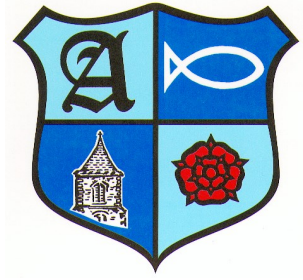




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**1st December 2023**

## Spotlight on Year 1

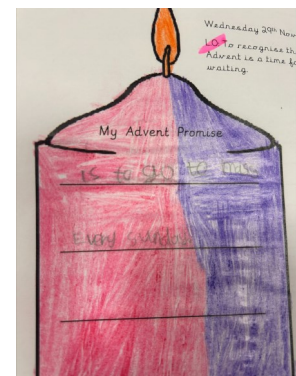
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In the Wider Curriculum we have written about the different signs of Autumn and we have learnt a little more about the United Kingdom by focusing on Scotland. In PE we have continued to practice our kicking and striking and on Thursday we finished our circus dance. In Music we have learnt about the 'texture' of the music and discussed the different layers in pieces of music. We identified when a piece of music had lots of layers; a thick texture or not many layers; a thin texture.



In Religion we have continued our theme of 'Waiting'. The children have made their Advent promises and have learnt all about the Advent wreaths. We have also gotten into the festive spirit and decorated our Classrooms for Christmas.





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## Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

As we begin the new Liturgical Year at the start of Advent, our thoughts turn to preparing for the celebration of Christmas. 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 3rd December - First Sunday of Advent.*

*Thursday 7th December - CAFOD World Gifts' Day assembly (children can contribute 50p to wear a Christmas jumper).*

*Thursday 7th December - Reception Christmas Nativity (2 pm).*

*Friday 8th December - Reception Christmas Nativity (2 pm).*

As a school family, we send our best wishes to Mrs Preston as she begins her secondment as Acting Headteacher at St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

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!

You will find a short video on the school website <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/> titled 'Life at St Anne's'. We hope you like this insight into school life.

### 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. 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** The children have been very busy this week learning 'The story of Christmas', they have worked very hard learning all the key words and the actions to our story. The children have also been dressing up in Nativity costumes and pretending to be in the story. In RE the children have shared their experiences of having a new baby in their houses, and how they "celebrated the new baby". In Maths the children have been using lollipop sticks to create stables following different designs and identifying any shapes that they can see. It was lovely to see so many Parents/Carers attend our Parent Chats this week, we enjoyed celebrating your child's achievements with you. Star of the Week: Archie H Mission Statement: Mollie Q

**Reception** This week in Reception we have been learning about Advent and the meaning of the Advent wreath. We learned that the candles represent Hope, Love, Joy, Peace and Christ. The children have had a wonderful time creating their own Advent wreaths. We have been busy preparing for our upcoming Nativity play and the children can't wait to perform it next week. In Literacy we have been reading Little Red Riding Hood and we used our phonic skills to create a shopping list for her. In Maths this week we have been leaning about rectangles and squares. The children went on a shape hunt to find these shapes in our class.

### **Year 1** See Spotlight

**Year 2** This week in Year 1 we have been very busy writing our formal letters to King Charles. We have asked him lots of questions and invited him to come visit our school. We have used our best handwriting fit for a king! In Math's we have been looking at 2D shapes. We have identified each shape and talked about some of their properties. We also created patterns with shapes at the end of the week. In the Wider Curriculum we have written about the different signs of Autumn and we have learnt a little more about the United Kingdom by focusing on Scotland. In PE we have continued to practice our kicking and striking and on Thursday we finished our circus dance. In Music we have learnt about the 'texture' of the music and discussed the different layers in pieces of music. We identified when a piece of music had lots of layers; a thick texture or not many layers ; a thin texture. In Religion we have continued our theme of 'Waiting'. The children have made their Advent promises and have learnt all about the Advent wreaths. We have also gotten into the festive spirit and decorated our Classrooms for Christmas.

**Year 3** The Year 3 children have been enjoying learning about the topic of 'Light' in Science and conducting experiments to develop their understanding further. They have been looking at the 8 points of a compass and looking at maps to consolidate their understanding. We have begun the English Topic of 'Superhero Comics' and have been enjoying sharing their knowledge of Superheroes.

**Year 4** This week, Year 4 have been creating wonderful piece of artwork for the Christmas display acknowledging that Jesus is a gift to us. The children have been writing their own version of the story of Journey to Jo'burg. During the swimming sessions, the focus was accessing how far the children could swim unaided.

