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Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers

It was lovely to see so many families at our Parents' Evenings this week. It is always a joy to share how well our children are doing in their learning, and to celebrate the effort, determination, and pride they put into succeeding every single day. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher; that support and partnership is always valued and makes a real difference.

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent, the moment we officially begin our journey of preparing for the birth of Jesus. It is a special time in our school community, filled with reflection, hope, and anticipation. Do take a look at our Instagram account over the coming weeks, where we'll be sharing some lovely daily stories capturing the spirit of the season. As we enter the wonderfully "crazy" festive period, we are of course preparing for one of the highlights of primary school life: our nativity performances. I, for one, cannot wait to see our younger children retell this wonderful story, it truly makes Christmas for me, capturing the joy, innocence and true meaning of Christmas time in such a special way.

Wishing you all a peaceful start to Advent.

Miss D Dewhurst

Headteacher



Mission Statement

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The Gospel according to Matthew 24: 37 -44

Jesus said to his disciples, "As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the flood, people were eating, drinking and having a good time, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the flood. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this: that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake, and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because you do not know when the Son of Man is coming."

Dear Lord Jesus,
Help us to 'stay awake' and to be aware of your presence in the people that we meet
this **Advent** season.
Amen

St Anne's Church Bulletin

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



 **What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?**



Individual Liberty

We each share our ideas and feelings in our own way, and creativity can help us express who we are. When we respect these differences, everyone can feel valued and free to be themselves.

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Follow in the footsteps of St Anne

"It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters."
Saint Mother Teresa





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In school this week.....

Nursery

The children chose to explore Dinosaurs this week as the children have shown a real interest in them in their small world play. We have been listening to Dinosaur stories, finding out facts about dinosaurs, making footprints in the paint with the dinosaurs and using them in Mathematics. The children have been exploring the dinosaur swamp, using their senses to feel the texture and how it changed when moved by the dinosaurs moving. It has been lots of fun and the children have made up lots of imaginary play with the dinosaurs creating them different worlds to live in.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning that Jesus was born in a stable and that he was placed in a manger. We discussed and explored what a stable would have been like and how Joseph made it cosy for Mary. We created our own stable scenes in the workshop area and we created mangers. Here we can see one made from our construction materials. In maths we have been learning number bonds to 5 by throwing beanbags in a hoop and seeing how many were inside the hoop and how many were outside. In our tennis session we were learning how to roll a ball and how to accurately throw underarm. On Wednesday we had a lovely Stay and Pray session, we loved sharing our Prayer and Liturgy time with our loved ones.





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Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have excitedly begun their new English topic all about letters. The unit was introduced in a magical way with a special letter from our Reading Elf, who will be joining us throughout the term to share stories and encourage a love of reading. The children have been learning about the features of both informal and formal letters and discussing the many reasons why people might choose to send or receive a letter. In Maths, the children have been working hard on addition, using number lines to help them solve calculations and build their confidence with different strategies. As part of our Serving in the Community project, the Year 1 children were incredibly proud to hand over all of the shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Their generosity and kindness will help make Christmas extra special for the children who receive them. We are so grateful for all the support—these shoeboxes are sure to bring big smiles and lots of joy this Christmas!



Year 2

This week in Year 2, we've had lots of fun learning about 2D and 3D shapes, spotting their sides and vertices and having a go at drawing them too. In English, the children have been busy planning their own versions of The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig, ready to start writing them next week. In Science, we've been exploring micro-habitats and finding out where tiny creatures like to live. We also had a lovely History visit from Mrs Penlington and her son, who told us all about what Ormskirk and St Anne's were like in the past. In RE, the children have been retelling the stories of Jesus' birth and the birth of John the Baptist.





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Year 3

In Year 3 this week the children have started a new English topic of comics. The children have been immersed in different comics to identify the features contained within them. They then discussed the characteristics traits the hero's and villains have. In Maths, we have started our multiplication and division unit, identifying equal groups and revisiting past learning from Year 2 that multiplication is commutative. In PSHE we have been focusing hazards found within the home and how we can prevent them, but also how to treat accidents such as burns.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been planning their own African tribal patterns which will become a resistant print. In PE, the children have taken part in a lower body circuit session and they have learnt what life was like on a plantation during the Slave Trade.





