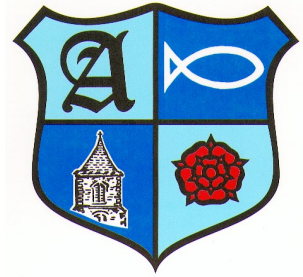




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21st April 2023

Spotlight on Year 3

What a busy week back we have had this week! The children have worked so hard and really enjoyed exploring the "We are Scientists" theme for this half term. The children have started to learn about different forces and the effect forces have on our day to day life.

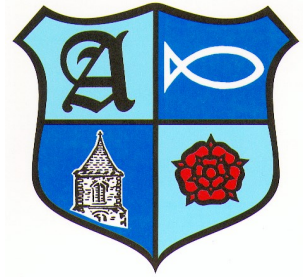
We have also started to dive into the past to study the Stone Age, learning about how Stone Age people built their homes and gathered their food.

Both classes enjoyed their tennis lessons over at Ormskirk Tennis Club and swimming lessons at Park Pool, always showing how we can be wonderful ambassadors representing our school – thank you Year 3!





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Message from HeadTeacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

Congratulations to our sporting superstars who represented the school exceptionally well in the Year 6 boys football competition yesterday. Mr Knowles praised the children's superb sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the competition. We are all very proud of you. Thanks to all the parents who helped with transport. Without your help, the children would not have been able to participate.

King's Coronation celebration – Mr Batchelor, who is our history subject leader, is working hard with all teachers to finalise plans for our school. We will communicate more information once our plans have been finalised.

NEU strike action - Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May

Once again, I thank all our teachers who have communicated to me prior to the planned industrial action their position. This enables me to communicate with all our families in a timely manner helping you to make the necessary plans should classes not be open on these days.

At this point in time, I can confirm that all classes will be open with all children expected to be in school.

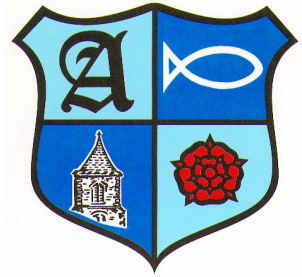
Wishing all our families a lovely weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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[Curriculum News](#)

Nursery In Nursery we have been exploring 'What is Spring?', the children have been sharing their knowledge when looking at images. We went on a 'Spring Scavenger Hunt' around the grounds, the children were challenged to find different natural objects, for example something yellow, something bumpy etc. The children worked fantastically in teams and created their own 'treasure boards' which are displayed in Nursery. Star of the Week; Freddie S for being a fantastic explorer mission Statement: Mateo C for being such a good friend.

Reception

This week in Reception we started our new theme 'We are Scientists' and have kicked it off with our new topic space! We have focused on the story 'Astro Girl' and discussed what is required to become an astronaut. We then wrote our own astronaut applications! We have also been learning all about the different planets in our solar system. In art we have looked at the artist Gaudí and collaged our own mosaicked animals. We have also begun our new Re theme 'Good News' and have shared some of our own good news.

Year 1 We have had a brilliant first week back in Year 1. We started the week with our new English theme 'Classic Stories'. The children came into the classroom to find different objects left which related to our new story 'Supertato'. We have thought about the characters thoughts and feelings. This week in maths we have been busy counting 2's, 5's and 10's.

Year 2 We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Year 2 children and families back to school for an exciting Summer Term. The curriculum for this half term is based on the theme 'We are Scientists'. The children began the week by studying plants and the conditions that they need for survival. They have planted some sunflower seeds and are going to observe their growth over the coming weeks. It's not just sunflowers that are growing in Year 2 - the children have also been reading their new class novel 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons!!!' They have designed their own weird and wonderful dragons, and listened carefully to the text to predict the appearance of the plant. They even received a Tweet from the author - Andy Shepherd - who loved their work! Maths has been all about fractions this week. The children have been exploring unit and non-unit fractions, as well as investigating the fact that one half is equivalent to two quarters!! Fantastic fractions work!

In Music, the children have started a unit of work linked to stories of myths and legends. This week they have learned about the legend of St George (great timing!!) and used key words from the story to help them create musical structures. There were some great performances!