**Year 5** We have been trying to draw our topics to an end so next week we can start rehearsing for our Year 5 Christmas Carol Service. We were astounded at the Mongol sacking of Baghdad and the tragic loss of life and learning. In Science we have looked at separating mixtures through sieving and filtering, whilst in Maths we have tackled the thorny issue of telling the time on analogue and digital clocks. Oh that all children would wear a watch!

**Year 6** We have been trying to draw our topics to an end so next week we can start rehearsing for our Year 5 Christmas Carol Service. We were astounded at the Mongol sacking of Baghdad and the tragic loss of life and learning. In Science we have looked at separating mixtures through sieving and filtering, whilst in Maths we have tackled the thorny issue of telling the time on analogue and digital clocks. Oh that all children would wear a watch!



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# Our Award Winners!

## Star of the Week

Dillon F  
Ruby P  
Hugo D  
Samuel H  
Evelyn S  
Summer B  
Sienna M  
Paddy N  
Isla O  
Sasha C  
Esme C  
Amelia Mc  
Oscar A  
Sophie F

## Mission Statement

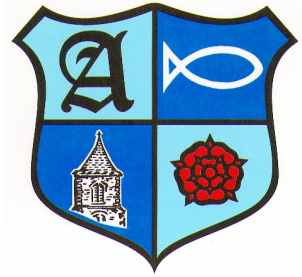
Sienna TS  
Ivy Q  
Tom W  
Parker D  
Fletcher A  
Max S  
Joe D  
John G  
Harry H  
Eliza M  
Sadie C  
Elaina N  
Emelia A  
Eve S

## Attendance for Week Ending 24/11/2023

	Class	No Pupils	% Attendance	Sessions Missed	Rank
Class 6 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1	Class 1	22	91.80%	18	3
	Class 2	23	90.90%	21	4
	Class 3	24	93.30%	16	2
	Class 4	24	90.00%	25	5
	Class 5	26	89.60%	27	6
	Class 6	26	95.80%	11	1
Class 8 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2	Class 7	22	89.50%	23	8
	Class 8	24	96.70%	8	1
	Class 9	32	94.50%	12	3
	Class 10	31	95.80%	17	2
	Class 11	24	93.30%	10	5
	Class 12	24	91.90%	16	7
	Class 13	31	93.00%	25	6
	Class 14	30	93.90%	21	4



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**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**

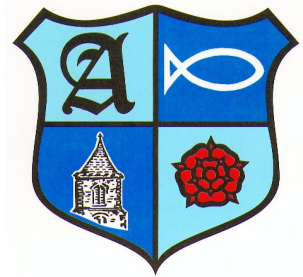
The Bulletin is available on the Church website: [stannes-ormskirk.org.uk](http://stannes-ormskirk.org.uk)

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





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**PTA NEWS.**

**Christmas Raffle**

Thank you those who took part in the Christmas Advent calendar raffle. The Advent calendar prizes were provided by the PTA and the School Council helped to organise raffle ticket sales. The draw took place in Mrs Elwill's classroom and the winners have been told and have received their prizes!!

Collectively we have raised over £500! THANK YOU! The School Council are deciding on what they would like to buy with the proceeds.

**Christmas Jumper**

Thank you for your donations of Christmas jumpers - we hope that you manage to find a pre-loved Christmas from our jumper sale to love this season!

**Breakfast with Santa**

Tickets will go on sale next week - please keep a look out for our flyers with details of the event.

BWS Dates are:

Tue 19th Dec - EYFS & KS1

Wed 20th Dec - KS2



Our PTA elves have been busy wrapping the gifts for breakfast with Santa!



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# Christmas Carol Concert

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**6:30-7:30pm**

Ormskirk Community Choir would like to invite all parishioners, their family and friends to an **informal carol concert in church** followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.

We will be singing a medley of traditional carols and modern festive favourites with plenty of opportunity for you to join in!

Please do join us to welcome in the festive season. Donations towards church funds welcome on the night.

We look forward to seeing you!







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**Ormskirk Library**  
**The Big and Little Train Show**

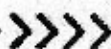
Model Railway Layouts from the  
Chorley & District Model Railway Club.

Free event, no booking required.

Everyone welcome.

**Saturday 2 December**  
**10.00am - 2.30pm**

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