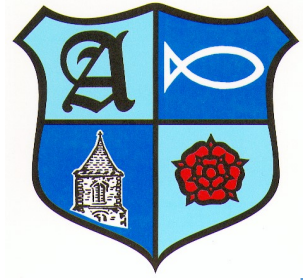




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## Spotlight on Year4

What a great start to the half term! We started reading our new English text this week; Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo. In order to understand the history behind the story, the children researched all about the apartheid. The children were outraged by their findings and we discussed the impact that this had in the past and the importance of learning about it. The children have been enthralled by the book and can't wait to find out what happens next.



It has also been a very active week for Year 4 as we started our gymnastics lessons. The children practised different ways of travelling before exploring different balances. They found lots of different body parts to balance on and we were very

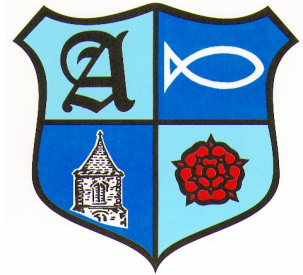


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**Message from Headteacher**

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

Well done to all the children who managed to bring their pumpkins into school this week. The children's designs and creativity turned our KS1 hall into a pumpkin carving studio! A huge thanks to all the parents, teachers and families who helped ensure all children enjoyed their Halloween Discos on Monday. I think everyone really enjoyed the occasion.

Another congratulations to all our sporting superstars this week who have represented the school exceptionally well. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and teachers who continually promote and support our children's participation in the wide range of sporting opportunities St Anne's provides.

A small number of Year 6 children joined children from St Bede's yesterday afternoon in St Anne's Church to spend time reflecting on Pope Francis' message to protect our world. This was an extremely thoughtful and peaceful reflection and I would like to thank the staff at St Bede's for inviting our children to participate.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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## Curriculum News

**Nursery** This week in Nursery we have been talking about our Autumnal Halloween adventures in Half Term, sharing photographs from home. We have been getting excited about Bonfire night making rockets using shapes, playing I spy games initial letter games with Autumnal words and lots of fun games together.

We are looking forward to hearing about your Bonfire night experiences, remember to stay safe.

Our Stars of this week are : Charlie J, Fraser B, and Billy B

**Reception** This week in Reception we have been learning all about Bonfire Night and how to stay safe. We also learnt about the Artist Kandinsky and created our own concentric circle masterpieces.

**Year 1** have had a busy and exciting first week back. The children loved starting the week with the fantastic Halloween disco which involved lots of dancing of course! In English we started our new topic on 'Letters'. We read the story 'Dear Greenpeace' and identified key features of a letter and looked at formal and informal letters. We started our new Science topic on seasons and loved exploring our school grounds looking for signs of Autumn.

**Year 2** Welcome to Autumn Term 2 and the new theme 'Our World'. To inspire their History, Geography, Art & Science work, the children had a wonderful morning exploring Ormskirk - Coronation Park, the clock tower and the local habitats. We can't wait to share the wonderful work that will flourish from this visit! Thank you also to the PTA for organising a fantastic Halloween disco which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children (and teachers!).

**Year 3** It's been a great week back in Year 3 this week! We have begun our new topic of Our World by beginning Fables, looking at Atlases, sketching local landmarks and we have even had time to discuss COP26!

**Year 4** Please see this week's spotlight.

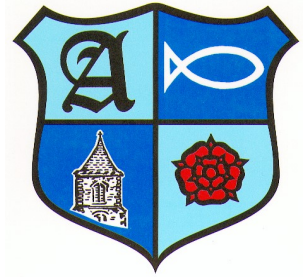
**Year 5** have been looking at a range of non-fiction texts and specifically non-chronological reports, ready to write their own during this first English Topic of this half term.

**Year 6** This week we started our new topic of Evolution and Inheritance, in Science. We discussed how we know that living things have changed over time and how fossils are formed. In Geography we located cities, countries and continents of the World, using atlases and our prior knowledge.





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## School Council Matters

Thank you to everyone- children and parents - who took part in our Halloween

Pumpkin competition- they were wonderful examples of the children's creativity!

You can see the fantastic display of pumpkins on Twitter. The winning entries for each year group were-

Nursery- Charlie

Reception- Max

Year One- Florence

Year Two- Jasmine

Year Three- Summer

Year Four- Patrick

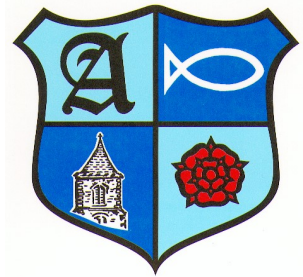
Year Five- Keira

Year Six- Harriet





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**School Parliament**



As part of UK Parliament Week, the Year Six children learnt about Parliament and how laws are created. They found out about the voting process and how the UK government is formed. They then held a class debate about climate change – with a designated speaker, Prime Minister and a Head of the Opposition!





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# Our Award Winners!

## Star of the Week   Mission Statement

Oliver S	Jack M
Sienna H	Saskia B
Matas B	Jack S
Sienna C	Lyla U
Harriet T	Zach L
Karter C	Joshua B
Joseph M-W	Elsa T
Luke B	Arthur C
Polly O	Genevieve L
Xaia H	Jack H
Christopher W –B	Luna J
Samuel H	James Mc
Isis G-P	Issy H
Rosa B	Harrison S





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## **Key Messages**

### **St Anne's Nursery Applications**

If your child turns 3 between the 1st September and 31st December 2021 they are eligible to start nursery in January 2022. Parents can claim between 15 and 30 FREE funded hours a week, dependant on eligibility. If you are interested in your child starting at St Anne's Nursery please email [j.banner@st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.banner@st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk) for a visit or booking form.

### **PTA news**

For one week only we are collecting unwanted or unused Halloween costumes to use next year. Please leave in the box in the main reception area

### **Covid19**

Dr Karunanithi, who is Lancashire's Director of Public Health, has issued guidance for schools when managing Covid. Control measures that schools are to continue which are:

Good hygiene for everyone

Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes

Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing positive cases

### **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.