



St. Anne's
Catholic Primary School
Newsletter



24th November 2023

Spotlight on Year 4

In tennis this week we have been practising our back hand. This was quite tricky as we had to hold the racket in our weaker hand and then serve the ball to the other team.



In History we have discussed how slaves were transported to America from Africa. The conditions were terrible and it really made us think how difficult this experience must have been.



We have used atlases to locate the countries involved in the slave triangle and then looked in detail at the countries involved in Africa. We created keys.

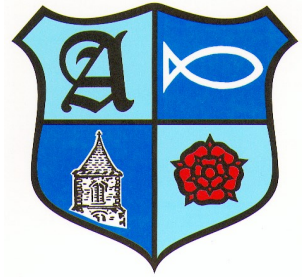
For art we have been looking at the different patterns and colours used on Kente cloths. We researched the meanings behind the patterns and colours and we have used this knowledge to start designing our own patterns that represent us.



We are continuing to learn about multiplication and division in maths and how we can use the inverse to check our answers. This has shown us the importance of knowing our times tables!



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Message from 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 the Christmas.

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza, has asked for all children to complete a questionnaire for 'The Big Ambition'. Please click on the following link to complete the questionnaire with your children www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.

Congratulations to Hannah Brookfield who has been elected to serve as Parent Governor at St Anne's. Many thanks to all the families who took part in the election.

Super sports people this week – Well done to all the footballers who represented St Anne's in their competition this week. Thanks to Miss Bailie and Miss Martin for managing and supporting this event. As we would expect when representing St Anne's, the children were excellent, and we are very proud of them.

Parents' Evening – Monday 27th and Thursday 30th.

Parents will have booked their 10-minute appointment online. Please access your child's classroom via the external blue fire door. The school bell will ring every 10 minutes to keep everyone on time. School reports will be shared during your meetings.

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!

You will find a short video on the school website <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/> titled 'Life at St Anne's'. We hope you like this insight into school life.

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>

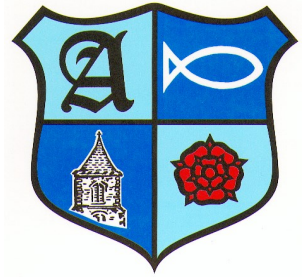
Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery We have continued to enjoy exploring Space this week. We went on an imaginary adventure to explore the different planets, we recreated the planet Saturn in groups shot through the galaxy as comets, walked on the moon and floated through space! The children have been creating their own rockets in junk modelling and have made aliens using 2D shapes and play dough. The children have been continuing to work hard in Math's and Phonics. Star of the Week : Frazer Q Mission Statement: Callum B

Reception This week in Reception we have been learning about superheroes and thinking about what superpowers we could have. We used our super phonics to write a super sentence! In maths we have been learning about how we can find 1 less than a number up to 5. We sang the song 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and we noticed that there was 1 less frog as they jumped into the pool. In art this week we created our own superhero masks by exploring colour mixing of primary colours, we created secondary colours and then used objects to print on our masks. In RE this week, we have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali, we listened to the story of Rama and Sita and created some Diwali lanterns, rangoli patterns and mehndi patterns.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have started to look at letters. We have written about why we send or receive letters and have looked at formal and informal letters and what features each of these has. In maths we have been identifying and sorting 3D shapes. We have also begun our RE topic on 'Waiting' and have learnt different facts about England in our Geography.

Year 2 This week the children have been working so hard on planning and writing their innovated version of 'The Three Little Wolves' and they make such an exciting read!! In Maths the children have been doing subtraction challenges using the exchanging method. They have worked so hard and showed great resilience! In the afternoons, the children have been so engaged in their learning about the Jewish tradition of Shabbat. They have written fantastic acrostic poems and made beautiful spice boxes. We have been so proud of their enthusiasm, curiosity and respect. Today we are welcoming the fire service into school, as part of the PSHE curriculum, to talk to the children about 'keeping safe'!

Year 3 The Year 3 children are continuing to enjoy learning to speak and write in French, including greetings, colours and shapes. They have completed the topic of fables and have written their own fantastic versions of 'The Hare and the Tortoise.' After learning about emails, they have been emailing their teachers to tell them fascinating facts about themselves and sending attachments.

