



# St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Although I'm fairly sure January has lasted approximately 47 days already, I'm delighted to report that school life is very much back in full swing!

This week, it has been wonderful to see our children continuing to thrive as active learners across the school, embracing their God-given talents with curiosity, engagement, and a readiness to explore new ideas.

We have also had a particularly exciting week of enrichment opportunities, from STEM to road safety and bikeability, which all play an important role in supporting our children's independence, confidence, and wellbeing.

Our Key Stage 2 children especially, have had an exciting time this week. On Thursday and Friday, we have been thrilled to welcome Richard Negus into school. Richard runs a company called *The Cosmos Corner*, which provides school-based STEM LEGO sessions through an ambassador programme, focusing on city building, trains, rockets and space habitats. The sessions were truly inspiring. The children were absolutely amazed and, the teachers were equally impressed! The quality of the work on display was exceptional, and all staff commented on just how engaged every child was throughout the sessions. The excitement, creativity and problem-solving skills demonstrated by the children were wonderful to witness. We are very keen to work with Richard again in the future and are currently exploring opportunities for after-school clubs, so watch this space!

Even if January still feels like it's refusing to end, weeks like this help keep us engaged and focused!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Danielle Dewhurst  
Headteacher

## Mission Statement

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The Gospel according to Matthew 4: 12 - 23

Hearing that John the Baptist had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." As he was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there, he saw another pair of brothers, James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving their boat and their father, they followed him. Jesus went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Dear Lord Jesus,  
thank you for our school and parish **communities**. Please help me say 'Yes' to you, and enrich the **communities** to which I belong.

## St Anne's Church Bulletin

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



### **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**

The Jane Goodall Earth Medal shows us that being respectful means looking after all living things. It encourages tolerance by focusing on a goal that brings different cultures and beliefs together to protect our world.

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### ***Follow in the footsteps of St Anne***

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:105





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## In school this week.....

### Nursery

We have continued exploring Polar Animals and their habitats . the children enjoyed small world play navigating polar animals through various "icy" sensory materials. We focused on expanding our descriptive language to explain how the materials felt. To sharpen our listening and maths skills, we set up "a Polar animal feeding challenge". Instead of simply picking a fish, the children had to listen carefully to specific mathematical properties -such as the number of sides or corners - before "fishing" for the correct shape to feed the hungry animals. In Maths we have been focusing on subitising. This is the ability to look at as a small group and instantly know the total without counting them one by one. The children have been showing great speed and accuracy during our subitising games. During literacy we used body percussion - including claps, stomps and pats - to create sound effects and mimic the rhythm of our stories. This has made story time exciting and has helped the children develop a better sense of beat and syllabic structure.



### Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' . We ordered the story then added a label or caption for each picture. In maths we have been learning about mass and capacity. We investigated the mass of different objects and then we compared the capacity of different containers and ordered them. In RE we have been learning about Jesus welcoming the little children- we thought about how to make someone feel welcome in our classroom and we made a beautiful welcome sign.





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## Year 1

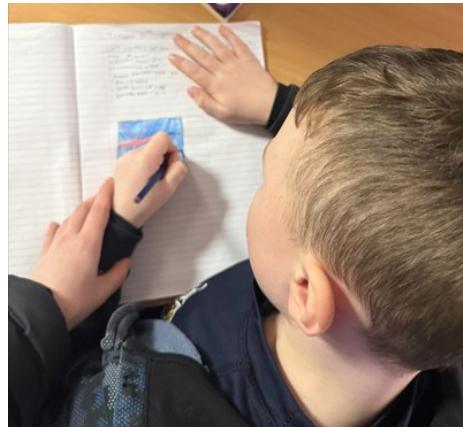
This week, we have been very busy continuing to practise our performance ready to show you all. In English, we wrote our own alternative version of Snow White, using our imagination to change characters. In Maths, we practised subtraction calculations using a number line to help us count back confidently. In History, we learned about the Great Fire of London by creating a timeline showing how the fire started and what happened as it spread. In Science, we investigated different materials and predicted which ones would absorb water.

The children enjoyed making pictures move in their computing lessons. In R.E. they decorated their own candles to gather and celebrate Candlemas.



## Year 2

In English, we continued reading *Pirate Cruncher* and began planning our own creative twists to the story, ready to write our own versions next week. In Maths, we finished our money unit, tackling the tricky skill of finding change and solving two-step money problems. In RE, we learned about how Jesus was tempted and discussed how we can also be tempted in everyday life. We explored what sin means, how we can try to avoid it, and how God forgives us. We also looked at Jesus' miracles, focusing on the story of the paralysed man. In PE, the children continued practising their Alice in Wonderland dance and developed skills such as hopping and sidestepping. Our Geography lesson focused on Australia, where we learned about its human and physical features and used our knowledge to write a fact file. In History, we explored different sources to learn about the pioneering female pilot Amy Johnson and why she is an important historical figure.





