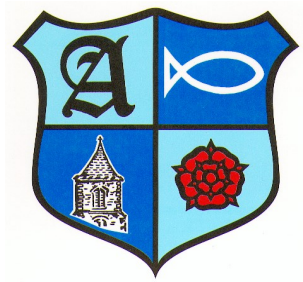




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8th March 2024

Spotlight on 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 and now we are working on stories from different cultures. We have learnt to use expanded noun phrases, relative clauses, modal verbs, metaphors/similes, alliteration, onomatopoeia and personification. This culminated in a wonderful World Book Day, where we looked at the stars, constellations and myths surrounding their names.

In Maths, we have recently finished looking at how percentages relate to decimals and fractions. Now we are working out percentages of a number and next we look at area and perimeter of shapes.

In Geography, we have studied the Amazon Rainforest. Did you know 30 million people live there? Amazingly enough, some Amerindian tribes have never been contacted by the modern world and they live as they have done for 5000 years! We have also looked at the vast Amazon Basin and how it brings life to over 1 million species of plants and animals – it is rightly called the 'lungs of the world', because it provides half of the world's oxygen.

In PE we have been swimming; now nearly everyone of us can swim 20 metres using two strokes. We are also looking at rounders and learning the importance of catching a ball carefully.

In Science, we have been learning all about the life-cycles of various flora and fauna. We have compared how a mammalian life-cycle is different to a reptilian life-cycle, which is different again to the amphibian life-cycle. Strangely enough, we have also compared the complete metamorphosis of an insect with an incomplete metamorphosis.

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.

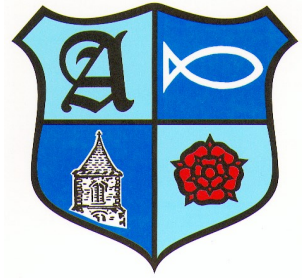
In RE, we have been looking at the Passover story and how Christ was celebrating it when he instituted the Lord's Supper – we have then gone on to look at how the Eucharist is a thanksgiving for our Saviour's death on the cross that we might be forgiven through his shed blood.

Children painting art constellations of the northern hemisphere for world book day.





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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

Archbishop Malcolm has called for a day of prayer in the schools and parishes of Liverpool Archdiocese for the Holy Land this Friday, 8th March 2024.

This echoes the plea of Cardinal Vincent Nichols who has written:

"As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has not improved, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. I ask that, on Friday 8 March, there is a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land. This could take the form of a dedicated time of prayer, perhaps before the Blessed Sacrament, for peace in the Holy Land. It could be as simple as making any regular Lenten devotions you may be having on that day for this intention."

A prayer from the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for peace.

"Let us pray with one heart and one soul – Lord come to our aid, grant us peace, teach us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: Never again war."

Lord Hear Us.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend and a Happy Mothers' Day!

Mr P Bates

Headteacher

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 What a busy week in Nursery, the Sparkling Stars have been reading the story 'Formidable Sid', they have been using their language skills to describe their own pets and have even designed their own! The Giggle Tots have been reading 'Harold's worst nightmare' and have been talking about feelings and emotions. For World Book Day we have all been reading 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers, the children looked amazing dressed up as animals, we had lots of discussions about all the wonderful animals in the World and the children drew their favourites. Star of the Week: Emilia L Mission Statement: Thomas S

Reception What an exciting week in Reception! We had a delivery of 10 chicken eggs, we have watched them hatch and now we have some lovely chicks to look after for the rest of this week and next. We have been creating our own story maps for the Enormous Turnip by changing the characters and for World Book Day on Thursday, we visited Ormskirk Library- we all have a library card now and we used it to borrow a book!

Year 1 In English this week we have written our own fantasy stories using the story of No-Bot. We also explored the book 'Here we Are' for World book day, asking the questions they have always wondered about this world. In maths we have been looking at volume and capacity. In topic we have looked at mammals and planned the designs of our animal puppets.

Year 2 This week the children have been learning to recognise a 'half' and have used a range of activities, such as recognising half of a shape, an object as well as working out half of a quantity. The children have studied different animal prints from around the world and have painted their favourite ones in water colours and other media.

