in Year we have been looking at the Christmas poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. We have discussed what the poem is about and looked at the past tense verbs used throughout the poem. In Maths we have been continuing to look at the numbers to 20 and working out one more and one less than these. In the Wider Curriculum we completed our learning on 'Our World' and recapped all that we have learnt.

Year 2 In Year 2 this week we have been working with 3D shapes, finding out the faces, edges and vertical. In English we have planned and written our independent Kenning poems. We have been discussing about the environment.

Year 3 The Year 3 children this week have been learning about the Christmas traditions in France. They have also been investigating shadows in Science, exploring how they are created and how they change due to different circumstances. In English they have been creating their own comic strips for their Super Heros and Villains.

Year 4 This week, Year 4 had their last swimming session. Since September, the children have made great progress in their swimming ability and confidence! Well done Year 4. During Science lessons, the children have been identifying vocabulary linked with food chains and they are working towards their final piece which is to create a food chain independently. The children have planned their persuasive letter to Rishi Sunak about whether the Slave Trade should be taught in schools.

Year 5 After much blood, sweat and tears, our Year 5 Carol Service was a delight. Our children were incredibly brave and skilled at telling the Christmas story in song and words. We are very grateful to all those wonderful parents who came to the concert and supported their children so brilliantly.

Year 6 See Spotlight



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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week

Ezra D
 Florence G
 Ben Mc
 Luna M
 Miley Mc
 Jacob C
 Jasmine W
 Sienna M
 Caleb O
 Emilia C
 Jude C
 Zach M
 Florence F
 Luca P

Mission Statement

Malachy O
 Theodora W
 Frankie H
 Amelia MC
 Luna G
 Ted C
 Laney BG
 Charlie C
 Michael M
 William G
 Charlie G
 Olivia J
 Isobel T
 Sawyer R

Attendance for Week Ending 08/12/2023

	Class	No Pupils	% Attendance	Sessions Missed	Rank
Class 2 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1	Class 1	22	97.30%	6	3
	Class 2	23	98.70%	3	1
	Class 3	24	90.80%	22	6
	Class 4	24	94.80%	13	5
	Class 5	26	98.50%	4	2
	Class 6	26	95.40%	12	4
Class 8 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2	Class 7	22	90.50%	21	7
	Class 8	24	97.40%	6	1
	Class 9	32	91.90%	26	5
	Class 10	31	93.50%	20	2
	Class 11	24	91.30%	21	6
	Class 12	24	89.20%	26	8
	Class 13	31	92.30%	24	3
	Class 14	30	92.00%	24	4



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PTA News

Breakfast with Santa!

TUE 19TH DEC – EYFS & KS1
WED 20TH DEC – KS2

Breakfast will include Fruit, a sugar waffle & a drink. Not forgetting a visit and gift from Santa!

Drop off at your child's class room at 07:55

£2.50 per child

Booking required!
Book at PTA Events

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS
OPTIONAL BUT ENCOURAGED!

☞ Breakfast with Santa ☞🎄

ONLY 5 (or 6) SLEEPS TO Go!

- Tues 19th - EYFS & KS1
- Wed 20th - KS2
- Drop off 7:55am at classroom
- £2.50 per child
- Christmas jumpers encouraged!

BOOK HERE ✍️☐

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stannesormskirk>

Easy fundraising

When you shop online go through the Easy fundraising link first and raise funds for our school!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stannesormskirk/>

Your School Lottery

You've got to be in it win it - whilst raising funds for our school!

Get tickets before 23rd Dec and you be entered into our Super Draw with a chance to win a £3000 Christmas cash bonus!

Sign up to get your tickets at the link below.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-annes-catholic-primary-school-ormskirk>

Thanks for your ongoing support
St Annes PTA Volunteers



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CAMP VENUES
 THE HUB @ BANKS
 (BANKS LEISURE CENTRE)
 ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONLY £20 per day

NEW YEAR ENDEAVOUR HOLIDAY CAMP
 JANUARY 2024
 WEDNESDAY 3RD
 THURSDAY 4TH
 FRIDAY 5TH

Arts & Crafts, Athletics, Basketball, Dance, Dodgeball, Football, Invasion and Target Games, and much more!

Open to 5 - 12 year olds

8.30AM until 4.30PM

COMPETITIONS PRIZES CERTIFICATES

WEST LANCS HAF HOLIDAY - ACTIVITY - FUN 2024

ENDEAVOUR COMMUNITY
 Delivered by WEST LANCASHIRE SPORT PARTNERSHIP

To book your child's place please visit <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk> and if you have any queries please email holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org



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School Message

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.