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## Year 3

In Year 3 this week the children have been incredibly busy. In English, they have written the most wonderful diary extracts. They have all been truly fascinated by the events in Pompeii. In History the children have been learning about the lasting impact on Britain from Roman invasion and how significant the changes such as central heating and sanitary systems are still in place today. In R.E the children have been focusing the miracles performed by Jesus and on the parable of 'The Seed'. The children created very dramatic freeze frames to depict different parts of the miracle and they also created wonderful pictures stain glass windows to retell a part of the story. The children also had an exciting session building Lego.



## Year 4

It was lovely to start our week with Prayer and Liturgy learning a new hymn with actions with Miss Dewhurst and Mr Knowles. We have worked hard in maths looking at length and perimeter, using measurements of metres and kilometres and converting these measurements. In English, we have been using our key information and plans to write a non-chronological report about Matthew Henson and his amazing expedition to the North Pole. For our science topic, Living things and their Habitats we have been learning about how animals are classified into vertebrates and invertebrates by looking at certain characteristics. There were some incredible designs using CAD in Computing- we look forward to developing our games next week. To end the week, we joined in with the Live Wicked Singalong for Young Voices and had a brilliant time at our STEM Lego session with Cosmos Corner- check out Instagram for the pictures!



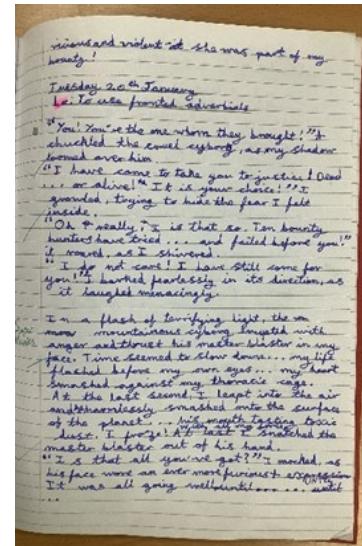


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## Year 5

It was Class 11's turn to improve their bike-handling skills outside in the cold and rain. They all did fabulously well and stayed safe. In English, we have been learning to write science fiction stories with lots of action and excitement. In Maths we were learning to divide in different ways and in Science, we were learning all about the Moon and especially the phases of the Moon. We think that one day we will have 13 months to tie in with the lunar month of 28 days (the Romans did give us two new months (July and August) 2 millennia ago!



## Year 6

The Year 6 children have continued to thrive in their PE lessons over the last week. Through their Friday sessions with West Lancs., they have been developing their basketball skills and working together in small teams. Then in yoga, they thought carefully about their night time routines alongside learning some new stretches, including one called 'toe torture!' Back in class, the children have been focusing on which objects light can travel through and how shadows are formed when an object is opaque. They have focused carefully on the characters of the Wizard of Oz and wrote a persuasive speech from the perspective of the Lion.





## OUR AWARD WINNERS



Year Group	Star of the Week	Mission Statement
Nursery	Angus B	Lawson C
Class 1	Leo B	Leo F
Class 2	Amber D	Lola LP
Class 3	Mollie Q	James L
Class 4	Jarick J	Ivy L
Class 5	Yasmin S	Ryan S
Class 6	Patrick O	Francis H
Class 7	Neave BM /Sienna M	John G
Class 8	Amelia Mc	Jacob D
Class 9	Pearl B	Ivy S
Class 10	Ezra B	Jack R
Class 11	Harvey M-P	Emy G
Class 12	Avary B	Heidi F
Class 13	Jasmine W	Jaxon R
Class 14	Nathaniel Mc	Derry F





## Attendance for Week Ending 16/01/2026

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6		
Attendance	97.60%	95.80%	99.30%	100.00%	90.80%	98.70%		
Class	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11	Class 12	Class 13	Class 14
Attendance	97.40%	99.20%	93.60%	87.60%	90.40%	95.00%	95.50%	94.30%

## Diary Dates

- Wednesday 28th January** - Reception Stay and Pray 3.10pm Infant Hall
- Thursday 29th January** - SEND Coffee Morning (9am in Staff Room)
- Monday 2nd February** - Yr 1 Hearing Screening Catch Up Session
- Friday 6th February** - Number Day — Whole School
- Friday 6th February** - Year 4 Young Voices Concert in Manchester
- Monday 9th February** - School Nursing Drop-In Session 2-3pm
- Tuesday 10th February** - Year 1 Snow White Performance 2.30pm Infant Hall
- Wednesday 11th February** - Year 1 Snow White Performance 2.30pm Infant Hall
- Wednesday 11th February** - Reception 'Imagine That' Trip
- Friday 13th February** - INSET DAY (children not in school)
- Week Beginning 16th February** - Half Term Holiday
- Monday 23rd February** - New Term Begins
- Wednesday 4th March** - Yr 1 Windmill Farm Trip
- Wednesday 22nd April** - Yr 2 Eureka Trip



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## PTA News

As we are starting a new term, we've been planning upcoming events, and would be very grateful for any \*donations of unwanted gifts\* you may have received over the festive period. These go towards prizes for fundraising efforts such as our very popular Easter Bingo, which will soon fly round .

