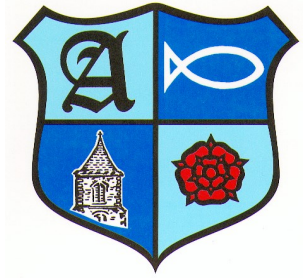




St. Anne's
Catholic Primary School
Newsletter



22nd November 2024



St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Spotlight on Year 5
If you can dream it, you can do it!

Building our future!

We are only four weeks from the end of term and Year 5 are in the thick of learning. Our topics have enthralled us, entertained us and inspired us!

In English we have been studying biographies and next we will move onto poetry – we are finding out what haiku, cinquains and tankas are. We have been writing biographies using formal language and different sentence structures – we have looked at a range of saints and even our house named people.

In Maths we have recently finished creating equivalent fractions and we have learnt how to add and subtract them. Next we move on to telling the time in analogue and digital times and we will even look at how to read bus/train timetables.

In History we have studied the Golden Age Of Islam centred around Baghdad (aka The Round City). We were fascinated by the advances made in Science, Maths and Medicine in the House Of Wisdom, which was the seat of learning in the ancient world at the time. Sadly, it came to an end in horrific circumstances, when the Mongol hordes slaughtered over 1 million people and threw the books into the River Tigris – it is said there were so many books in the river that

it turned black and Mongol horse-archers could ride across them as if they were a bridge.

In PE we have been developing our balances – we have learnt the difference between a matched and a mirror balance, a counter balance and a counter tension and a weight-bearing balance and a part weight-bearing balance.

In Science we have been learning all about materials and their changing states. We have learnt how some solids dissolve into a liquid to create a solution and some solids do not dissolve in a liquid, so a mixture is made. Recently, we watched irreversible changes occur when we mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda together (and we tried coke and sugar). A chemical change occurred and carbon dioxide was given off. Interesting stuff!

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 to perform music on a glockenspiel, especially jazz and blues.

Best of all, we love learning French,

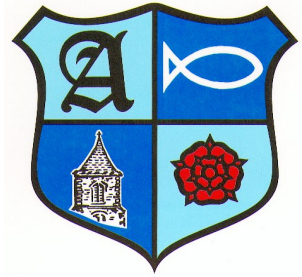
speaking it and singing songs – we can buy things in French at a café and we are also learning how to say what we like and don't like.

In RE we have been looking at making commitments, so we have looked at marriage and what to look for in a marriage partner. More recently, we have begun working hard on our Carol Service, which is due to take place in December (St Anne's Church). Please come along to celebrate this festive time of the year – it will be a great way of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.





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Message from Acting Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

As we approach the final week of our Liturgical Year, our thoughts are quickly moving towards celebrating the season of Advent. Each Monday morning, the whole school will celebrate the Gospel Message as we prepare for Christmas.

Super sports people this week – Well done to the children in KS1 who attended an indoor athletics event this week at St. Bede's. Thanks to Miss Rutter and Miss Oates for managing and supporting this event. As we would expect when representing St Anne's, the children were excellent we are really proud of them.

The children in KS2 have taken part this week in an Author Virtual Visit organised through the BookTrust. The author in question was Frank Cottrell-Boyce, the current Children's Laureate, this was such an inspirational and motivating question/answer session – well worth a watch. We were also really fortunate to have four questions submitted by our children read out and answered.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce will also be coming to Waterstones in Ormskirk on 7th December for a book signing.

Every year Ormskirk Parish Church hosts a Christmas Tree Festival for 26 days celebrating Advent. This year St. Anne's have been invited to take part. We see this as a wonderful opportunity to give something back to the local community and a joining together in faith with other churches. We have decided that our theme will be linked to Prophecy and Promise, the children will make an Advent promise which will be used to decorate our tree. The festival starts on Wednesday 27th November and families are welcome to visit the church and see the wonderful celebration. We will also have three Christmas trees in school so the decorations not chosen for the church will be placed on these trees.

Parents' Evening – Monday 25th and Thursday 28th.