If you are looking for some ideas for summer games, the children are working on catching, kicking and striking in PE. They have been trying to beat their record for 'catching by numbers' and have had great fun playing 'Piggy in the Middle!'

Year 3 See Spotlight

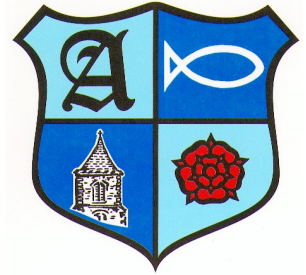
Year 4 We have made a fantastic start to the Summer Term. In PE we began our tennis sessions, practising our overarm and then we had a great Dance lesson too. We have enjoyed reading our new English text 'Egyptian Cinderella' and making comparisons with the traditional Cinderella story. In Geography we have used the atlases to locate the River Nile and track its journey through many countries in Africa.

Year 5 have started their new PE areas with great enthusiasm. In Athletics we have been looking at skills needed for sprinting, including starting positions and the importance of using their arms when running. While in Dance they have begun sessions related to the Olympics, focusing on Synchronized Swimming, and using this to influence their dance routines.

Year 6 A week of new beginnings for Year 6. A new Science topic of electricity as well as beginning to look at the Lake District in Geography. A little taster for later in the half term and Tower Wood! The children have come back after Easter with a wonderful attitude to their learning and a determined focus for an important few weeks ahead.



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Our Award Winners!

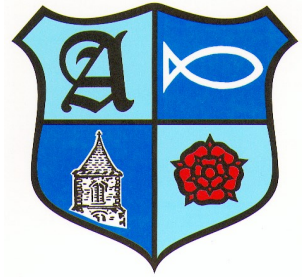
Star of the Week

Mission State- ment

Joni M	Freddie D
Grace B	William F
Evan C	Elaina N
Sienna L	Shone S
Paden G	Francis M
Louisagrace MC	Sadie C
Ethan M	Sam D
Cohen Mc	Noah S
Harry N	Louie C
Hugo D	Olivia B & Grace G
Jayden L	Jake C
Corie C	Daisy F
Lucy M	Daisy B-G
Mora F	Harrison G



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St Anne's Toddler Group

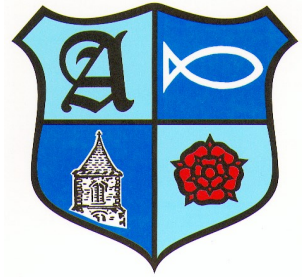
St Anne's Toddler Group meets every Thursday morning during term time. It is open to all families and it is a great opportunity to meet new people whilst your children play. Each week there is a different activity including Creation Station, a local craft activity company, offering lots of different 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.



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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.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(18 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(28 May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(4 June)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD

(11 June)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(16 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

SCHOOL CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE Y4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

(7 July)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUMMER TERM 2023

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

PENTECOST—SERVING

(17th April -12th May)

Early Years **GOOD NEWS** - Passing on the Good News of Jesus

Year 1 **HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS** - Pentecost:
feast of the Holy Spirit

Year 2 **SPREAD THE WORD** - Pentecost: a time to
spread the Good News

Year 3 **ENERGY** - Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Year 4 **NEW LIFE** - To hear and live the Easter mes-
sage

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.

Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

ISLAM (15th May – 26th May)

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

(5th June – 22nd June)

Early Years **FRIENDS** - Friends of Jesus

Year 1 **BEING SORRY** - God helps us choose well

Year 2 **RULES** - Reasons for rules in the Christian
family

Year 3 **CHOICES** - Importance of examination of
conscience

Year 4 **BUILDING BRIDGES** - Admitting wrong,
being reconciled with God and each other

Year 5 **FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY** - Com-
mandments enable Christians to be free & respon-
sible

Year 6 **HEALING** - Sacrament of the Sick

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.

Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

(26th June – 19th July)

Early Years OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world

Year 1 NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world

Year 2 TREASURES - God's treasure; the world

Year 3 SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community

Year 4 GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like

Year 5 STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation

Year 6 COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.

Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.