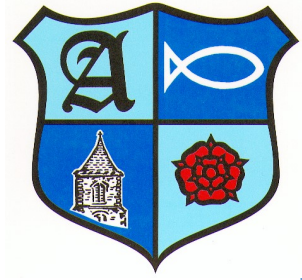




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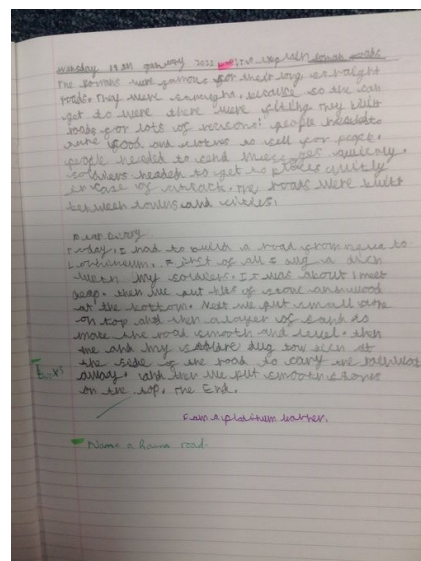
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Spotlight on Year 3

We've had another busy but great week in Year 3!
We've been working hard on our 'We Are Explorers' topic focusing on the Romans. We've learnt all about Roman Numerals, the Roman army and are really looking forward to creating our own version of Mount Vesuvius and Roman shields.



Our chronological reports are coming together, full of information and interesting facts ready to be completed next week. We've continued looking at the church's journey through the year in RE and enjoyed our STEM challenges, which have certainly got us thinking.



We're excited for Monday's 'Rock Star' day and are confident Year 3 are going to be challenging for the top spot in the whole school competition - bring it on!



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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

Covid update

As Covid regulations begin to change, we continue with our sensible approach to managing school life. I will continue to inform families as and when needed if classes or year groups reach certain levels of infection. I feel a calm approach is the best approach as we move through this period of time. Hopefully, over the next few weeks we will be able to consider reintroducing whole school assemblies and remove the current year group bubbles at dinnertime.

You will have noticed that we have numerous contractors on site as the planned building works continue. Currently, the perimeter fence is being upgraded. New gates for pedestrian and vehicular access will shortly be installed completing this much needed improvement to our school grounds. The old barrier on the driveway will be removed and replaced with new automated gates. The gates will be timed to enable parental access to breakfast and after school clubs as we currently have. As we would expect, our children continue to be extremely sensible when walking to and from school and also when moving to and from the playgrounds. Please continue to discuss with your children the importance of safety when crossing busy roads.

I will continue to inform families as the term progresses regarding future building projects.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery In Nursery this week we have been reading the story 'Ten Little Lights', the story has initiated discussions about Winter Weather and lots of number recognition and counting activities which the children have really enjoyed. The children have been exploring the School environment looking for different shapes, some have recreated the shapes using lolly sticks which they were very proud of, whilst others have been matching and sorting shapes.
Stars of the Week : Jack C, Noah E, William Mc

Reception This week Brunel went to Africa. We learnt about how different people in Africa live, the weather and key features and facts about Africa. On Tuesday we introduced the story Handa's Surprise and tried to sequence the story. We had a good go at remembering which animal took each fruit. By the end of the week, we explored the different fruits and described how they felt and looked using adjectives. We finished the week by creating our own smoothies using different healthy fruits like the ones Handa had.

Year 1 This week in year 1 the children have started our new English theme 'Traditional Tales'. We have started to read 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' inline with our fantastic performance that we are working on and can't wait for you all to see. The children have wrote about the plot, the main characters and what they like and dislike about the story. We have worked hard in maths to practise counting in 2's and 5's.

Year 2 This week we have continued working with money - choosing different coins to make the same amount. In English we have been innovating our own versions of 'The Pirate Cruncher' story. We cannot wait for you to read our exciting pirate adventures! In Science we have been continuing with our amazing STEM investigations. We have been observing whether objects float or sink better in clear water or salty water. Earlier in the week we visited the school library to explore how many different types of books there are.

Year 3 Please see this week's spotlight.

Year 4 We have been learning all about angles and 2D shapes. They have found out about the different types of angles including acute, right angle and obtuse and have also explored the different properties of 2D shapes.

Year 5 Year 5 have loved the opportunity to go into the Computer Suit on a number of occasions this week, demonstrating their wonderful skills in Computing. There have also been a number of children given computing roles in Year 5, some training as Digital Leaders and others taking on the responsibility of looking after the iPads in the KS1 and the KS2 buildings.

Year 6 In Science we have been experimenting with reflection and enjoyed discussing the subject together.



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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Mission Statement

Olivia B	Hannah M
Madeleine S	Florence G
Lilian C	Max S
Archie S	Zachary Mc
Hayla D	Grace P
Oliver J	Lily L
Daniel P	Harriet T
Dominic B	Max G
Ben Mc	Zach M
Harriet M	Myles P
Charlie O	Lenny A
Francis M	Avary B
Jude C	Mia H
Annie T	Orlaith OD



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PTA News

How do I fundraise online? It's simple...EasyFundraising!



It's simple, once registered, whenever you shop online just go through the EasyFundraising website first and find the company your ordering from, this will automatically redirect you to carry on shopping as normal.

Easyfundraising then returns a percentage of the value back to the PTA – at no cost to the user, school or PTA...win win!

One parent went through the EasyFundraising website to book a holiday (2% return), another used it for a DIY project (3% return), the weekly shop (1%). Every purchase no matter how large or small will support our cause.

So far we have raised over **£350** just by users adding that extra click! Please give it a go!

Register below to support our efforts in raising funds for our school – **THANK YOU!**

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

Anyone can register to raise funds. Promote its use to your family and friends!

PTA Members and Meetings

Welcome to our new members to the PTA and the school community. It is always lovely to see new faces with great ideas ready to support our children's time at St Annes.

Did you know if you are a parent or guardian of a child attending St Anne's you are automatically a member of our PTA?

The main function of the PTA is to support the school by raising funds to enhance and enrich our children's school experience. The PTA is run by volunteers; and we are always looking for more support! Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time – could you come to a meeting? Help set up an event? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could use to help us out?

The more support we have the more we can achieve for all of our children. Please consider attending the next meeting to find out more. The next PTA meeting is **Friday 25th February at 9am in the Parish Centre Lounge.**

PTA Social Media Platforms

A lot of PTA reminders can be found on the social media platforms:

Twitter: **@stannesptaorms1**

Facebook: PTA St Anne's Catholic School Ormskirk

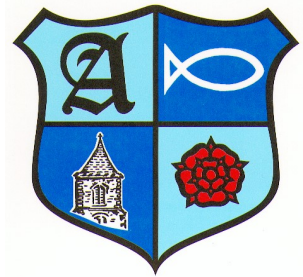
Facebook (Uniform spares): St. Anne's, Ormskirk PTA, Uniform Spares

Instagram: st_annes_pta

Thank you for your on-going support , St Anne's PTA



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Key Messages

Covid19

Dr Karunanithi, who is Lancashire's Director of Public Health, has issued guidance for schools when managing Covid. Control measures that schools are to continue which are:

Good hygiene for everyone

Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes

Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing positive cases

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.