Please drop any donations into the school office.

Thank you



And finally, joke of the week from Oliver in Year 2 ...

What key opens a banana?

A mon..key!!



Have a great weekend.



## Number Day – Friday 6th February 2026

I am delighted to inform you that **St Anne's Catholic Primary School** will be taking part in **NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February 2026**. This exciting event celebrates the importance of mathematics in everyday life and encourages our pupils to have fun with numbers while supporting a valuable charity.

Number Day is a nationwide event organised by the NSPCC to promote number confidence and raise funds for vital child protection services. We will be joining schools across the country in a range of fun, maths-themed activities throughout the day.

**Year 4 parents – As this is the same day as the Young Voices concert, the Year 4 children will not dress up.**

### **What will happen on the day?**

Pupils are invited to come to school **wearing anything with numbers** – this could be a team shirt, a number or Maths-themed outfit or something with their favourite number! (There is a lot of inspiration on google!)

During the day, classes will take part in challenging and engaging maths activities designed to boost enthusiasm and confidence with numbers.

There will be collaborative problem solving, games, puzzles and creative maths tasks integrated into lessons.

### **How you can help:**

We are asking for a **voluntary donation** of £1 per pupil to support the NSPCC's work with children and families.

The money raised will help the NSPCC be there for children when they need it most, offering vital services that protect and support young people across the UK.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day full of number activities and encouragement for all our pupils to enjoy maths in a creative and exciting way.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Williams  
Maths Lead





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## School Nursing Monthly Drop-In Session

As part of a new initiative, the school nursing team will be visiting the school once a month to offer a "drop-in" session. This provides parents and carers with the opportunity to speak confidentially with a member of the school nursing team about a range of health topics, including emotional wellbeing, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting and constipation, head lice, and behaviour.

A private room within the school will be available to ensure confidentiality and allow time to discuss any concerns or support you may need. Our next session will be on Monday 9th February 2-3pm.



## School Nursing Monthly DROP-IN

Speak to a member of our school nursing team about various health topics including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour

**When?**

Monday 9th February  
2pm-3pm

**Where?**

Come to Main  
School Office Reception

For more information about our service scan the QR code to our website, for general enquires or to make a referral, please contact our Single Point of Access Tel: 0300 247 0040 Email: [vcl.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net)





## Yo Bootroom

We are pleased to share and support a football kit and boot charity initiative run by one of our parents.

The charity provides football boots and equipment to support children and families, helping to ensure all pupils can take part in sport.

If you would like any more information, please visit their Instagram page  
[@yo\\_bootroom\\_2.0](https://www.instagram.com/@yo_bootroom_2.0)





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## ORMSKIRK TENNIS CLUB

### 2026 FEBRUARY TENNIS CAMPS

OTC are pleased to announce  
4 sessions will be taking place:

Mon 16th February, 13:00 - 17:00  
Wed 18th February, 09:00 - 13:00 & 13:00 - 17:00  
Friday 20th February, 13:00 - 17:00  
**\*No Tuesday or Thursday Camps\***

**Tennis sessions with  
multi sports theme.  
Sessions are divided  
into three parts:**

Part 1: Tennis related coaching.  
Part 2: Multi sports such as cricket,  
football, mini-golf and much more.  
Part 3: Team games and competitions.

**Lead Coach:**  
John Chatterley  
Book on & view all sessions visit:  
<https://shorturl.at/qLLjT>  
**\*No Tuesday or Thursday Camps\***

**Members:**  
1/2 Day £15.00  
Full Day £30.00

**Non-members:**  
1/2 Day £22.50  
Full Day £45.00



Ormskirk Tennis Club, County Road, Ormskirk, L39 3LU

**Beginner, Improver,  
Intermediate**

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**SHARES**

# Multi-Sports and **ACTIVITY CLUB**

Mon-Fri  
9am-4:30pm



**Age: 5-11 yr**

**VENUE:**



**St Francis of Assisi  
Primary School,  
Blakehall,  
WN8 9AZ.**

**16<sup>th</sup> February-20<sup>th</sup>  
February**

Activities Include:  
Basketball  
Football  
Dodgeball  
Tennis  
Hockey  
Dance  
Arts & Crafts  
Water Sports  
Games  
Painting



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