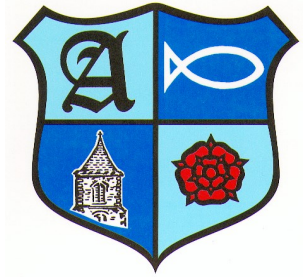




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29th November 2024

Spotlight on Reception

This week in Reception we have been rehearsing our Nativity play, we can't wait to perform for our families next week! We have been busy with Expressive Art and Design- acting, singing and dancing. In RE we have been learning about how others around the world celebrate Christmas.

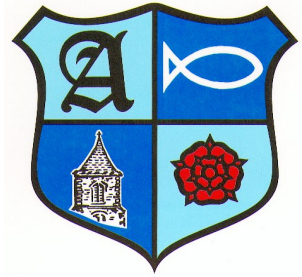


We looked at lots of different countries and learned about the special foods they eat at Christmas time. We tasted some of the foods from around the world. We thought some of them were delicious! We particularly enjoyed the chocolate log from France and the panettone from Italy.





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**Message from Acting Headteacher**

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

As we begin the new Liturgical Year at the start of Advent, our thoughts turn to preparing for the celebration of Christmas. During Advent assemblies and classroom lessons, children and teachers will be reflecting on how we can help others during this Season of Advent who may not be as fortunate as ourselves. School is always busy at this time of year, so I have included important dates in preparation.

**Dates for your diaries for December:**

Advent Mass in St. Anne's Church – Monday, 2nd December at 9.30 am (Reception-Year 6). Everyone is welcome.

Reception Nativity – Thursday 5th December at 2.00pm for families.

Reception Nativity – Friday 6th December at 2.00pm for families.

Year 5 Carol singing for the Brookside Residents – Friday 6th December.

Non-Uniform for KS2 – Friday 6th December – chocolate donations appreciated for KS2 bingo.

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 10th December (Nursery/Reception and KS1).      Wednesday 11th December (KS2).

Year 5 Carol Service in St. Anne's Church – Wednesday 11th December at 6.00pm.

Breakfast with Santa - Tuesday 17th December (Nursery/Reception and KS1).      Wednesday 18th December (KS2).

All children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers/hats/headbands for breakfast with Santa/Christmas lunches/Carol singing.

Christmas parties will be arranged by individual year groups, teachers will inform you of the dates.

Our school Christmas tree is now part of the Christmas Tree Festival in Ormskirk Parish Church. Our theme is Prophecy and Promise, the children have made Advent promises which have been used to decorate our tree. Families are welcome to visit the church and see the wonderful celebration. Our three Christmas trees in school have also been decorated with the children's promises.

A separate email will be sent today so that we can get the 'voice' of our children with regards to the potential closure of Park Pool and Nye Bevan. If you are able to, please take the time to ask your child/children about their views and please complete the questionnaire.

Polite reminder to all adults that the school car park is only accessible after 5pm at night, please take care when driving on the school premises.

**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>

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Ms G Cleary  
Acting Headteacher



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**Curriculum News**

**Nursery** We have continued exploring Space, the children have been very busy using 2D shapes to create their own rockets, played space games and have continued discussing the different names of the planets. We have been discussing Body Percussion in Literacy and the children have had lots of fun exploring ways to make different sounds, and in Mathematics we have been ordering numbers forwards and backwards.

**Star of the Week:** Lucas E

**Mission Statement:** Molly H



**Reception** See Spotlight

**Year 1** This week, we have enjoyed writing our letters to King Charles! We have been learning place value to 20. In RE, we have learned the significance of the angles and why they are important in the Christmas story. We have had lots of fun learning how to decode in Computing too.

**Year 2** This week in English, we have started to plan our own twisted tale based on 'The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig.' In Maths, we have started our new 'Shape' unit, looking at 2-D and 3-D shapes, the children have all remembered so much from Year 1. In Science, we have been looking at how to spot a medicine and have created rules around when and why we take medicines.

**Year 3** The Year 3 children have enjoyed making angels to share their Advent pledges. They have also loved beginning the new English topic of Comics, sharing their knowledge of super heroes.

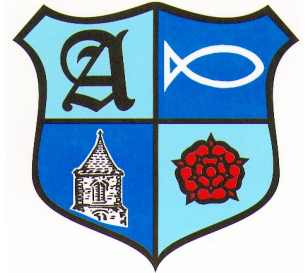
**Year 4** Year 4 have continued to work hard on their multiplication in maths this week. They have begun to look at some different multiplication written strategies. In PE the children have been working on their stamina and strength in Health and Fitness. For RE, the children have been thinking about how God gave us the gift of Jesus. They then thought about the gifts that Jesus has given them.

