



Welcome to the February / March edition of our School Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things that have taken place in our school this half term! We're sure you will agree, the last two months have been jam-packed with exciting opportunities and experiences for all our pupils in St. Anne's!



This year, 'Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week' 2025 joined forces with 'Here4You' to explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions.

Supported by The Walt Disney Company, and through the characters of Pixar's 'Inside Out', children and young people across the UK were encouraged to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. If you get a moment, check out these free resources for families on the Children's Mental Health Week website;



www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/

Over the course of Children's Mental Health Week, pupils across our school got to try out and take part in lots of different activities, workshops and lessons. Whilst some of the workshops were thought-provoking, others were centered around the idea that a healthy body leads to a healthy mind.



A big 'thank you' to Samantha Clare (one of our parents) who came in to work with different classes across the whole school. Samantha, works as a fitness instructor for Liverpool Lifestyles. She gave up her free time to come into school, inviting children to try out HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) which has become a very popular style of training recently! A HIIT workout session involves you doing intervals of exercise that range from between ten seconds and eight minutes in duration, with you working at around 80-90% of your maximum heart rate for that period of time.



Pupils also took part in football sessions with Clare's husband, Adrian. Adrian also works as a football coach for Liverpool Lifestyles and, like his wife, gave up his free time to come into school and work with pupils across the school. Children had a fantastic time playing this team sport and Adrian worked on developing cooperation and collaboration skills amongst our pupils whilst also working with them on perfecting their game. Football also encourages players to work together towards common goals teaching the importance of communication, respect and support for one another.





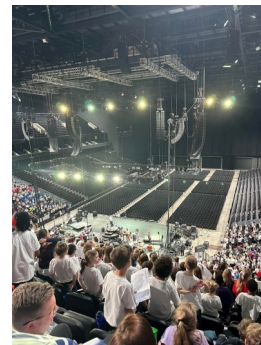
Nursery pupils got to show off their flexibility with Yoga instructor Avril during mental health week. Yoga and mindfulness have been shown to not only improve both physical and mental health in school-age children, but also to help improve balance, strength, endurance, and aerobic capacity in children too. The children had a lot of fun trying out the different moves and yoga poses too - we hope to see Avril again soon!



Donna Palmer came in to visit us during 'Mental Health Week' and taught us all about 'Rainbow Smiles'. Pupils learnt that it is good to be different and loved playing 'Boom Whackers' in time to her story!



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 Voices experience in Manchester Arena. Young Voices is the largest children's concert choir in the world. Our school choir performed alongside over 8,000 other children as a single choir to a capacity audience of family and friends. What a day to remember - well done to everyone involved!



Year 3 pupils enjoyed a visit to Liverpool's Philharmonic where they looked at music around the world, through the ages. Children also got the opportunity to sing along with the world famous Philharmonic orchestra too - what an experience!



Gymnastic keen pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to attend the annual Gymnastics British Championships at the M&S Bank Arena in March. Pupils spent the day at the arena watching the Men's Disability Masters, Women's Aspire All-Around and Men's Under 16 All-Around Apparatus. The highlight of the day came though when children met 15 year old competitor, Rudy! Rudy (and his mum) chatted to pupils and posed for photographs too - what a day to remember ☺

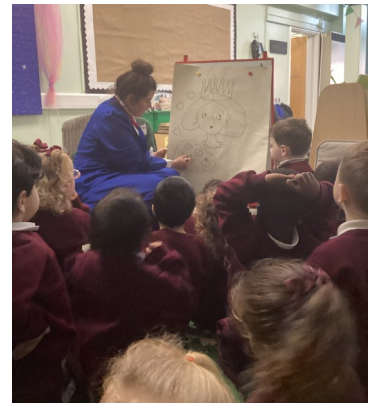


WORLD BOOK DAY

The whole school came together to enjoy a wonderful 'World Book Day' on 6th March. Children and staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books, donning costumes, homemade book-themed hats and pyjamas! Each class participated in lots of fun book-based activities and the whole school came together in the school hall for a special book-themed assembly.



Pupils across the school were extremely excited to meet Holly Bushnell, a children's book illustrator, mural artist and writer. Holly came into classes across the school as part of our 'World Book Day' celebrations. She proudly showed off some of her published children's books and read some of her short stories to pupils. She then worked with classes, encouraging children to collaborate on a class story which she then illustrated!



The whole school came together to write a story for 'World Book Day' with each class being responsible for their own small part. The story was centered around an annual ball for famous book characters! The book characters all meet in the story for a party but something mysteriously goes missing! Scan the QR code below and take a look to see how our exciting story ends (you'll also be able to find out who stole the orb too...!)

