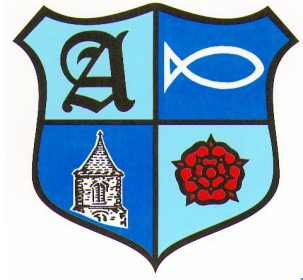




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**2nd December 2022**

**Spotlight on Year 4**



This week, the children in Year 4 have been creating wonderful pictures of Baby Jesus in the manger.

They have continued to progress in their swimming sessions.

The children have also enjoyed a cold but fun Tennis session too.





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## Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who celebrated Mass with all our children and teachers today. Thanks goes to Mrs Preston for organising everything and to Father Godric for leading our school community in our Advent celebration. Mr Knowles leads a weekly hymn practice and it was lovely to hear the children singing so beautifully in church today. We believe our children should practice singing hymns and be proud to sing when celebrating Mass.

Mrs Cleary sent an email home with all the important dates over the next two weeks. I want to express my thanks to all the parents/grandparents who will be helping celebrate Christmas at St Anne's over the next two weeks. We have a huge number of events that can only go ahead because of the excellent working relationships between home, school and our parish.

The following links are provided by Lancashire to be shared with our families:

Find out the most up-to-date information about what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire - <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/>

Find out about 'Warm Spaces' by clicking on the following link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and-welcome-places/>

Parents and carers have been asked to complete the following survey about child care in Lancashire - <https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=166730375000>

Please continue to inform friends and family that Primary school admissions closes on **January 15th 2023**. Click on the following link to go directly to St Anne's website page that will provide support and guidance. <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/admissions>. I cannot stress enough the importance of completing the 'Supplementary Information Form' for your chosen Primary school. This form must be returned to your chosen school.

The Government has announced that Monday May 8th will be an additional Bank Holiday to mark the King's Coronation.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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## Curriculum News

**Nursery** We been listening to the 'Nativity story' in Nursery this week, the children have taken it in turns to act out different parts. We talked to the children about their experiences of going on a long journey, how they thought Mary and Joseph felt in the story. If they were to bring a present for a baby what they might bring and if they have had special times in their lives and why were they special.

**Reception** This week in Reception we have been learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood and have been doing a retell of the story. The children also did their first performance of the Nativity in front of an audience. They did amazingly!

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have continued our English topic on letters. The children have been brilliant writing their own informal letters to their chosen friend/family member. We have also written a very exciting letter addressed to 'King Charles'. We hope he receives our letters! As part of our R.E topic 'Waiting' we have started our Advent preparations.

**Year 2** This week the children have been working incredibly hard on their Maths, English and wider curriculum work. In PSHE they have been learning about keeping safe in the home, and also the people in their home, school and community who keep them safe. In RE they have been begun the theme of 'Preparations' by exploring how they prepare for Christmas, and the importance of preparing well. During Science they have been sorting and classifying materials according to their properties. The children's gymnastics skills are developing beautifully, and they can now perform a sequence of 4 movements, linked together smoothly on the floor and apparatus. We are so proud of them!

**Year 3** "Advent has hit with a bang in Year 3. We have found out about the first candle of hope and also written letters to Taiwan to tell children at a school there what we are most looking forward to. In Science we have looked at how opaque, transparent and translucent objects create different shadows and in History we have seen how Ormskirk probably began in Viking times when a Viking called Orm built a church on the hill."

**Year 4** See this weeks Spotlight.

**Year 5** Have been making amazing progress with the rehearsals for their Carol Concert, that will be held on Wednesday 14th December at 6pm in St Anne's church. Both their singing and their speaking are fantastic.

**Year 6** Have been busy learning more about Tsunamis ready to write a newspaper report next week. We've been focusing on Indonesia and how that area of the world is affected by them and devastation that can be caused. We have also looked at the famous artist and zoologist Ernst Haeckel.



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# Our Award Winners!

## Star of the Week

## Mission State- ment

Max B

Noel N

Sophie F

Evan M

Noah C

Poppie

Dillon F

Summer NS

Joel S

Ethan M

Geva F

Harrison H

Jacob C

Emily H & Petra F

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Cianan G

Will C

Joshua D

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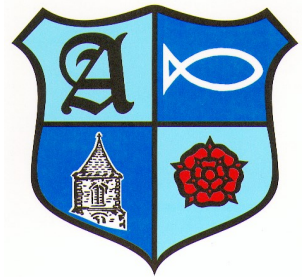
Daniel P

Ezra D

Noah W



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## PTA News-

### **PTA News – 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

#### **Breakfast with Santa- Don't forget to book!**

The dates have been confirmed, Father Christmas and his team of PTA Elves are busy planning away to make the morning so magical!

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 07:45 – infants + Pre-School

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 07:45 – juniors

There is still time to book your child onto the event of the year! Link below:

Book here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stannesormskirk>

(Note; you won't receive a physical ticket & your child won't need to bring any ticket with them on the day. By booking online we'll have the full list of names to help the event run as smoothly as possible)

#### **Christmas Jumper Hire**

In need of a Christmas jumper? The PTA hire them out for £1!

Take a look at our pre-loved uniform Facebook page 'St.

Anne's, Ormskirk PTA, Uniform Spares' to see what's available.



#### **PTA Christmas Card Project**

For those who have taken part in the PTA Christmas Card project you should have received your cards and gifts this week. We hope you enjoy them; we are sure your family and friend will. Thank you very much for taking part and raising funds for our school.

#### **EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile Reminder**

Do you shop online? You can fundraise for our school, and no extra cost! Don't forget to use the two initiatives below every time you shop online:

##### **EasyFundraising**



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stannesormskirk/>

##### **Amazon Smile**



Funds raised from both initiatives will go straight back into enriching our children's school experience at St Anne's School.

