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Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. We have certainly started back with a bang here at school, and it has been wonderful to see the children return with energy and enthusiasm.

We have had a busy first week, full of a variety of activities. Our clubs are back up and running, from knitting, coding, maths reasoning, football, judo the list goes on! It has been fantastic to see the children trying new skills, building confidence and working together so positively.

We have also enjoyed some exciting enrichment opportunities. Our Key Stage 1 children had a hands-on experience with a fascinating collection of rather "questionable" mini beasts! There were a few squeals, lots of wide eyes and plenty of brave faces, but the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned so much.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible generosity. Your kind donations to our Easter chocolate appeal are very much appreciated and will make a real difference. We are continually grateful for the support of our school community.

We ended the week in a special way, coming together as a whole school for Mass at church to mark the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time for prayer, a time for penance and a time to think of others as we journey closer to God. As we move through this Lenten season, we will continue to encourage the children to reflect on how they can show kindness, compassion and generosity in their daily lives.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term ahead.

Miss D. Dewhurst
Headteacher

Mission Statement

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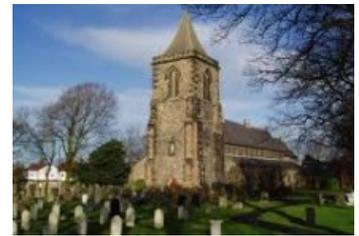
The Gospel according to Matthew 17: 1-9

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. Suddenly Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the **sacred** places where you are worshipped and praised, and for making our homes **sacred** through your presence among us. Amen

St Anne's Church Bulletin

The Bulletin is available on the Church website:
stannes-ormskirk.org.uk



Democracy

By following international space laws, countries agree to share their discoveries and work together peacefully for the benefit of everyone on Earth.

Follow in the footsteps of St Anne

"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts."

Pope Francis





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In school this week.....

Nursery

This week in nursery we have been exploring the zoo through binoculars, looking at what we could see from different positions. We were also making simple routes in small world using straight and curved pieces on a journey from town to the zoo.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning lots about our new topic 'Dinosaurs'. We have been reading 'Dear Dinosaur' and have written our own letters to the Dinosaur asking lots of interesting questions. In our Understanding of the World sessions, we have been learning about fossil hunters from the past and present. We have learned about Mary Anning and how she found fossils in the past. On Monday we had a fantastic workshop all about Chinese New Year. In Maths we have been learning about length and height and in RE we have been learning about Lent.





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Year 1

To kick-start our new Animal Kingdom topic in Year 1, we were extremely lucky to have a visit from the Mini Beast lady. This exciting enrichment experience really helped the children to learn about a variety of mini beasts and animals, including what they eat and how they live. In English, we have begun exploring classic stories and have introduced our new book, Paddington. The children are already enjoying getting to know this much-loved character. In Maths the children have been learning about weight and using the vocabulary heavier and lighter comparing different objects in a practical and engaging way. The children also thoroughly enjoyed going down to the tennis courts this week, where they worked on developing their throwing and hitting skills.



Year 2

We are delighted to be back for a new term and can't believe we are already halfway through the year! In Maths, we have been learning about length and height, measuring, and comparing objects using centimetres (cm) and metres (m). In English, we have started our new class text, *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson, focusing on using adjectives and a thesaurus to up-level our vocabulary. We also enjoyed a special visit from some furry and not-so-furry animals to launch our Animal Kingdom theme in Science. In Art, we have explored bold animal patterns inspired by Fauvism, and in DT we have begun investigating moving mechanisms ready to design our own moving minibeasts. In RE, we have started our new branch, Desert to Garden, recalling the story of Palm Sunday through artwork and reflecting on Lent as a time to think, reconcile and make positive changes. The children thoughtfully created their own Lenten promises. It has been a fantastic start to the term!





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Year 3

This week in Year 3 has been incredibly exciting and busy! In English we have started our poetry unit and we have learnt to perform various poems by heart. In Geography, we started to learn about volcanoes, the children recreated the journey magma takes during an eruption to identify and describe different aspects of a volcano. They were fantastic! In R.E the children learnt about the gospel of feeding the 5000 and created a basket to help us retell the story.



Year 4

We have had a great first week back at school. The children have settled back to work and are enjoying learning. In maths, we have been looking at fractions and English we have begun our new text, 'Eye of the Wolf'. In JAM coding we have begun a new topic based around spreadsheets. We will be recording game scores, so it was great fun to have a go at playing the game too. For PE this week we started our Gymnastics, looking at different ways of travelling around the room. We have also started hockey, so brushed up on our skills from last year and had a fun game at the end of the session. It was lovely to spend some time reflecting on our week in our whole school Lent mass.





