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Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely and restful half term break. It's been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm, ready for all that this next half term brings.

This half term is always a busy and meaningful one in our school calendar as we journey towards Christmas and prepare for the coming of Jesus through Advent. The children will take part in a range of activities and reflections to help them understand the true meaning of this season of hope and waiting.

November is also a month of remembrance in our Catholic faith. We take time to pray for those who have died and to remember them with love and gratitude. As we approach Remembrance Sunday, we will reflect together on the sacrifices made by others and pray for peace in our world today.

Coco, our school dog, is delighted to be back in school after her Half Term adventures! She is making her way around the classes and has been warmly welcomed by lots of very happy children! Her gentle nature and calming presence continue to bring joy to our school family.

As we begin this new half term of learning, reflection, and preparation, I look forward to an exciting and fulfilling term ahead. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Dewhurst

Headteacher



Mission Statement

"Loving God in all we do"



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The Gospel according to John 2: 13 – 22

Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple, there he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days, I will raise it up." The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

Dear Lord Jesus, please fill us with **enthusiasm** to love you, to serve you, and to help others to know you too. Amen

St Anne's Church Bulletin

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



Individual Liberty

Everyone has the freedom to choose how they celebrate, but it's important to think about how our choices affect others. Being thoughtful helps make celebrations positive and enjoyable for all.

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Follow in the footsteps of St Anne

"Actions speak louder than words."
Saint Teresa of Calcutta





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In school this week.....

Nursery

The children have been very busy this week, they have been sharing their experiences and thoughts about Bonfire Night. Lovely language was used to describe what they saw and heard and the children have created lovely pictures to represent fireworks using different resources. We discussed safety around fireworks and bonfires and to support this the local firefighters came in. The children loved hearing what else firefighters do in their job and looked at the different equipment they use, but they also talked to the children about smoke alarms. The children were challenged to go home and find their smoke alarms in their houses, it was great to hear the children coming in and sharing where they had found their smoke alarm at home.



Reception

What an exciting and busy week in Reception! We have started our new topic 'People who help us' off with a bang! On Thursday we had a visit from the fire engine, 2 police officers and a counsellor - we got to squirt the hose from the fire engine and we even arrested our teachers and put them in handcuffs! The counsellor explained how she helps people's minds to feel better. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers- the children have learned so much! In maths we have been learning about circles and triangles and in PE we have started our tennis lessons! We also learned about Bonfire night and Bonfire night safety.



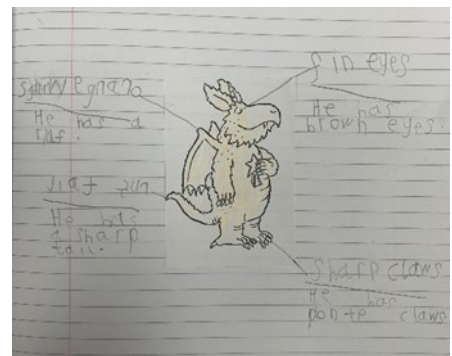


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Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful start to the term. In English, we have begun our exciting new topic all about *Zog*! The children have loved getting to know the story — writing their own questions, making predictions, and using some fantastic adjectives to describe Zog and his adventures. In ICT, the class had lots of fun during their Jam Coding session, using the coding pets to input instructions and watch them move around the room. In Geography, we have started learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and have been identifying their capital cities. The children were very enthusiastic and are already becoming little geography experts!



Year 2

The children have made a fantastic start to the new half term and have come back ready to learn!

In English, we began our new topic *Twisted Tales* and focused on *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*. The children enjoyed making predictions about the story and asking thoughtful questions to explore the characters and events.

In Maths, we have been working very hard on the tricky concept of adding two 2-digit numbers across a ten. The children have shown great perseverance and are growing in confidence with different strategies. Our new History topic is all about *Ormskirk*. The children are already excited to find out more about our local area and how it has changed over time.

In Religion, we started our second branch, *Prophecy and Promise*. We learned about prophets and their messages from God, focusing on the prophet Isaiah and his scripture about darkness and the great light. The children reflected on his words beautifully and created their own artwork to represent this theme.



