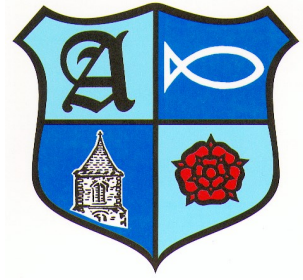




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31st January 2025



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Year 5

If you can dream it, you can do it!

Reading is our future!

We love learning and the aim of our lessons is to inspire our pupils to become life-long learners! Half-way through the year, we can confidently say our pupils love learning!!

In English, we have been writing science fiction stories based on some great texts like *The War Of The Worlds*. We have learnt to use expanded noun phrases, relative clauses, modal verbs, metaphors/similes, alliteration, onomatopoeia and personification. This culminated in writing our own narrative where we come face to face with an alien.

In Maths, we have recently finished looking at how to multiply fractions. Now we are looking at finding fractions of numbers, which has been a challenge.

In Geography, we have studied the world on Google Earth, atlases and maps. We have learnt all about Ordnance Survey symbols and we have used directions to find our way around detailed maps. We have also learnt to use 4 (and some of us even 6) figure grid references to find specific locations.



In PE we have been completing a dance presentation of the solar system in pairs, groups and the whole class. We have also been trying to lose all that weight we put on over Christmas by taking part in circuit training – we have gone to the limit of our endurance and sometimes over – we have also learnt what happens to our bodies when we exercise.

In Science, we have been learning all about space – did you know there are 5 dwarf planets, a Kuiper Belt (beyond Neptune) and some people even believe there is an Oort Cloud at the outer edges of the solar system, where comets are made, but we have never seen it, so that is just a guess.

In ICT we have studied the Mars Rover and looked at the coding involved.



Best of all, we love learning French, speaking it and singing songs – we can buy things in French at a café, name the planets in French, and we are also learning how to say what we like and don't like. The hardest

part is knowing when an adjective comes before a noun (*grande planete*) and when it comes after a noun (*planete rouge*) ... very confusing.

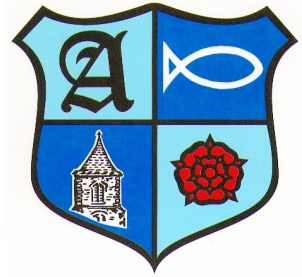


In RE, we have been looking at the Passover story and how Christ was celebrating it when he instituted the Lord's Supper – we have then gone on to look at how the Eucharist is a thanksgiving for our Saviour's death on the cross that we might be forgiven through his shed blood. We have also studied the transfiguration of Christ and what it tells us about the Father's beloved Son in whom is all His delight!





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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

I can't quite believe we have reached the final day of January. It is always quite an achievement getting through this month!

It has been a wonderful start of the year here at St Anne's. I feel like I am settling in and getting to know everyone a little better. It has been lovely meeting more parents and it is evident that we have such a strong sense of community.

Talking and listening to the children, seeing them engaged in their learning is testament to the wonderful ethos and school community we have here. We are truly lucky to have such a wonderful, dedicated team! The kindness, respect, and enthusiasm that fills our classrooms every day is a testament to that. Each child is made to feel welcome, and we are continuously reminded of what a special place this is to learn and grow.

I look forward to continuing to learn and get to know more about our wonderful school community in the months to come.

Nut allergies in school - We have a number of children in school who have serious nut allergies. A polite reminder that foods that contain nuts and/or sesame seeds are not allowed to be brought into school. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Wishing you and your families a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Miss D. Dewhurst

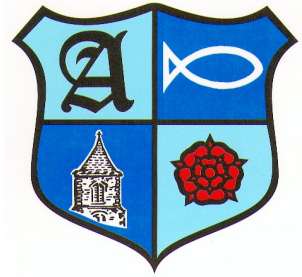
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St Anne's Church Bulletin

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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Curriculum News

Nursery We have continued exploring the Polar Regions In Nursery, we have been exploring the Antarctic. the children have been making penguins using shapes and have even been moving like penguins to music. We have enjoyed the story 'Runaway Iceburg ', and have been talking about how we have been brave just like Gaspar in the story. The children have explored ice and have been discussing how ice is made.

Star of the Week: Reggie R **Mission Statement:** Archie H

Reception This week we have been changing 'We are going on a bear hunt' to going on a hunt for something else (dinosaur, mermaid, snowman etc), and we used our phonic skills to write describing words. In maths we have been learning about 6, 7 and 8 and we have been learning all about Chinese New Year.

Year 1 This week, we have been having great fun retelling the story of Cinderella! We've also been trying hard to spell our Year 1 common exception words. Additionally, we've explored the different properties of materials, diving into some exciting discussions.

Year 2 This week in English, we have written our own version of the story of George's Marvellous Medicine . In Maths, we have started a new topic of Multiplication and Division. The children have been very good at identifying equal groups and sharing. In Science, we have identified and classified objects that are alive, never alive or dead.

Year 3 This week, Year 3 have been investigating different types of soil to see how permeable they each are by conducted an experiment. The children have also begun to construct their Roman chariots, by building a strong base, then adding their designs to their cockpits.

Year 4 Year 4 have blown us away this week with their results on the unofficial MTC check. The progress that some of the children have made is incredible! Well done to you all! They have also been working hard on perimeter in Maths and writing their own versions of 'Journey to Jo'burg' in English. In art the children have been experimenting with patterns using wax crayon and then colour washing over the top.