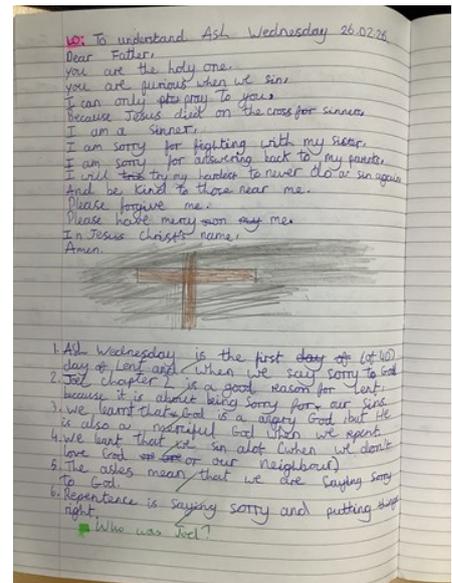
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Year 5

Year 5 have begun a fabulous topic on the Amazon Rainforest - we are so excited about finding out about the flora and fauna in that amazing eco-system. In RE we have looked at repentance and related it to Ash Wednesday. In Science we have looked at the life-cycle of mammals and in PE we have enjoyed learning the skills of catching and bowling in rounders. In ICT we have been looking at spreadsheets and in Maths we have been comparing numbers that include thousandths.

Here is a photo from Athletics Club another photo from RE.



Year 6

The first week after half term has been a busy one - the children have begun new topics but continued their hard work from Spring 1! They have been completing their biographies about the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton, focusing on his adventurous spirit and the challenges he faced in his expeditions. In PE, they have refined both their netball and hockey skills and began their orienteering with West Lancs. We're also proud of the Year 6 children in leading our Lent mass in church today, reading beautifully and reverently.

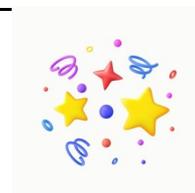




OUR AWARD WINNERS



Year Group	Star of the Week	Mission Statement
Nursery	Sisley B	Nell R
Class 1	Margot K	Felix B
Class 2	Isaac L	Jacob M
Class 3	Florence M	Oliver L
Class 4	Francesca F	Thomas S
Class 5	Ella L	Eden Mc
Class 6	Harrison H	Alfie M-S
Class 7	Ophelia W	Rafferty S
Class 8	Mark T	Fraser B
Class 9	Harriet T	Pearl B
Class 10	Sienna T-S	Dylan H
Class 11	Damian B	Jack S
Class 12	Jude C	Jerome A
Class 13	Sasha C	Julisa J
Class 14	Bella S	Florence G





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Attendance for Week Ending 13/02/2026

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6		
Attendance	98.50%	95.30%	98.30%	96.60%	94.00%	91.80%		
Class	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11	Class 12	Class 13	Class 14
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Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 3rd March** - Recycling bags Collection Day— (bags to be put outside Main entrance please)
- **Wednesday 4th March** - Yr 1 Windmill Farm Trip
- **Wednesday 4th March** - Yr 2 Stay & Pray (3pm Infant Hall)
- **Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day
- **Monday 9th March** - Parents Evening (Information to follow on 3rd March)
- **Thursday 12th March** - Parents Evening (Information to follow on 3rd March)
- **Wednesday 18th March** - 5Yr olds Dental Survey
- **Wednesday 18th March** - Yr 1 Stay & Pray (3pm Infant Hall)
- **Friday 20th March** - Yr 1 Vision Screening
- **Wednesday 22nd April** - Yr 2 Eureka Trip





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Parking at Drop off & Pick up Times

Please can we remind everyone that safe and considerate parking outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times is essential for the safety of all pedestrians, local residents, and our families. Double parking, blocking driveways or leaving vehicles unattended in unsafe places, creates serious hazards, sets a poor example for children and shows a lack of consideration for others. We urge all parents to act responsibly and allow extra time to find a safe, legal parking space. St Anne's has been urged to report any incidents to LCC Parking Services. Your cooperation is vital in order to keep everyone safe and maintaining good relations with our neighbours.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Thank you

Miss Dewhurst
Headteacher



A Lenten Reflection...

- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
- Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
- Give up worry; trust divine Providence
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope
- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred; return good for evil
- Give up negativism; be positive
- Give up pettiness; become mature
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust

And finally, joke of the week from Jack in Year 6 ...

How do monkeys make toast?

They put it over the Gorilla!!



Have a great weekend.



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REMINDER TUESDAY 3RD MARCH COLLECTION DAY



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Happy ReNew Years campaign, we are hosting a clothes recycling collection day to raise funds for school and help reduce textile waste.

Please bring in your unwanted clean clothing in the bags we are sending home this week on the morning of our collection day- Tuesday 3rd March

Collection point: Outside the Main School Reception.

What to donate?

Good quality, **clean** and **dry** clothing, paired shoes, accessories and linens in bagged form.



Why it matters

Every kilogram collected raises funds for our school and keeps textiles out of landfill.

How to help

Please check wardrobes and drawers for items you no longer need, bag them up and bring them to the collection point on the day.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Brookfield, Mrs Avington and the Eco Warriors Team



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STAY AND PLAY!

Come and join in the fun at our Stay and Play sessions every Thursday morning 9:15-11am in the KS1 hall.

We've created a space where making new friends isn't just for the children. Is your child ready for some fun-filled adventure? Our Stay and Play sessions offer a variety of learning-through-play activities designed to spark curiosity and build confidence..



Fuel for the little ones: We provide a selection of healthy snacks and fresh drinks to keep their energy levels steady and their tummies happy.

Fuel for you: Relax with a tea or coffee and connect with other local parents in a friendly environment.



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