



# St. Anne's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



2023

## Spotlight on Year 5

If you can dream it, you can do it!

### **Building our future!**

We are only two weeks from the end of term, but Year 5 are still learning hard. Our topics have enthralled us, entertained us and inspired us!

In English we have been studying biographies and now we have moved onto poetry – we are finding out what haiku, cinquains and tankas are. To finish off with, we wrote our own about the Christmas Story– our teachers have never seen such wonderfully descriptive language, as we have put in alliteration, onomatopoeia and personification.

In Maths we have recently finished creating equivalent fractions and we have learnt how to add and subtract them. Recently we have moved on to telling the time in analogue and digital times and we have even looked at how to read bus/train timetables.

In History we have studied the Golden Age Of Islam centred around Baghdad (aka The Round City). We were fascinated by the advances made in Science, Maths and Medicine in the House Of Wisdom, which was the seat of learning in the ancient world at the time. Sadly, it came to an end in horrific circumstances, when the Mongol hordes slaughtered over 1 million people and threw the books into the River Tigris – it is said there were so many books in the river that it turned black and Mongol horse-archers could ride across them as if they were a bridge.

In PE we have been developing our balances – we have learnt the difference between a matched and a mirror balance, a counter balance and a counter tension and a weight-bearing balance and a part weight-bearing balance.

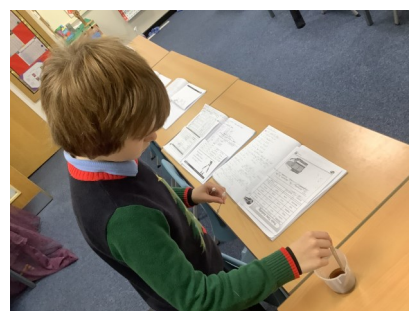
In Science we have been learning all about materials and their changing states. We have learnt how some solids dissolve into a liquid to create a solution and some solids do not dissolve in a liquid, so a mixture is made. Recently, we watched irreversible changes occur when we mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda together (and we tried coke and sugar). A chemical change occurred and carbon dioxide was given off. Interesting stuff!

In ICT we have studied search engines for finding information quickly on the internet – we have learnt to narrow down a search and improve our use of key words.

In Music we have been learning to perform music on a glockenspiel, especially jazz and blues.

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

In RE we have been looking at making commitments, so we have looked at marriage and what to look for in a marriage partner. More recently, we have been working hard on our Carol Service, which is due to take place next Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> December) at 6pm (St Anne's Church). Please come along to celebrate this festive time of the year – it will be a great way of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.





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## Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,



A huge thanks goes to the school staff and the PTA who have prepared the school building with Christmas decorations and have also planned wonderful Christmas events for our children to enjoy. 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.

*Sunday 10th December - Second Sunday of Advent.*

*Monday 11th December - Advent Mass in St. Anne's Church at 9.30 am (all welcome).*

*Tuesday 12th December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas lunch (Infants may wear their Christmas jumpers/hats).*

*Wednesday 13th December - KS2 Christmas lunch (Juniors may wear their Christmas jumpers/hats).*

*Wednesday 13th December - Year 5 Christmas Carol Service in St. Anne's Church at 6.00pm.*

*Friday 15th December - Year 4 Christmas Cinema afternoon. (Children may wear their party clothes).*

*Friday 15th December - Choir to sing Christmas carols at Brookside (Children may wear a Christmas jumper).*

*Friday 15th December - KS2 children to bring chocolate donations for bingo/quiz.*

Wonderful support from parents and grandparents ensured that the Reception Class Christmas Nativity was a great success. Well done to all the children and well done to the extremely skilled staff who manage to prepare the children to be as wonderful as they are!

Congratulations to all our athletes who have represented the school this week. We are very proud of all your sporting achievements.

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## Message from Headteacher continued

Parents' Evening attendance – Please see below the attendance data. Superb support from all parents.

Class 1	91%
Class 2	87%
Class 3	96%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	92%
Class 6	96%

Class 7	100%
Class 8	91%
Class 9	94%
Class 10	87%
Class 11	95%
Class 12	92%
Class 13	84%
Class 14	87%

Please click on the following link to access St Anne's School Calendar <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/> The tab to the calendar is in the top right-hand corner of the webpage. The calendar will be checked each Friday with updates added accordingly.

Polite reminder to all adults that the school car park is only accessible after 5pm at night and that 5mph is plenty fast enough on school grounds!

### 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 until 15<sup>th</sup> January**. 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>

The SEND Newsletter (previously called FIND) is for parents and carers of, and professionals working with, children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND).

