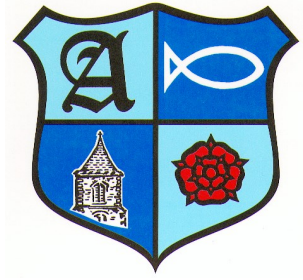




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23rd February 2024

Spotlight on Year

Year 3 have had a wonderful start to the new half term. In English, they have been performing poems in small groups, showing their ability to use their amazing performing skills through action and expression, all aspects we are looking for as we begin our preparations for the Year 3 Easter Reflection to be performing during Holy Week.



In PE, the children continue to do their 'Health and Fitness' sessions with the WLSP coach, which links extremely well to our focus in Science regarding animal skeletons and muscles. With their class teachers, they have begun Athletics lessons, with great enjoyment for using the hurdles as a new skill.





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## Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

I hope all our families had a wonderful half-term break. Looking ahead to this half-term, children will be learning through the topic heading 'Animal Kingdom'. Please click on the following hyperlink <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/whole-school-curriculum> to access the knowledge organisers for this half-term.

Congratulations to all the super swimmers from Year 5 and Year 6 who competed at the swimming gala this week. All the children swam really well and supported each other brilliantly. Thanks to all the parents who provided transport and also to Miss Disley for organising this opportunity.

Reminder – We have several children in school with severe nut allergies. There can be no raw nuts or nut products brought into school. Please check snacks and packed lunches carefully.

Parents' Evening – Parents' evening will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Reception Class parents evening will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Further information will follow.

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!



Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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## Curriculum News

**Nursery** The 'Sparkling Stars' have been focussing on the book 'Zoo vet' this week, we have been looking at the important job that a vet has and have been discussing what we think animals need to keep them happy and healthy. The children have shared their views and have listened to those of their peers. The story also focusses on the sequence of the days of the week.

The children have begun to draw their favourite animals, lots of detail and care has been taken to produce some wonderful pictures. We have also been exploring Aboriginal style Art, the children have learnt that dot painting is from Australia and have created their own Aboriginal Paintings. The 'Giggle Tots' have been focussing on the story 'Dear Zoo', looking at the different animals, beginning to use math language to describe them. They have also been engaging in lots of activities to encourage listening and sharing.

**Star of the Week:** Florence M **Mission Statement:** Zach McQ and Jonah O

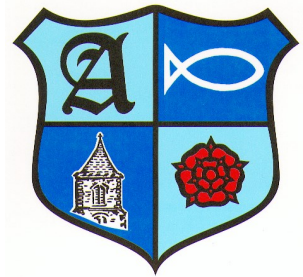
**Reception** What a fabulous week in Reception! We have been learning to write instructions for making porridge for Goldilocks. In maths we have been learning about length and height, we have had a focus on the vocabulary 'longest' 'shortest' and 'tallest'. We have designed a new chair for Baby Bear, we thought about the materials we would like to use. In RE we have been learning about how we can love our neighbour. Our new sounds in phonics this week and or, ur, ow and oi.

**Year 1** We have begun a new term and so with this we have introduced our new theme, 'Animal Kingdom'. We have discussed what we already know about animals, and we came up with some brilliant questions of what we want to find out about animals during this half term. In English we have introduced Fantasy Stories. We looked at the story No- Bot and made predictions. We have used inference to answer questions based on a character and story and we have also described a robot using adjectives in preparation for creating wanted Posters for the Big Bad Robot. In Math's we have continued to learn about length and height and we introduced the concept of measurement. We have been measuring the length and height of objects using Centimetres with rulers. In Religion we began our topic on 'Meals'. We have discussed our special meals and what makes a meal special.

**Year 2** It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the half term break and they have had a busy week of learning with our new theme: 'Animal Kingdom'. We have been reading 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and writing about Plops feelings, thoughts and ideas about the night. In science, we worked outside on a 'mini' safari, finding insects and 'micro' habitats, then back in the classroom the children collated their research into a report. In maths, the children have been revisiting the 2x, 5x and 10x tables and using their knowledge to work out word problems.'



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## Curriculum News

### **Year 3**     See Spotlight

**Year 4**     What a fantastic start to Spring 2- there have been lots of fun and exciting things happening in Year 4. In English we have all worked hard on putting together our newspaper reports about Matthew Henson, thinking carefully about the vocabulary we use and including some eye-witness statements. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions and in Science we have continued our Living things and their habitats unit of work. In PE we have begun gymnastics and hockey. In addition to our weekly music lessons with Miss Martin we are all now learning how to play the keyboard too!

**Year 5**     Year 5 have started exploring the Amazon Rainforest - we have been astonished at the 4 layers of habitats in the one biome and the different flora and fauna that live there. We have located the rainforests of the world on a map and seen that they are always near the Equator. In English we have been discovering literature from other cultures and in Maths we have looked at how tenths, hundredths and thousandths can be recorded as fractions and decimals.

**Year 6**     Year 6 have been back at the hard work after half term! New topics this week have included, Pop Art in Music, the battle for Edward the Confessor's throne in History and the novel Dancing Bear in English. The children also enjoyed their tennis session on Monday and the West Lancs session on Friday. Well done to our swimmers in Year 6 who competed in the West Lancashire swimming gala on Wednesday night, we're very proud, as always.





