



A very Happy New Year! We hope that you have all enjoyed the first few weeks back at school following the Christmas break and that you are looking forward to the year ahead. The children have all settled back into their school routines very quickly and have been enjoying an array of exciting opportunities and experiences to support and enhance their learning here at St. Anne's!



Mrs Nugent, our Year 3 teaching assistant came down to talk to our Reception classes about Chinese New Year and how she celebrates it at home with her family. She brought in lots of exciting pictures and artefacts to show the children, letting them handle them and ask questions too! Children found out what animal year that they were born in and also made lanterns, Chinese dragons and lucky red envelopes too! Reception children then finished off the week with a party in their class where they sampled a range of different Chinese foods ☺ Kung hei fat choy!



The Joseph Lappin Centre are still running their 'Food Pantry' every Monday from 12pm-2pm. For £3.50 (cash only) customers can choose ten essential items such as fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, cleaning products and toiletries. You must bring ID with your name and address on. The Joseph Lappin Centre is located at 42 Mill Lane, Old Swan, Liverpool, L13 5TF.



The February "Eat to Meet 2" Half Term programme starts on the 13th February and there are lots of great activities happening over the school break. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, discos, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make-up course, trips out and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where your nearest scheme is, click on this link <https://merseyplay.com/feb-half-term-activities-food/> or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the February half term activities link.



Year 5 children enjoyed a visit to Sefton Park Palm house. They spent time sketching the giant palm before going on a mystery tour of Liverpool landmarks in preparation for their Geography topic next term. As always, the children were a credit to our school with their excellent behaviour and manners 😊



## Number Day 2023

Our marvellous mathematicians enjoyed a day of maths activities and games to support NSPCC Number Day on 3rd February. The day was a great success, with all classes enjoying maths in many fun and exciting ways. It was lovely to see the children dressed with their numbers and patterns. To support our children in their maths work, each child from Reception to Year 6 received a maths zippy bag containing playing cards / two, 1-6 dice and some maths cards / dice maths games sheets for them to play at home with family members. The children were so excited when the maths zippy bags were delivered to their classrooms. It was a joy to see how excited they all were.

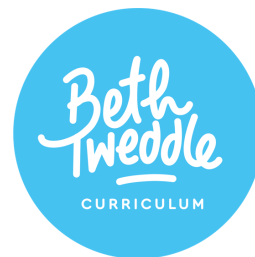
Many children have since told me, as Maths Lead, that they love their maths zippy bags and have been busy playing the games at home already. The zippy bags can be used to store further maths games and sheets that will be sent home from time to time in the future. I hope you enjoy playing the games with your child or children.

Miss Nurse , Maths Lead



## JUDO

It has been Year 2's turn this term to try out Judo with our specialist Judo instructor this last half term. Every Wednesday in our school hall children play warm up games before recapping on the important Judo rules. They then get to learn and practice some key moves such as 'pinning' someone. Sessions are always great fun and children are already looking forward to next week's session. Some pupils have also been lucky enough to join the Judo after-school club too. We're sure they'll be experts in no time!



Year 1 Children are learning lots with Grace, our specialist gymnastics instructor from 'Beth Tweddle Gymnastics' this term. Their gymnastic lessons take place in the school hall every Tuesday afternoon and as well as learning new skills, the children have also been working on perfecting existing moves. An after-school club for Year 3 and 4 children has also taken place too, giving even more children across our school the chance to take part in this worthwhile sporting programme 😊







Nursery and Reception children have enjoyed weekly visits from Georgia and the Yoga Bears this term. Yoga helps strengthen children's growing bodies and helps them improve their flexibility. It also helps to teach discipline and reduces impulsivity as well as helping to reduce challenging behaviours by providing a physical outlet for children to express themselves. Our early years children have had a fabulous time meeting the different 'Yoga Bears' and learning all about the different yoga poses and stretches 😊



The year 4, 5 and 6 Young Voices Choir have been working extremely hard with Mrs Stokes over the last couple of months learning a huge repertoire of songs and dance moves in preparation for their Young Voice experience in Manchester Arena at the end of January. Young Voices is the largest children's concert choir in the world. Our school choir performed alongside over 8,700 other children as a single choir to a capacity audience of family and friends. As part of the experience they performed alongside the extremely well known British soul singer and former lead vocalist of the band 'M People', Heather Small! What a day to remember - well done to everyone involved 😊



# EUCHARIST

Our Year five pupils lead a Eucharist service in Church for their families on the 18th of January all about Epiphany. Children talked about how Epiphany is a Christian holiday typically celebrated on January 6. It is also known as Three Kings' Day, Twelfth Day and Little Christmas. They explained that for some Christians, the feast celebrates the visit of the three kings. They are also known as the Magi or the Wise Men. Parents and families were very impressed with the children's explanations, confident speaking and amazing singing! A big well done to all our Year 5 pupils and staff on such an amazing service 😊



## Diary Dates

### 13th –17th February

Half Term

### 22nd February

Ash Wednesday Service at St. Anne's Church, 10am for Years 4, 5 and 6

### 2nd March

World Book Day (children invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book)

### 8th March

Year 3 Family Service in Church, 10am

### 17th March

Red Nose Day - wear something red for a small donation.

### 30th March

Easter Service at St. Anne's Church, 2pm for Years 1 and 2