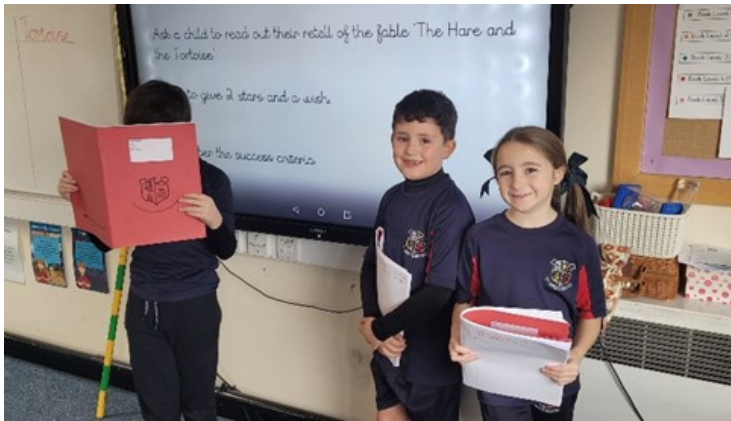


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Year 3

In year 3 this week the children have been working extremely hard! In English we have started our new unit, Fables and the children have been reading about the hare and the tortoise, identifying the features of the fable. They then wrote a retell of the fable and read them out to the class. In French the children have been learning to count and then used their fantastic French skills to add single digits together. In R.E the children have been recognising and describing the significance of Sunday Mass and making links between Mass and the Creation story.



Year 4

Year 4 have made a great start to the second Autumn half term. We have introduced our new topics which have needed mature and a sensible attitude. We have started to think about the Slave Trade in History and Geography and Apartheid in English. Our new text for English is called "Journey to Jo'burg" and we are looking forward to finding out how the characters solve their dilemma. In PE this week we began our health and fitness topic by measuring our stamina and flexibility. In maths we have begun our multiplication and division topic and will developing our knowledge of our times tables through reasoning and problem solving.





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Year 5

This week Year 5 have been exploring historical facts about The Islamic Golden Age and in particular the round city of Baghdad 700AD. The children have been learning new key words to expand their historical vocabulary while expanding their geographical knowledge of the countries surrounding Baghdad. Originally built by the Abbasid family in 762 AD, Baghdad quickly became the world centre for learning and culture.



Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed the start to the new half term after a good rest! We have dived straight into our study of Macbeth, we think the children are really going to enjoy this juicy English topic! Some Year 6 pupils were able to visit a local care home this week, both to share their thoughtful poetry but also just to chat to the residents. The children were a great representation of our school and we were very proud of them. We've had the atlases out to begin 'Our Word' in Geography and enjoyed researching a variety of countries around the world. In PE this week, we have begun our gymnastics topic with our West Lancs Sports coach.

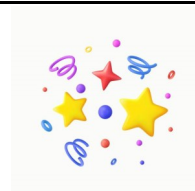
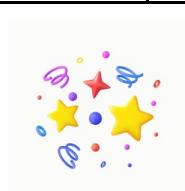
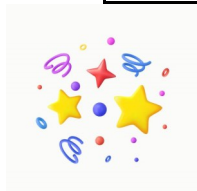




OUR AWARD WINNERS



Year Group	Star of the Week	Mission Statement
Nursery	River Q	Tallulah R
Class 1	Eliza B	Gabriel W
Class 2	Max G	Reeva M
Class 3	Florence R	Marie AR
Class 4	Oliver C	Henry G
Class 5	Elizabeth S	Beau O'C
Class 6	Arthur F	Maisie D
Class 7	Fraser B	Maya W
Class 8	Beatrice W	Ellis M
Class 9	George H	Ellie-Mae S
Class 10	Andrew S & Elvern N	Harry A
Class 11	Caleb O'L	Emy G
Class 12	Emelia A	Thomas L
Class 13	Mollie C	Class 13
Class 14	Lucy B	Class 14