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# Our Award Winners!

## Star of the Week

Rafferty S  
Oscar W  
Melia C  
Theo M  
Lara C  
Bella G  
Emilie H  
Jack S  
Wendy F  
George O'B  
Isaac M  
Louie C  
Paddy N  
Daisy BG

## Mission Statement

Sienna TS  
Ruby T  
Mateo CC  
Sophie A  
Seb V  
John G  
Oliver H  
Harrison S  
Damian B  
Leyton B  
Mollie C  
Henry B  
Primrose Mc  
Rafael G

## Attendance for Week Ending 09/02/2024

	Class	No Pupils	% Attendance	Sessions Missed	Rank
<b>Class 4 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1</b>	Class 1	22	89.80%	18	5
	Class 2	23	82.60%	32	6
	Class 3	24	93.20%	13	4
	Class 4	24	98.00%	4	1
	Class 5	26	97.60%	5	2
	Class 6	26	97.10%	6	3
<b>Class 13 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2</b>	Class 7	22	95.70%	8	3
	Class 8	24	92.90%	13	7
	Class 9	32	94.50%	14	5
	Class 10	31	96.40%	9	2
	Class 11	24	95.30%	9	4
	Class 12	24	88.00%	23	8
	Class 13	31	97.60%	6	1
	Class 14	30	94.20%	14	6





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**School Message**

**School Cleaning Vacancies**

We have vacancies within our cleaning team.  
Hours -4-6.30pm Monday to Friday (part time considered)  
Enquires to Mrs Oates, Business Manager through the  
school office or email :-  
[businessmanager@st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:businessmanager@st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk)



**St Annes's Eco Warriors** are raising money for our school's recycling scheme. The fundraiser will be 'Pyjama Day'.



On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, all children can come to school in their pyjamas (PE kits must be worn under them.) A donation of £1 would be greatly appreciated. Children can wear trainers or school shoes and if they want to, they can bring their slippers to wear in the classroom. Please put your child's name in their slippers.

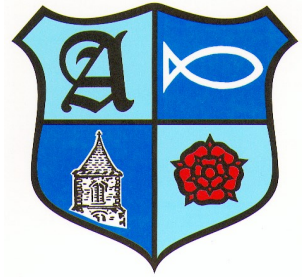
**Break Time Snack for all year groups**

A reminder that children are encouraged to bring in a break time snack of fruit or cereal bar, nothing else please, and to remember there should be NO NUTS in the ingredients. Thank you





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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](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 Dates For Your Diary

☐ **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February** : Book swap donations - please bring these to your child's classroom

📅 **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** : PTA Meeting - come along after school drop off we usually start around 9am, St Annes Staff Room - as always ALL WELCOME

📅 **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** : Book Swap Event - please bring your £1 donation in exchange for a new to you, pre-loved book!

📅 **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** : We would welcome donations of drinks, chocolate, vouchers and gifts for our bingo & raffle prizes

📅 **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** : PTA Event Easter Family Bingo Evening. Door open 6pm... tickets on sale soon!!

Thanks for your on-going support.  
St Anne's PTA Volunteers



### PTA Event Book Swap 2024

To celebrate World Book Day the Pre-Loved (and much loved) Book Swap is back!

We hope all children, from Nursery to Year 6, will help us celebrate again this year.

This lovely event aims to promote the love of reading for our children as well as highlight the importance of environmental sustainability by swapping our pre-loved books. In addition, the event will support our ongoing fundraising efforts for the benefit of all children at St Anne's.

#### **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb → Donate your books!**

**Bring in one or two pre-loved good quality books which are age appropriate for your child's year group.**

These are to be left with your teacher on arrival at school. Our PTA volunteers will carry out quality control to ensure there is enough good quality age-appropriate books for each year group.

#### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March → Book Swap Day!**

**Bring in your £1 donation.**

Today is book swap day! The children will be taken to the 'book swap studio' to choose a book new to them, giving their coin in exchange.

Thank you for your on-going support!  
St Annes PTA Volunteers







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## PTA Dates For Your Diary



### **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!**



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the Parish Centre The PTA have organised an Easter Family Bingo!

To support us in our fundraising efforts we would welcome donations from our school community and local community of drinks, chocolates, vouchers and gifts.

Children should pass donations to their class teacher on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Save the date! Get your picnic hamper packed and bring your own drinks, snacks and bin bags! We'll provide an evening of entertainment, including a DJ with the chance to win some amazing prizes at our bingo and raffle.

#### **PTA EASTER FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ St Anne's Parish Centre**

**Doors open 6pm – Eyes Down 6:30pm**

Event tickets are £5 per person which includes your bingo games for the evening

☆ *Feeling lucky?* ☆ Additional bingo books can be bought on the night! Please bring cash – and your dabbers/pens!

Due to a maximum capacity at the Parish Centre this will be a bookable and limited event. Tickets will go on sale soon via our PTA Events website– we advise booking early to avoid disappointment! We'll be sure to let you know when ticket sales open.

If you have any questions; or suggestions for prizes please get in touch with us at [stannespta@outlook.com](mailto:stannespta@outlook.com)

Thank you for your on-going support. St Annes PTA Volunteers.

**A PTA event  
the whole  
family can  
enjoy!**