Year 3 Year 3 are doing extremely well with their rehearsals for their Easter Reflection, which they will perform in Holy Week. They have also been learning about the main muscles in their bodies in Science and beginning to design their animal to be created in clay during their Art lessons.

Year 4 Year 4 have had another fantastic week- we have been continuing to work hard on fractions in maths and have begun a very exciting art topic based on the work of Marcus Coates. We will be creating sculptures of birds' nests. For World Book Day we read 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and created some fantastic Haikus and art work based on the under the sea image in the text.

Year 5 See Spotlight

Year 6 Year 6 were extremely thoughtful and creative during World Book Day this week. Like the rest of the school, we focused on Oliver Jeffers' 'Here We Are'. The children studied all of the different people represented in the book and talked about the phrase 'we are all just people.' The children were able to create back stories for these people and explained the impact they have on the world around them, however big and small! From lifeguards and grannies to Olympic medallists and doctors who found cures. The discussion provoked a really interesting conversation!





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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week

Alex Mc
Isabelle D
James Mc
Mason R
Scarlett H & Sasha C
Sophia G
Scarlett R
Yasmin S
Cianan G
Penny S
Gabby C
Ivy Q
Fletcher A
Heidi F

Mission Statement

Isabelle F
James E
Isla O
Florence F
Oliver J
Sam S
Fraser B
Nathaniel Mc
Hugo D
Joanna R
Arthur F
Jessica B
Florence C
Lorenzo V

Attendance for Week Ending 01/03/2024

	Class	No Pupils	% Attendance	Sessions Missed	Rank
Class 1 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 1	Class 1	22	100.00%	0	1
	Class 2	23	91.30%	20	5
	Class 3	24	99.20%	2	2
	Class 4	24	90.00%	25	6
	Class 5	26	98.10%	5	3
	Class 6	26	96.50%	9	4
Class 9 are the winners of the Attendance Award for this week in Key Stage 2	Class 7	22	99.10%	2	2
	Class 8	24	85.90%	31	8
	Class 9	32	99.40%	2	1
	Class 10	31	97.20%	9	4
	Class 11	24	94.20%	14	7
	Class 12	24	96.30%	9	6
	Class 13	31	96.50%	11	5
	Class 14	30	97.70%	7	3



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School Message

School Cleaning Vacancies

We have vacancies within our cleaning team.
Hours -4-6.30pm Monday to Friday (part time considered)
Enquires to Mrs Oates, Business Manager through the school office
or email :- businessmanager@st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk



Break Time Snack for all year groups

A reminder that children are encouraged to bring in a break time snack of fruit or cereal bar, nothing else please, and to remember there should be NO NUTS in the ingredients.
Thank you





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ONE STOP SHOP

**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:

**Mental health support
Accessing Food Banks
Household living support**

**First
Thursday of
the month,
9am 'til
12 noon**



**The West Lancs Family Hub and Zone
Yeadon
Skelmersdale
WN8 6NL
01695 651 350**



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**FAMILY
BINGO NIGHT!**



PTA EASTER FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
Friday 22nd March @ St Anne's Parish Centre
Doors open 6pm – Eyes Down 6:30pm

TICKETS GO ON SALE: **FRIDAY 1st MARCH 7pm**

BOOK HERE: <http://pta-events.co.uk/stannesormskirk>

If you've not used this platform before; you'll need to register; it only takes a few minutes. Due to a maximum capacity at the Parish Centre this will be a bookable and limited event. We advise booking early to avoid disappointment! Please book one ticket per person; the price includes your tickets for the evening.

To support us in our fundraising efforts we would welcome donations from our school community and local community of drinks, chocolates, vouchers and gifts. If you have contacts with businesses; please consider asking them for donations too; we can promote them on our social media channels. We have so far received donations from Nando's, B&Q and Paloma Forrest.

Children should pass donations to their class teacher on **Friday 8th March**

If you have any questions; or suggestions for prizes please get in touch with us at stannespta@outlook.com

Thank you for your on-going support. St Annes PTA Volunteers.