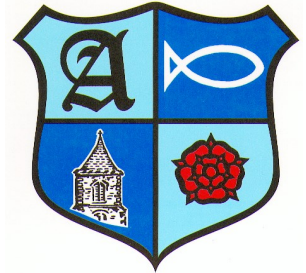
Year 4 **See Spotlight**

Year 5 Year 5 have been investigating all different changes in substances, such as dissolving and thermal conductivity - it was great fun. In English we have been writing biographies of famous people and in Maths we have completed our fractions unit, looking at adding and subtracting mixed numbers. ZZZZZZZZZZZZ. We have been looking at the House of Wisdom in Baghdad - a fascinating subject.

Year 6 Year 6 have really enjoyed their work on Judaism this week focusing on the celebration of Rosh Hashana and the hard work on Mitzvah Day. They even managed to try out apple and honey, a favourite Jewish delicacy. They have also focused on tsunamis and writing in the style of survival writers, inspired by their text 'Running Wild'.



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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week

Malachy O'L
Harry E
Oliver J
Harper H
Franklin B
Beau OW
Georg O'B
Florence C
Isla K
Charlotte M
Silvie C
Harriet E
William F
Ted C

Mission Statement

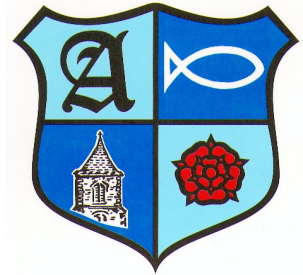
Heidi F
Billy B
Daniel P
Mason A
Indie RT
Annie E
Sonny D
Jessica T
Noah T
Dhaka JS
Alex F
Roman J
Rosa B
Sadie P

Attendance for Week Ending 17/11/2023

| | Class | No Pupils | % Attendance | Sessions Missed | Rank |
|---|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|------|
| Class 4 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1 | Class 1 | 22 | 87.30% | 28 | 4 |
| | Class 2 | 23 | 67.80% | 74 | 6 |
| | Class 3 | 24 | 85.80% | 34 | 5 |
| | Class 4 | 24 | 94.00% | 15 | 1 |
| | Class 5 | 26 | 90.80% | 24 | 2 |
| | Class 6 | 26 | 89.60% | 27 | 3 |
| Class 8 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2 | Class 7 | 22 | 90.50% | 21 | 8 |
| | Class 8 | 24 | 98.30% | 4 | 1 |
| | Class 9 | 32 | 94.70% | 17 | 3 |
| | Class 10 | 31 | 93.50% | 20 | 5 |
| | Class 11 | 24 | 96.70% | 8 | 2 |
| | Class 12 | 24 | 92.10% | 19 | 7 |
| | Class 13 | 31 | 94.20% | 18 | 4 |
| | Class 14 | 30 | 92.70% | 22 | 6 |



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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.

Children's Liturgy Advent Preparation



We are holding an **Advent Preparation on Sunday 26th November** in the Pastoral Centre hall. This will take place straight after 10.30am Mass and all children 3-11yrs are welcome. We will be looking at what Advent means to us, and how we can prepare for Christmas. As part of this preparation the children are invited to bring a new gift for a child of their own age – unwrapped please. These will be donated to a charity for children who are not as lucky as our children are. We will be finishing 45 minutes to an hour later so parents could have a coffee in the lounge next door during this time then are welcome to join us.

Thank you from all on the Children's Liturgy Team

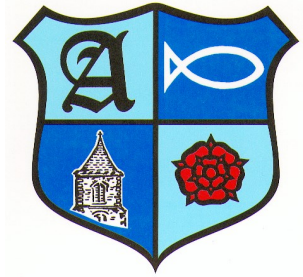
St Anne's Church Bulletin

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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CAMP VENUES
 THE HUB @ BANKS
 (BANKS LEISURE CENTRE)
 ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONLY £20 per day

NEW YEAR ENDEAVOUR HOLIDAY CAMP
 JANUARY 2024
 WEDNESDAY 3RD
 THURSDAY 4TH
 FRIDAY 5TH

Arts & Crafts, Athletics, Basketball, Dance, Dodgeball, Football, Invasion and Target Games, and much more!

Open to 5 - 12 year olds

8.30AM until 4.30PM

COMPETITIONS PRIZES CERTIFICATES

WEST LANCS HAF HOLIDAY - ACTIVITY - FUN

ENDEAVOUR COMMUNITY
 Delivered by **WEST LANCASHIRE SPORT PARTNERSHIP**

To book your child's place please visit <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk> and if you have any queries please email holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org