*Thank you for your on-going support*

**St Anne's PTA Volunteers**, Registered charity number 1041684

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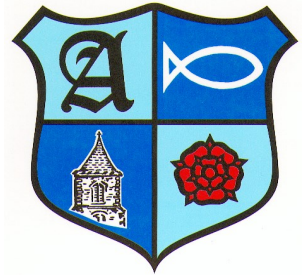
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## St Anne's Church Bulletin

Over the last couple of years, it was the impact of covid which increased the need for assistance to those in our community who were struggling. This year, the cost of living crisis has dramatically increased the necessity for this support. Indeed, many families who in the past would have generously supported foodbanks and charities are now feeling the impact of the cost of living crisis themselves.

The St Vincent de Paul is a Catholic voluntary organisation which is dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need. We are blessed to have an active St Vincent de Paul group in St Anne's Parish who, in collaboration with St Bede's and St Anne's schools, support struggling families and individuals in a variety of ways. They can offer financial and practical assistance to families in our schools and can also reach out to those in our community who may be ill or feel isolated.




























Confidentiality and discretion is an essential element of the SVP's work so all assistance and support is absolutely confidential.

Should you require support of any kind or wish to find out more about the work of the St Vincent de Paul society please email [e.brown@sbchs.co.uk](mailto:e.brown@sbchs.co.uk) ( St Bede's) or [office@st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk) (FAO of Mrs Preston at St Anne's)

With warmest wishes.

# Mission Together Advent Calendar 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> What is the promise the prophet Isaiah speaks of in today's first reading? <i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>  <b>27</b>	An Advent wreath's candles are a symbol of Christ's light. Think of ways you can a light for others today.*  <b>28</b>	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  <b>29</b>	Today is the feast of St Andrew, one of the twelve disciples. Find out which country he is the patron saint of.  <b>30</b>	Make a <i>Star of Hope</i> and think about how you can bring hope to others this Advent.*  <b>1</b>	Tomorrow is the feast of St Francis Xavier. Find out why he is the patron saint of mission.*  <b>2</b>	Write an Advent prayer. Try to include the words: hope, wait, light, God, Jesus. Or create an artwork expressing these words.  <b>3</b>
<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist tells the people to prepare for Jesus. How can we do this too? <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>  <b>4</b>	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.*  <b>5</b>	Today is the feast of St Nicholas. Find out what St Nicholas did to bring hope to poor people.*  <b>6</b>	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. Amen.</i> <b>7</b>	As a class, sing <i>Silent Night</i> .* Listen carefully to the words and think about what they mean.  <b>8</b>	Make peace today. Say sorry to someone you may have upset this week. Or forgive someone who has upset you.  <b>9</b>	Find somewhere peaceful to sit and thank God for the people who love and care for you.  <b>10</b>
<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> The prophet Isaiah predicts great joy in today's first reading. How can we share God's joy this week? <i>Isaiah 35:1-6,10</i>  <b>11</b>	Yesterday was <i>Gaude</i> Sunday. Find out what <i>Gaude</i> means.  <b>12</b>	Find out how Advent & Christmas are celebrated in another country.  <b>13</b>	Make a <i>Joyful Angel</i> and think about how you can share the joy of Jesus today.*  <b>14</b>	Joy is easy to pass on! Look out for people who are lonely today and invite them to play.  <b>15</b>	As a class sing <i>Joy to the World</i> .* Why not film your singing and share it with us @MissioUK  <b>16</b>	Say a prayer for all children who are upset, sad, or lonely. Ask God to help us share his joy with them.  <b>17</b>
<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> In today's Gospel, an angel visits Joseph and says, 'Do not be afraid'. Ask God to help you with your worries. <i>Matthew 1:18-24</i>  <b>18</b>	Imagine you are the donkey carrying Mary to Bethlehem. Write a poem or carol about your special task.  <b>19</b>	Sing your favourite carol to a family member today. Think about the words and tell someone what they mean.  <b>20</b>	Create a <i>Gift for the World</i> decoration and think about the gifts God has given you to share.*  <b>21</b>	Be an Advent light today: make a Christmas card for an elderly relative or neighbour.*  <b>22</b>	Today pray for people who have no home. Ask God to keep them safe this Christmas, and for us to find ways to help them.  <b>23</b>	Rejoice! Jesus is born! Remember to thank God and your family for all the gifts their love brings.  <b>24 &amp; 25</b>

The Sunday Bible stories are taken from the readings at Mass that day. An abridged version can be found in our accompanying liturgical prayers. A \* refers to activities, assemblies or carols. Download all for free from the Advent page of the Mission Together website.

Mission Together, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU. Web: [missiontogether.org.uk](http://missiontogether.org.uk) Reg. Charity No. 1056651

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## Nugent Care Christmas Hamper Appeal

Dear Parents and carers,

Advent is a time for spreading hope, love, joy, and peace to others. This year we would again like to invite our families to support the Nugent Care Christmas Hamper Appeal which asks us to 'leave no-one behind' by helping to spread Christmas joy to many local families, who are less fortunate than us.

We would be very grateful if you can possibly donate to any one of the following collections:

- Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November  
'Christmas treats' - chocolates, a selection box, sweets, crisps, nibbles
- Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December  
'Christmas dinner food items' - mince pies, a Christmas pudding or cake, crackers for cheese, biscuits, jam, tinned vegetables.
- Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December  
'A small gift' - toiletries, puzzles, jigsaws, craft items, hats, scarves, gloves, pyjamas

There will be boxes in each Year Group area where the children can place their donations. The gifts will then be collated on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and distributed by Nugent Care to local families.

Many, many thanks for your continued support in making this a magical time for our children and for others in our community.