**Year 5** Year 5 have started rehearsing for our Christmas Carol Service to be held in St Anne's Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Everyone would be welcome to celebrate this advent season. We are all working hard on our swimming and our gymnastics balance routines have suddenly taken-off. In English we have finished biographies and now are looking to at poetry.

**Year 6** Year 6 have been thinking this week about 'Expectations' in RE and in particular the expectations placed on Mary in the time leading to the birth of Jesus. The children have also made the final decisions regarding ingredients for their spring rolls next week - we can't wait to see their food creations!



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# Our Award Winners!

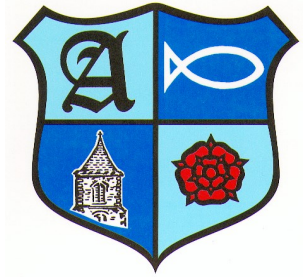
<u>Star of the Week</u>	<u>Mission Statement</u>
Leyton B	Noah T
Dexter C	Penny B
Mia R	Oscar A
Michael C	Hugo W
Joel S	Oliver H
Ruby P	Cohen McG
Poppie O	Ezra D
Nyla R	Eloise K
Harry E	Katie L
Lara C	Ezra B
Kenny M	Summer N-S
Izzy H	Sam D
Ethan C	Oliver C
Grace M	Jaxon R

Attendance for Week Ending 29/11/2024					
	Class	No Pupils	% Attendance	Sessions Missed	Rank
<b>Class 1 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1</b>	Class 1	28	98.60%	4	1
	Class 2	29	95.50%	13	3
	Class 3	23	93.50%	15	5
	Class 4	23	92.20%	18	6
	Class 5	26	95.80%	11	2
	Class 6	25	93.60%	16	4
<b>Class 10 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2</b>	Class 7	26	96.20%	10	5
	Class 8	26	97.60%	6	4
	Class 9	23	98.30%	4	3
	Class 10	24	99.60%	1	1
	Class 11	32	98.40%	5	2
	Class 12	32	89.40%	33	8
	Class 13	25	90.80%	23	6
	Class 14	25	90.80%	23	6





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## School Message

This year we are promoting the Mission Together Advent Calendar to your children in school, which encourages the children to do a little 'act' every day that will focus them on the true meaning of Christmas. Please also use the calendar at home to support your children's understanding of the giving to others.

### Mission Together Advent Calendar 2024

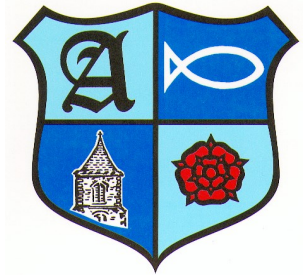
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Today's scripture from the Prophet Jeremiah tells of God's promised Saviour. Read the scripture to find out what the Saviour will do?+ <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">1</p>	<p>The Advent wreath's candles are a symbol of Christ's light. Think of ways you can be a light for others today.*</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">2</p>	<p>The Advent wreath's evergreen leaves, remind us of God's unending love. Today, notice the beauty of evergreen trees and thank God for them.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">3</p>	<p>Learn our Advent Carol <i>We are Waiting*</i> and sing it as a class. Why not film your singing and share it with us @MissioUK</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">4</p>	<p><b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> During Advent in the Philippines people decorate homes with paper lanterns called Paroles, as a reminder to look out for Jesus.*</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">5</p>	<p>Today is the feast of St Nicholas. Find out what St Nicholas did to bring hope to people living in poverty.*</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">6</p>	<p>Write an Advent prayer or poem. Try to include the words: <i>hope, wait, light, God, Jesus.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">7</p>
<p><b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> In today's scripture, we learn about John the Baptist. What did he ask people to do?+ <i>Luke 3:1-6</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">8</p>	<p>One way we can prepare for Jesus is by building peace. Make a peace paper-chain and think about how you can build peace in school this week.*</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">9</p>	<p>Say the Mission Together Prayer for children living in war zones: <i>May all children in the world, share love, share friendship and live in the peace of God's love. Now and forever.</i> <i>Amen.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">10</p>	<p>As a class, sing <i>Silent Night*</i>. Listen carefully to the words and think about what they mean.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">11</p>	<p>Make peace today. Say sorry to someone you may have upset this week. Or forgive someone who has upset you.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">12</p>	<p><b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> Today is the Feast of St Lucy, in Denmark, children will take part in candle lit processions to remember how Jesus' light wins over darkness.*</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">13</p>	<p>Find somewhere peaceful to sit and thank God for the people who love and care for you.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">14</p>
<p><b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> In today's scripture the Prophet Zephaniah speaks of the joy that God gives. Who are the people who bring you joy. Thank God for them.* <i>Zephaniah 3:14-18</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">15</p>	<p>Yesterday was <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday. A pink candle was lit on the Advent Wreath. Find out what <i>Gaudete</i> means.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">16</p>	<p><b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> Before Christmas in Mauke, an island in Oceania, the people share the joy of Jesus' birth by giving food hampers to strangers.*</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">17</p>	<p>Make a Joyful Paper Angel and think about how you can share the joy of Jesus today.*</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">18</p>	<p>Joy is easy to pass on! Look out for people who are lonely today and invite them to play.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">19</p>	<p>As a class sing <i>Joy to the World.*</i> Why not film your singing and share it with us @MissioUK</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">20</p>	<p>Say a prayer for all children who are upset, sad, or lonely. Ask God to help you share his joy with them.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">21</p>
<p><b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> In today's scripture from the Gospel of Luke we learn about an extraordinary thing that happened when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. Why do you think Elizabeth's baby jumped with joy?+ <i>Luke 1:39-45</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">22</p>	<p>Around the world billions of people are getting ready for the birth of Jesus. Jesus was born to show God's love for all his children; wherever they live in the world. Today, say the <i>Lord's Prayer</i> for everyone in our global family who needs God's help today</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">23</p>	<p><b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> Today, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, children gather to take part in a special nativity play. Everyone in the community gets involved. Is there someone you could you tell the Christmas story to? Maybe you could act it out with a nativity set?</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">24</p>	<p><b>Rejoice! Jesus is born!</b> Remember to thank God and your family for all the gifts their love brings.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; color: red;">25</p>	<p>Cross symbol+ refers to abridged scriptures found in our accompanying <i>Celebration of the Word</i>. Asterisks refer to activities, assemblies, or carols. Download all for free from the Advent page of the Mission Together website.</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Mission Together, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU Web: missiontogether.org.uk Reg. Charity No. 1056651</p>		