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Year 5

We are in the thick of practising for our Christmas Carol Service, so we are dingling a lot of bells and singing lots of Hallelujahs at the moment. All are invited to the Carol Service at St Anne's Church on December 10th 2025 at 6pm. In the meantime, we are also learning about the fall of Baghdad, when a Mongol Army massacred up to 1 million people (what a Christmasy thought) and how they put learning back hundreds of years. We are also looking at insulators and conductors (both thermal and electrical) in Science and in PE we are working on a balance sequence in gymnastics.



Year 6

Over the last week Year 6 have recreated (dramatically) part of the Macbeth story, have researched features of different countries around the world and have continued to learn about traditions in Judaism. They researched Mitzvah Day and how it brings people together to complete social action to help those around their community who are in need. They also tried the traditional treat of apples dipped in honey - it went down very well! In gymnastics the children are working on balance poses in pairs and threes and are ready to move on to different types of rolls. Jam Coding was popular this week when the children were able to create their own remote control car through programming.

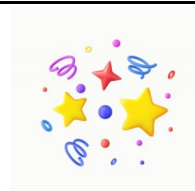
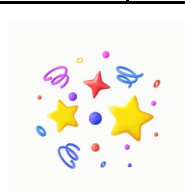
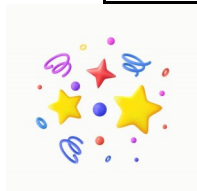




OUR AWARD WINNERS



Year Group	Star of the Week	Mission Statement
Nursery	Nell BG	Joel M
Class 1	Leo F	Archie Q
Class 2	James B	Fiadh W
Class 3	Eden T	Mollie Q
Class 4	Daniel A	Penny C
Class 5	Wendy F	Ella L
Class 6	Patrick PS	Harrison H
Class 7	Osi U	Charlie J
Class 8	Ezra D	Jyoti S
Class 9	Pearl B	Hugo D
Class 10	Daniel B	Jack R
Class 11	Joe D	Dexter C
Class 12	Thomas L	Alfred MC
Class 13	Alex S	Harry N
Class 14	Will F	Bobby B





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Attendance for Week Ending 21/11/2025

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6		
Attendance	95.20%	93.80%	98.30%	85.50%	93.80%	95.40%		
Class	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11	Class 12	Class 13	Class 14
Attendance	94.60%	94.40%	94.80%	85.00%	95.60%	87.70%	96.80%	91.50%

Diary Dates

- Monday 1st December 9.10-10am Reception Outdoor Stay and Play.
- Monday 1st December – Friday 12th December Nugent Care Christmas Pantry Donation of non-perishable food Appeal.
- Wednesday 3rd December 3pm Infant Hall Yr 2 Stay and Pray.
- Wednesday 3rd December 3.40pm Choir & Singing Lesson Children Christmas Concert in the Infant Hall.
- Friday 5th December 9.30am Whole School Advent Mass in Church .
- Tuesday 9th December 9.30am & Thursday 11th December 2pm Reception Nativity Play in the Infant Hall.
- Wednesday 10th December 6pm Yr 5 Carol Service in St Anne's Church.
- Tuesday 9th December Christmas School Lunch Nursery/EYFS & KS1.
- Wednesday 10th December Christmas School Lunch KS2.
- Friday 12th December KS2 Own Clothes Day
- Tuesday 16th December 8am Breakfast with Santa Nursery/EYFS & KS1.
- Wednesday 17th December 8am Breakfast with Santa KS2.
- Friday 19th December 3.30pm Close for Christmas Holiday.
- Monday 5th January New Term begins.





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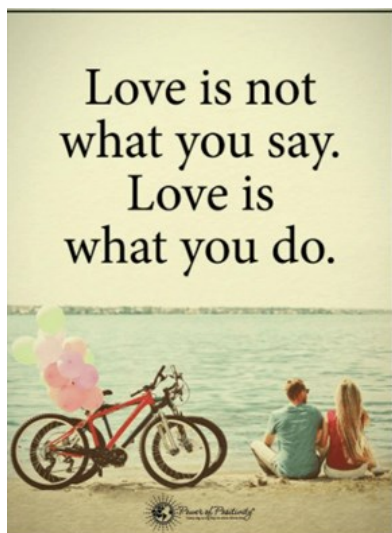
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Dear parents/carers,

On Friday 12th December we are inviting KS2 children to come to school their own clothes, bringing with them a donation of Christmas chocolate or sweets. These will be used during the last week of term for our Christmas Bonkers Bingo extravaganza!

Many thanks for your continued support at this busy time of year,

KS2 teachers



And finally, joke of the week from Edward in Reception...

What is red and sits in the corner?

A naughty strawberry !!



Have a great weekend.