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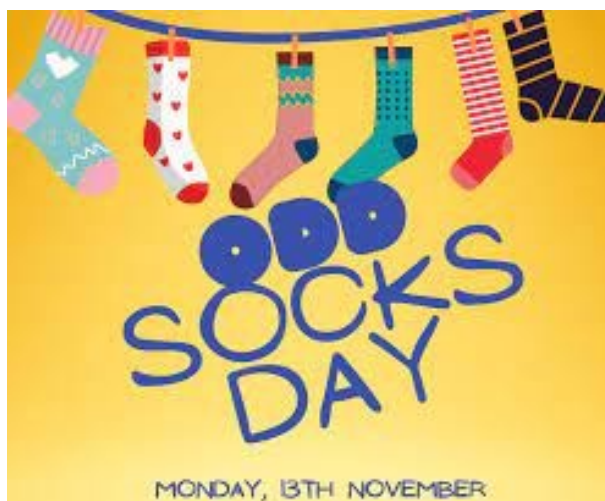
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Attendance for Week Ending 24/10/2025

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6		
Attendance	88.50%	96.40%	81.00%	80.60%	80.70%	78.10%		
Class	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11	Class 12	Class 13	Class 14
Attendance	89.10%	73.50%	92.50%	94.80%	84.50%	93.50%	80.90%	92.00%

Diary Dates

- Monday 10th November **Odd Sock Day** Children are invited to come to school wearing **odd socks** as a fun way to show that it's okay to be different and to celebrate what makes us unique.
- 14th November -Anti Bullying week 10
- Monday 24th & Thursday 27th November Parents Evening—Booking information to follow
- Friday 5th December Advent Mass in Church





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Parking Issues

Please can we remind everyone that safe and considerate parking outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times is essential for the safety of all pedestrians, local residents, and our families. Double parking, blocking driveways or leaving vehicles unattended in unsafe places, creates serious hazards, sets a poor example for children and shows a lack of consideration for others. We urge all parents to act responsibly and allow extra time to find a safe, legal parking space. St Anne's has been urged to report any incidents to LCC Parking Services. Your cooperation is vital in order to keep everyone safe and maintaining good relations with our neighbours.

Thank you



And finally, joke of the week from Jude C in Year 5 ...

What do you call a person with no knees?

Neil

Have a great weekend.



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Years 1 & 2 Computer Club



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Game Making Afterschool Club_



Have you ever wondered what it's like to make a game? In our Game Making workshop, you get to design and create your own characters, build cool backgrounds, and even program your very own Flappy Bird game! We'll explore fun ways to design characters and watch them come to life, along with the amazing worlds they live in!

First, you'll draw your characters on the computer, giving them a unique look. Next, you'll create beautiful backgrounds that set the scene for your game. Whether it's a jungle, a city, or outer space, the sky's the limit!

After that, you'll learn how to program your game. You'll write the code that makes your characters move, jump, and fly, just like in Flappy Bird. You'll also add obstacles and challenges to make the game exciting and fun to play. Finally, we'll put everything together and test your game to make sure it works perfectly. By the end of the workshop, you'll have a game that you created from start to finish, ready to share and play with your friends.

And don't forget, you can earn points by working in your teams and displaying our 4 C's: Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, and Confidence. At the end of the workshop, the team with the most points will win a trophy! Good luck and happy game making!

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have"

DATES

11th Nov, 18th Nov,
25th Nov, 2nd Dec,
9th Dec, 16th Dec

TIME

Running on
Tuesdays from
3:30 - 4:30 PM

PRICE

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Years 5 & 6 Computer Club



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MINECRAFT Afterschool Club

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital creativity skills. Is your child ready to take their Minecraft experience to the next level? In our **Minecraft** workshop, children learn how to harness the power of text commands to become fire resistant, teleport, create potions and intricate chain reactions using command blocks and pressure plates. Working in teams, children will have fun whilst improving their computational thinking skills to enhance their gaming experience! At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!



DATES: 12th Nov, 19th Nov, 26th Nov,
3rd Dec, 10th Dec, 17th Dec

TIME: Running on Wednesdays
from 3:30-4:30 PM

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A monthly drop in where families
can access support on:

Housing

Finance

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Access to service for:

Employment advice

Relationship advice

Home safety

Find out about:

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Household living support

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