### 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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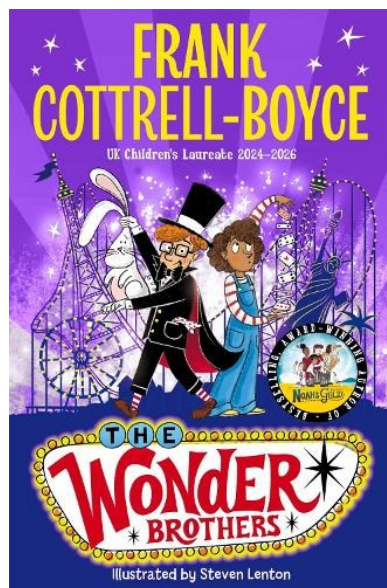


**School Message**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Advent Preparation**

We are holding our **Advent Preparation on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. This year we will take the children out of 10.30am Mass for a little longer than usual, all children 3-11yrs are welcome. We will be looking at what Advent means to us, and how we can prepare for Christmas. We will come back into Mass at the usual time of the offertory.

Thank you from all on the Children's Liturgy Team

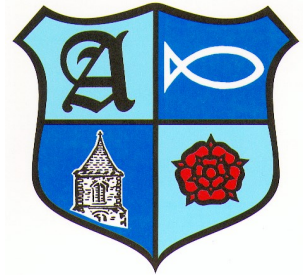


Waterstones are delighted to welcome bestselling beloved children's author Frank Cottrell-Boyce who will be with us in-store to sign his latest book  
**The Wonder Boys**  
We will also have available a selection of some of Frank's other fabulous books.  
Pick one up and as Frank to sign a dedication to you or a gift for Christmas.  
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7<sup>th</sup> December from 15:00



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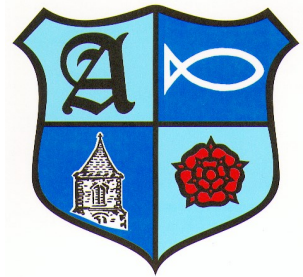
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## *The Narnia Experience*

*Meet Mr Tumnus, Mr & Mrs Beaver,  
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*Wrap up and enjoy a great  
family Christmas outing*

*At*

**Gorse Hill Nature Reserve,  
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*Crafts & Narnia Christmas Refreshments*

***Saturday 18th December 12 - 4pm  
& Sunday 19th December 1 - 4pm***

**Tickets: Adults £9 Children £4.50 from Eventbrite**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-narnia-experience-the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe-tickets-199854328677>

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All takings to go to local Charities