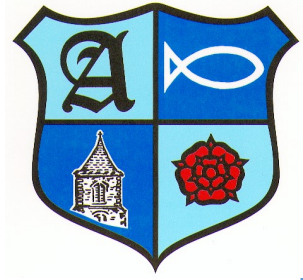




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12th March 2021

Spotlight on Year 5

It's been wonderful to welcome back our fantastic Year 5 children this week and they've settled back into school routines with ease. They have continued planning and writing their stories based on The Amazon Rainforest in English, and in Maths we have been learning all about Volume and Capacity and how they are different.



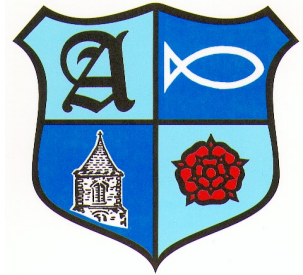
Plus the P.E. lessons have provided the children with great fun, learning how to hurdle and triple jump.



The children have loved seeing their friends again and playing outside together. The return of football at break times has proved very popular!



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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

Our children have settled extremely well this week and have been an absolute pleasure to have back in school.

We must remember our Covid routines to keep everyone as safe as possible. Teachers will continue to reinforce to children the need to wash hands, use hand gels, stay in their class/year group bubbles and to leave school promptly at the end of the day.

Message from NHS for all families

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Schools should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose.

Schools are asked to share the information below with parent networks to help answer questions they may have:

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy, and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

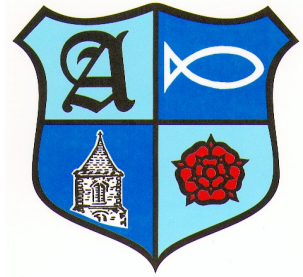
- *through your employer if they offer testing to employees*
- *by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most. If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.*

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates
Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery This week in nursery we have been learning about life on a farm. We have looked at the different jobs a farmer does, from growing crops to caring for animals. We have planted our won vegetables, look out for them in our garden in the coming weeks.

Reception This week we have loved welcoming the children back to school. We have been learning all about Spring and talking about things that grow in nature during the season of Spring. We have also been very busy in our writing groups working on sentence writing.

Year 1 It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back into class and to see so many happy faces. We began our English theme of 'Fantasy Stories' and the children giggled all the way through our class text, 'No-Bot - the robot with no bottom'. In maths we are learning to identify coins and notes and apply our learning in our own 'Booths at St Anne's' supermarket.

Year 2 It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this week! We have missed them so much! They have settled brilliantly, worked hard and played beautifully! We have been continuing our theme of 'Animal Kingdom' throughout the curriculum with amazing information reports about barn owls, fantastic persuasive adverts for our bug hotels and designing and making robo-bugs to celebrate British Science Week. The children continue to amaze us and make us immensely proud!

Year 3 It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children back to Year 3 this week. It honestly feels like they've never been away and we couldn't be prouder of them. Their work has been exceptional!

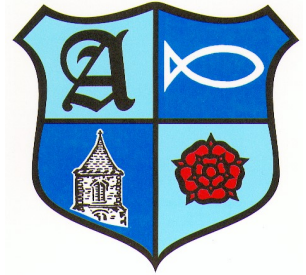
Year 4 We have had an extremely eco-friendly week in Year 4 as we learnt all about rubbish. We unpacked our lunch boxes to find the most eco-friendly ways of disposing our waste. We discussed single-use plastic and how we can be pioneers in reducing, reusing and recycling our waste.

Year 5 Please see this week's spotlight.

Year 6 We have welcomed Year 6 back to school this week and they have been fantastic. As part of our English curriculum we have written about the pros and cons of animals being used to entertain.



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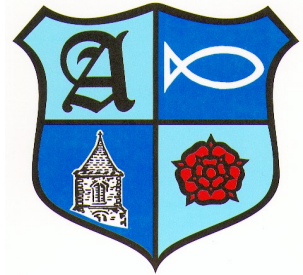
Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Mission Statement

Isabel B	Mia B
Lily A	Rebecca K
Orlaith O & Henry T	Mia C
Ghazal D	Patrick P
Charlie S	Lola O
Mackenzie P	Mia L
Dylan C	Henry K
Daisy BG	Grace W
Christopher WB	Arabella L
Lucia B	Alfred MC
Samuel H	Eve S
Mollie C	Amelia W
Alex V	Harry L
William C	Elliott M



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Key Messages

Covid19

The key messages to try to reduce the spread of Covid-19 are:

Ensuring good hand washing routines using soap and hot water.

Adults and children to maintain a 2 metre distance wherever possible.

Parents and children not to gather at the start or end of the day on the school grounds.

Headlice and Threadworm

It is very common in schools for children to have head lice. It is sensible for all parents/carers to continually check their child's head for lice and use the correct treatments as required. Please also check for threadworms as this is also common in children. Please seek medical advice as required.

St Anne's Church Bulletin is available on the Church website. A link is available at the bottom of every page on our school website:

Our Top Tips For Returning To School

Lancs 0-19 Service - The School Nursing Team

0300 247 0040



Every pupil's experience of the pandemic will be varied. Some, despite restrictions, will be eager to start school again. For others, it will present a challenging and overwhelming time, but don't worry this is completely normal.

The School Nursing Team have prepared some tips, to help your child settle back into school.

If you have any questions or need any further support please contact a member of our team on [0300 247 0040](tel:03002470040) or alternatively send us an email via vcl.019.singlepointofaccess@nhs.net

Anxiety

- Help your child understand anxiety.
- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings.
- Establish routines.
- Offer reassurance. Anxiety is a normal emotion.
- Practice mindfulness.
- Give lots of praise.

Website – Annafreud.org

Healthy Lifestyles

- Be active, spend time outdoors & make exercise fun.
- Where possible, enjoy family mealtimes together.
- Eat a well balanced diet – 5 pieces of fruit/vegetables
- Drink plenty of water.
- Cook healthy meals together.
- Have me-sized meals.

Website – nhs/changeforlife

Sleep

- Establish a good bedtime routine.
- Have a warm drink.
- Nice relaxing bath.
- 1-1 time and story before bed.
- Fresh air and exercise throughout the day
- Monitor/reduce screen time.

Website – sleepcouncil.org.uk

Behaviour

- Establish clear boundaries and routines.
- Be consistent.
- Communicate with your child.
- Be positive about the good things.
- Offer lots of praise for good behaviour.

Website – youngminds.org