Download the latest issue at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/send-newsletter/>

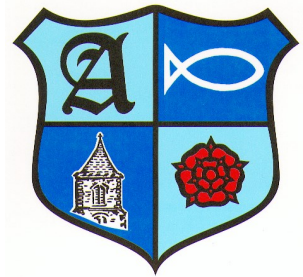
Parents and carers can also sign up for a regular copy at the link above. Professionals can email [FIND@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:FIND@lancashire.gov.uk) to be added to the regular mailing list.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates  
Headteacher



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## Curriculum News

**Nursery** We have had a lovely week in Nursery, we have been having Christmas stories and have been learning new Christmas songs. The children have begun creating beautiful Christmas crafts and pictures using a variety of resources. The children enjoyed programming Santa's sleigh to move around Lapland, leaving a trail behind to show where he had been! All the children looked lovely in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday.  
Star of the Week: Zach McQ Mission Statement: Iris S

**Reception** This week in Reception we have been performing our Nativity play, we were superstars! We have been learning the songs, actions and some words- we have been so proud to share our hard work with our families. In maths we have been learning about shapes and we have used 2D shapes to create our own pictures. In RE this week, we have been learning about Christmas around the world- we learned how different countries celebrate and we have tasted food from around the world.

**Year 1** This week in year 1 we have been working on our recounts of the Nativity story. We have learnt all about the past tense verbs. We have also identified the key questions we must cover in a recount. In Maths we have been looking at place value to 20 and have identified these numbers and their tens and ones. In the Wider Curriculum we have been learning all about Winter and we have also finished learning about the countries in the United Kingdom. This week we written facts on Northern Ireland and Wales. In PE we performed our circus dance.

**Year 2** This week in Year 2 we've been talking about Ormskirk in the past. We've been comparing photographs of the town and St Anne's school from this century with some from the 1950s and 1970s. We have drawn 2D shapes in maths and learned how to find the vertical line of symmetry in the shapes. In English we have written our own Kenning poem, using two-word phrases with a noun and a verb to describe ourselves.

**Year 3** Year 3 have loved creating their own superheroes and villains for the comic strip they will create next week. They have amazing ideas and are excited to put these creations into their final piece for this topic. They have been working hard on their multiplication and division skills in Maths lessons, using their growing knowledge of times tables to aid them.

**Year 4** It has been a very busy week for Year 4. In swimming, we have impressed our teachers in our assessments, showing them what we have learned during the term. We have completed some fantastic writing based on all of the skills we have been mastering, using our class novel 'Journey to Jo'Burg' for our ideas and inspiration. In maths, we have been looking at written calculations for multiplication and attempting lots of challenges. Our African prints that we have been designing in Art are coming together and we are excited about the final outcomes.

**Year 5** See Spotlight

**Year 6** Year 6 have had a busy week of curriculum work as well as some Christmas fun. They continue their work on newspaper writing based on the Boxing Day tsunami and have fine tuned their painting skills ahead of their final amazon piece of art. In RE the children have been preparing for Christmas through their 'Expectations' topic and thoroughly enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers on Thursday. We're very proud of our athletic representatives who competed in the local school's competition.





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# Our Award Winners!

## Star of the Week

Xaia H  
Noah W  
James E  
Oliver G  
Nora R  
Marissa R  
Sam D  
Bobby B  
Ella L  
Isabelle F  
Sam S  
Joshua B  
Arienne P  
Sophie L

## Mission Statement

Robin Mc  
Santiago CC  
Phoebe S  
Thomas H  
Jack S  
Charlotte B  
Molly C  
Sienna U  
Finlay C  
Mark Mc  
Ryan S  
Nyah C  
Dillon F  
Jack I

## Attendance for Week Ending 01/12/2023

	Class	No Pupils	% Attendance	Sessions Missed	Rank
<b>Class 6 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1</b>	Class 1	22	96.40%	8	3
	Class 2	23	88.70%	26	6
	Class 3	24	93.80%	15	4
	Class 4	24	92.00%	20	5
	Class 5	26	97.30%	7	2
	Class 6	26	98.10%	5	1
<b>Class 8 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2</b>	Class 7	22	90.90%	20	8
	Class 8	24	99.60%	1	1
	Class 9	32	94.70%	17	4
	Class 10	31	93.50%	20	5
	Class 11	24	96.30%	9	2
	Class 12	24	91.70%	20	7
	Class 13	31	92.60%	23	6
	Class 14	30	95.30%	14	3



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## **School Message**

### **Parking at Drop off & Pick up Times**

We understand that the vast majority of parents are considerate when parking near school but, unfortunately, we have received more concerns from local residents about parking in residential roads near school at drop off and pick up times, this is causing safety issues and would prevent emergency vehicles gaining access. Please be aware that residents are now reporting number plates to the appropriate authorities. We do understand the difficulties of parking around the school area but ask that as adults, we all understand and work together to ensure the safety of all our children by parking in appropriate places. Please be mindful that all children and families represent the reputation of our school and any negative parking concerns could cause damage to our school's excellent reputation.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **St Anne's Toddler Group**

St Anne's Toddler Group meets every Thursday morning during term time. It is open to all families and it is a great opportunity to meet new people whilst your children play. Each week there is a different activity including Creation Station, a local craft activity company, offering lots of different crafts for children to do. We also offer fun with food activities, messy play, stories, singing and lots more.

There is no need to book just come along to St Anne's School on a Thursday morning, 9am - 11am. A small charge of £2.00 for the 1st child and 50p for each other child is required.

### **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.