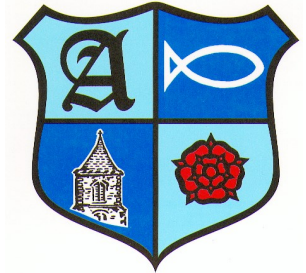
Year 5 **See Spotlight**

Year 6 After weeks of preparation, Year 6 have written their own classic fiction chapter based on the Wizard of Oz including wonderful language to make their writing stand out. The children had some visitors this week when the fire brigade came to talk to them about fire safety. They listened carefully and asked thoughtful questions to enhance their knowledge.





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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week

Primrose McN
Annie Mc
Thea M
Julisa J
Roman J
Joshua B
Eleanor G
Trudi C
Cowan McG
Indie R-T
Noah N
Lucy M
Mitchell M
Ehan M

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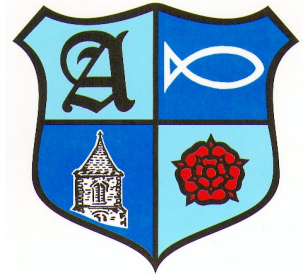
Theo G
Harry MR
Ruby T
Harrison H
Bella G
Max S
Jayden J
Noah W
Harry S
Will G
Beau O
Emily W
Alana G
Laney B-G

Attendance for Week Ending 24/01/2025

	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	29	95.50%	13	3
	Class 2	29	96.60%	10	2
	Class 3	24	92.20%	18	6
	Class 4	24	99.60%	1	1
	Class 5	27	94.10%	16	5
	Class 6	26	94.60%	14	4
Class 8 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2	Class 7	26	94.20%	15	8
	Class 8	25	99.60%	1	1
	Class 9	23	95.60%	10	3
	Class 10	24	99.20%	2	2
	Class 11	32	95.00%	16	6
	Class 12	32	95.30%	15	5
	Class 13	25	94.80%	13	7
Class 14	25	95.60%	11	3	



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Pre-Loved Uniform room

- Our PTA volunteers recently had a sort-out of our Pre-Loved Uniform room. Thank you to all the people who donated!!

It is now clean, tidy and ready to go! We have lots of stock in labelled boxes, so it is easy to find the size you need.



Anyone that needs uniform can call in on a Friday afternoon from 3pm and Mrs Rigby will show you around, just ask for her at the office.

Alternatively, you can email a request to us at stannespreloved@email.com. We can put the items in a bag and pass them to you or leave them at reception for you to collect when convenient.

We suggest a donation of £1 per item. Money can be left inside the pre-loved uniform room in the lockbox on the wall or you can pay via bank transfer to the PTA uniform account:
ST ANNES PTA, a/c no: 73026973, s/c 20-80-33.

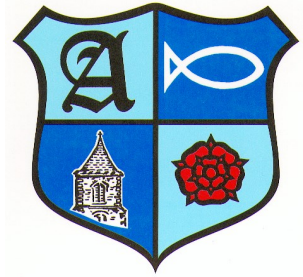
Please can we ask that if anyone has any donations to give going forward, that you only donate good quality, clean items of uniform. It is only a small space so we don't have room for other items such as coats, underwear etc.

We hope you love our Pre-Loved Uniform Room and encourage you to think of it whenever you need some new uniform for your child. All the items are clean and good quality! All the money raised by this room goes towards the PTA funds to be used for the children and school.

Many Thanks
St Anne's PTA Volunteers



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PTA – Important Reminders

Thank you to our wonderful school community for the ongoing support, please see below for important reminders about ways you can aid the PTA in raising money for our school!

Easy Fundraising: An incredibly easy way to raise donations for the school, simply sign up at the link below, enable the pop-up banners, and whenever you are online shopping with a valid retailer, you can allow the school to receive a donation for a percentage of whatever you spend! Costs absolutely nothing but makes a whole lot of difference -

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

School Lottery: Just like the national lottery, on a slightly smaller scale! Each ticket costs £1, and for every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school! Not to mention there is a £25,000 grand prize for matching all 6 numbers. Click the link to get signed up - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-annes-catholic-primary-school-ormskirk>

Pre-Loved Uniform Room: Uniform is costly, and children grow so fast, so remember our pre-loved room stocks all items in many sizes. We suggest a £1 donation per item, which can be paid using the box in the room, or to the PTA bank account (St Annes Parent Teacher – 73026973 – 20-80-33) using reference: UNIFORM. To make use of this environmentally friendly scheme see below:

Visit the office on Friday's at 3pm, where you will be given access, or;

Email our wonderful volunteers at stannespreloved@gmail.com telling them what you are looking for and in what sizes and they will arrange getting this to you.

Get in touch with your year group rep on whatsapp.

Social media – Keeping you up to date!

We appreciate that it is hard to keep up to date with all the events going on at school, which is why we try to keep you up to date using our various social media platforms, give us a follow on the profile names below:

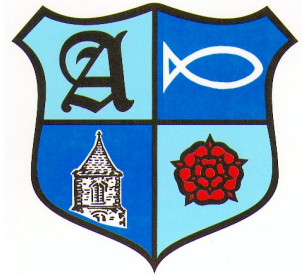
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