<https://st-anne-stanley-school.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/World-Book-Day-Story-The-Mystery-of-the-Missing-Creativity-Orb.pdf>



Altru Drama came in during 'World Book Week' and pupils were invited to join in with their exciting, engaging workshop that saw books, stories and characters come to life!

The workshop was, of course, a lot of fun and encouraged pupils to find creative ways to explore a range of books, whilst at the same time helped children to build on their confidence and develop a range of transferable skills such as speaking, listening, team work, and problem solving.

What a memorable way to encourage a love of reading for pleasure!



Our morning nursery children have enjoyed visits from our local Deaf Active team this term. In a specially designed program called 'The Hands Project' children learnt about Deaf people, the culture, language and what it would be like to not be able to hear. Over the term, children learnt to sign a number of well known songs and nursery rhymes relating to different subject matters such as colours, animals and family members. A big 'well done' Nursery - such a worth while skill!



A big 'thank you' to all our parents and carers who supported the children during NSPCC Number Day. The children looked amazing in their number and patterned outfits. We raised £129.70 for this wonderful charity and our mini mathematicians enjoyed a day full of exciting maths activities and challenges too!



We hosted our annual 'Slow Down for Bobby' day on Monday 10th March. As many of you may will remember, Bobby Colleran was a little boy who was knocked down and killed outside Blackmoor Park Primary School in West Derby in 2014. For a £1 donation, children were invited to come in to school wearing blue. We raised an impressive £121.80 which will go to support the trust's work to improve road safety around schools in Liverpool. Thank you for your very kind donations and support on this matter - road safety and keeping our children safe is something that our school is very passionate about.



A massive thank you to all of our parents and family members who gave up their time and came into school to support us on our first ever careers week! Pupils had a truly inspirational week hearing about the different opportunities and career paths available to them! A special 'thank you' to Subway Supervisor, Mrs Bristow, Funeral Celebrant, Mrs Ridgeway and Children's Occupational Therapist, Mrs Alphonse. Children across the school also met up with staff from Tesco, Old Swan, Merseyside Police, Old Swan Fire Service, Damien Maguire (Lecturer at Liverpool Hope University) and Stuart, a local Dentist from Dental House in Derby Lane.

Jenny from the Bobby Colleran Trust also came into school to visit pupils and shared the Trust's 'SuperBob' story. She highlighted the importance of road safety and the need to stop, look and listen before crossing the road.



A massive "Thank you" for all your help and generous donations towards helping to support the various charities and raffles that our school has championed this month. With your help, we have raised an amazing £190.29 for Comic relief (Red Nose Day). I'm sure that you will agree, this charity supports a very worthwhile cause. A very big thank you once again, your generosity is very much appreciated.





The whole school enjoyed investigating and taking part in lots of different scientific experiments during British Science Week. 'Spark2Education' also visited, delivering exciting workshops to pupils across the school - a very exciting time was had by all and we're sure the workshop will have inspired many of our young learners into finding out more about the world where they live.



A huge well done to our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils for their fantastic Easter Service in Church this week. Children retold the Easter story showcasing their speaking, acting and singing skills. A truly lovely way to end our Spring Term - well done everyone! 😊



'Boo's Mobile Zoo' also paid our school a visit during Science Week. Children met zoo keeper, Ian and his array of animals too! Many of the children got to hold a 7ft python called Stanley, pet meerkats, a barn owl called Breeze, rats and a skunk too! There were also guinea pigs and a Tegu lizard! What a memorable experience!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 4th April

Break up for Easter - **School finishes at 1:30pm**

Tuesday 22nd April

Back to school

Tuesday 6th May - Thursday 22nd May

Year 2 SAT's

Monday 12th May

Year 6 SAT's

Tuesday 13th May

Year 1 Family Service at St. Anne's Church

Friday 23rd May

Break up for half term



Easter

Holiday, Activity & Food CAMP

We are running a "HAF Funded" camp at Stoneycroft Children's Centre, L13 6QJ.

Due to the small number of dates available around Easter half term for Funded children ONLY.

Age range 5-11years

Dates:

Tuesday 8th April 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

Monday 14th April 2025 – Thursday 17th April 2025

10am-2pm

If your child is eligible, our camp will include – football, dodgeball, bench ball, team building exercises, gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts etc.

If you are interested in your child attending our camp, please visit the following <https://eequ.org/experience/11947> or by scanning the QR code below. When applying for a space on camp this does not guarantee attendance.