Parents will have booked their 10-minute appointment online.

KS2 - please access your child's classroom via their class external blue fire door.

Reception (EYFS) - please enter at the front of the Infant KS1 building through Miss Whiteside's class.

Year 2 – please enter through the KS1 (Infant) hall at the rear of the building.

Year 1 – please enter through Miss Rutter's class where you drop-up and pick-up from.

The school bell will ring every 10 minutes to keep everyone on time. School reports will be shared during your meetings.

Please remember that there will be no parking on site.

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>

Hope everyone has a lovely weekend,

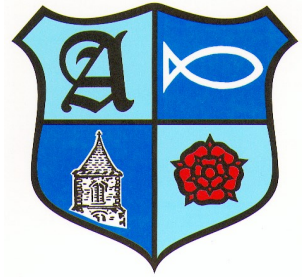
Ms Cleary
(Acting Headteacher)

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 The children have been exploring Space this week, we have been talking about all the different planets and have created our own Galaxy on the windows. We have looked at how you can travel to Space and the children have been busy making junk model rockets, and have had some great ideas about what they would take to Space with them! "Cheese on toast", "Toys, brush and bows" are but a few. We had fun doing a Science experiment to make craters just like on the moon!

Star of the week: Felix B **Mission Statement:** Maggie P

Reception In Reception this week we have been designing our own superheroes and thinking about what special powers they might have. In maths we have been learning about numbers 4 and 5 and learning to subitise! In computing we have been learning about following instructions. We had to use our listening ears very carefully.

Year 1 This week we started our new English genre, letters. We have identified the features of a letter and the content in preparation of writing our own. In maths we have looked at 2D and 3D shapes. In RE we heard about the Birth of Jesus and visit of the Shepherd's.

Year 2 In year two the children have been learning about The Three Little Wolves And The Big Bad Pig. The children have been collecting verbs and phrases from the story to use in their sentences. In maths the children have been looking at solving number problems, addition and subtraction. Both classes have been working extremely hard.

Year 3 The Year 3 children have been thinking about how we are going to prepare for Advent and have made pledges to do over Advent. The children have also been creating their own version of a fable, after exploring a range of fables over the last few weeks

Year 4 Year 4 have been working hard this week on multiplication strategies. In English the children have written some fantastic versions of the 'The Sorting Ceremony' from Harry Potter, using fronted adverbials, speech and complex sentences. In Science, we have been writing about the journey of food through the digestive system.

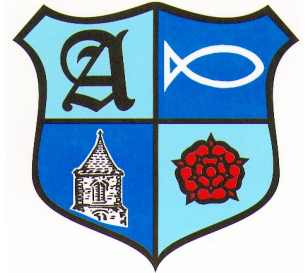
Year 5 **See Spotlight**

Year 6 This week we have loved learning about the Children's Laureate, Frank Cottrell Boyce in English. We learnt all about him and his new role, as well creating questions to ask him. This culminated in us joining him for a live video chat on Thursday where he answered 4 of the questions our school had sent in! We have also been learning about what makes a healthy snack and starting to design our own spring roll.





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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week

Robin McC
 Joe D
 Charlotte M
 Corie C
 Oliver L
 Derry F
 Alfie M
 Sam S
 Jarick J
 Charlie J
 Daisy R
 Sadie C
 Sophia A
 Heidi F

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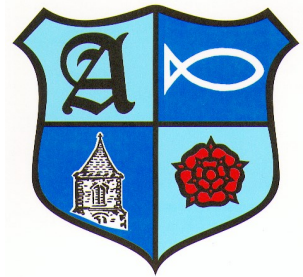
Mason R
 Thomas H
 Maddox C
 Sienna U
 Phoebe C
 Theodore VB
 Oliver G
 Noah W
 Joseph MW
 Ellie-Mae S
 Emilia L
 Karter C
 Sam H
 Silvie C

Attendance for Week Ending 15/11/2024

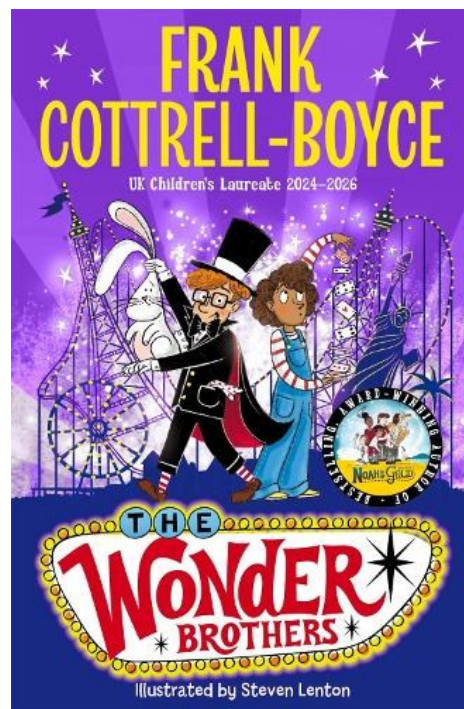
	Class	No Pupils	% Attendance	Sessions Missed	Rank
Class 5 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1	Class 1	28	92.10%	3	5
	Class 2	29	91.70%	11	6
	Class 3	23	94.80%	4	4
	Class 4	23	99.10%	19	2
	Class 5	26	99.20%	20	1
	Class 6	25	95.60%	11	3
	Class 8 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2	Class 7	26	93.10%	6
Class 8		26	98.00%	0	1
Class 9		23	94.80%	2	5
Class 10		24	97.90%	4	2
Class 11		32	96.60%	8	3
Class 12		32	93.40%	22	7
Class 13		25	94.40%	8	6
Class 14		25	94.90%	8	4



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Thank you all so much for your generous donations during last Friday's own clothes day - we managed to raise a massive £445 to help ensure a more secure future for baby hospice Zoe's Place!



Waterstones are delighted to welcome bestselling beloved children's author Frank Cottrell-Boyce who will be with us in-store to sign his latest book

The Wonder Boys

We will also have available a selection of some of Frank's other fabulous books.

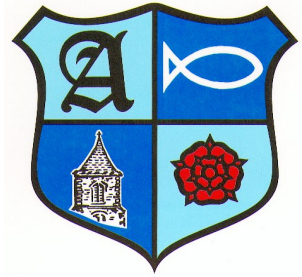
Pick one up and ask Frank to sign a dedication to you or a gift for Christmas.

No ticket required, pop in and say hello.

7th December from 15:00



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School Message

Dear St Anne's

The public consultation on the future of Nye Bevan Pool and Park Pool is now open and we invite you to share your opinions and thoughts about the facilities on the Council's online consultation portal [Your Voice West Lancashire](#).

The Council are reviewing the future of both centers which are heavily subsidized to keep them operational. Options open to the Council include closing the existing facilities and revisiting existing plans for the two new Hubs to incorporate above ground swimming pools that are more sustainable and economically viable.

There has been no final decision made on the closure of the leisure centers. After the consultation there will be a full review, and then further proposals will be taken to Council for a final decision to be made.

To have your say on the potential closure of the leisure facilities please [complete the survey here](#). The consultation will close on 4 December 2024.

Kind regards,

Customer Engagement Team

Paul

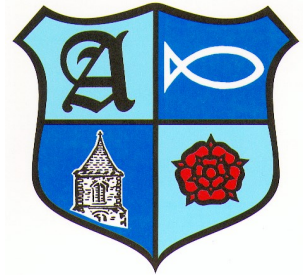
Paul Rennie

Senior Duty Manager

Nye Bevan Pool



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 **TARLETON ACADEMY**
 **ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

£22.50
 per day

COMPETITIONS
PRIZES
 CERTIFICATES

ENDEAVOUR HOLIDAY CAMP
DEC/JAN
MON 23RD DEC
THURS 2ND JAN*
FRI 3RD JAN
 Arts & Crafts, Athletics, Basketball, Dance, Dodgeball, Football, Invasion and Target Games, and much more!

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 year olds

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 until
4.30PM

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