

## St. Anne (Stanley) C of E Primary School

## Newsletter







As we reach the end of the Autumn term, we are pleased to share our final newsletter before the Christmas holidays. It has been a wonderful term full of hard work, enthusiasm and memorable moments across the school. This newsletter celebrates some of those achievements and includes important reminders as we prepare to close for the festive break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We wish all our children and families a very happy Christmas and a healthy, joyful New Year.



Pupils and staff wore their brightest, silliest socks to celebrate Odd Sock Day and the start of Anti-Bullying Week. It was a fun way to show that being different is something to be proud of and to spread kindness and support around school. Everyone had a great time spotting all the wacky and colourful socks, and it was a lovely reminder that our differences make us special and help make our school such a happy place!





This term, pupils took part in a brilliant anti-bullying performance called 'Road to Respect' by Altru Drama. The children enjoyed exploring the choices we make every day in our friendships and interactions, and the importance of showing respect to everyone we meet, even if they are different from ourselves.

The performance explored key themes, linked to the Relationships Education Curriculum, including:

- The definition of respect.
- Understanding that other people's lives may look different, but everyone deserves respect.
- The importance of caring friendships in helping us feel happy and secure.
- How to manage conflict and seek support when needed.
- The different types of bullying, including cyberbullying.
- The impact that bullying can have on people's lives.

The session encouraged pupils to reflect thoughtfully on these important issues in a safe and supportive environment.







A huge thank you to Mrs. Bennett for organising our winter coat giveaway, and to everyone who supported the event! Your generous donations of coats were greatly appreciated and warmly received.

Clothing recycling is an important way to reduce waste, help the environment, and provide valuable support for people in need. Your kindness has made a real difference to our school community and beyond!





November was full of fun as we raised money for Children in Need! The children loved getting involved in a range of exciting activities, including arts and crafts and keeping fit with Pudsey Bear online. Together, we raised a fantastic £150.20 - thank you to everyone who donated and helped make the day so special.

A special shout-out goes to our Year 6 Head Girl, Penny, and Deputy Head Boy, Lucas, along with their friends, for giving up their time to help sell Pudsey Bear ears and pin badges. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and leadership, especially for such a worthwhile cause.







Staff and pupils across the school paid their respects on Remembrance Day on 11th November by observing a two-minute silence. My Lucas played the Last Post on his bugle over the school sound system, and Year 6 shared poems to mark the occasion.

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a poppy or Remembrance Day merchandise through school - we raised an impressive £301.65. These funds have been passed on to the Royal British Legion and will go towards helping to provide vital support for current and former members of the UK Armed Forces, including serving personnel, veterans and reserves, as well as their families.

Thank you also to everyone who sent plastic bottle ends into school to help support St Luke's, Bombed Out Church, in the city. The children painted the bottle ends red to create poppies, which were used as part of St Luke's annual poppy appeal community project and added to a special memorial garden.

This project helped us remember fallen soldiers and those affected by war, especially around Remembrance Sunday, and showed how schools and the wider community can work together. The memorial garden was a powerful and meaningful landmark for the city, and we were extremely proud and honoured to be part of such an important and meaningful community project.





The whole school thoroughly enjoyed getting active during our festive 'St. Anne's Santa Dash' this month. Despite the changeable weather, the event went ahead in the school hall, where there was a wonderful atmosphere full of excitement and festive cheer. Children (and staff!) dashed, boogied and danced their way around the course to our favourite Christmas music, all while wearing Christmas jumpers and fun festive accessories.

The Santa Dash was a great opportunity for everyone to keep active, have fun together and celebrate the festive season as a school community. A big thank you to Miss Quinn for organising such a joyful and energetic event for us all!







A huge thank you to all of our families who have supported our end-of-term Christmas Raffle! The prizes, kindly donated by staff throughout the school, are sure to bring lots of festive cheer. Tickets are on sale for 20p each, and all proceeds will go directly back into school to support and benefit our children at St. Anne's.

Good luck to everyone for the big draw on Friday - we can't wait to see who the lucky winners will be!





Cash for Kids is a grant-giving charity that supports children who need it most across the UK. Their mission is to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in our communities who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or have additional needs.

We have been extremely lucky once again this year to secure a generous donation of toys and gifts for families within our school community. These gifts will benefit children and their families from our school, helping to ensure that every child can enjoy a happy Christmas.

A huge thank you to Miss Bristow for securing this donation for our school. We are also extremely grateful to St Anne's Church for their kind donations from their Toy Service, and to the Joseph Lappin Centre for their generous contributions. Together, these donations will help ensure that every child has a present to open on Christmas morning.

Earlier this month, our Reception and Year 1 children visited Father Christmas at Croxteth Park Farm. Pupils not only had the exciting opportunity to meet the big man in red, but they also got to meet, pet, and feed the animals on the farm! The children had a fabulous time, and their excellent behaviour and conduct were exemplary. A huge well done to everyone - you make us so proud!











A big thank you to Mrs Bennett for organising our fabulous Christmas Grotto! The whole school loved visiting Santa and his team of festive helpers in their wonderfully decorated Grotto. We are very grateful to Santa and his helpers for giving up their time at this busy time of year and for spreading so much festive cheer.

Everyone enjoyed receiving a small gift, sipping festive juice, and nibbling on biscuits. Pupils also had the chance to take part in fun festive crafts and colouring, and we hope you all enjoyed your photographs too!

We also want to send a very special get well message to Mrs Claus this year (aka Mrs Bennett's mum, Tilly), who has helped Santa in our school grotto for many years since it started. We wish her a speedy recovery after her fall and hope she is out of hospital and feeling much better soon. She was very much missed this year, and we know you'll join us in sending her lots of love and warm wishes for a speedy recovery.









Mr Lucas and our school choir have been spreading Christmas cheer far and wide this festive season! From performing for the Link group at St. Anne's Church, caroling at Church View Nursing and Residential Home, to fundraising at Tesco, our talented children have brought joy and festive spirit to everyone they have met!





Mr. Lucas reported that everyone was absolutely amazing - their behaviour and conduct were a credit not only to our school but also to you as parents. We've loved reading and hearing all the wonderful feedback from the community! Once again, our St. Anne's children have shone brightly, filling hearts with festive joy and cheer wherever they go, and we couldn't be prouder!





Our Nursery children recently welcomed their families into school for their heartwarming performance, 'Our First Nativity'. The children sang joyful songs, danced with excitement, and acted out the Christmas story with such enthusiasm that it brought smiles and laughter to everyone watching. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they performed together, and the festive spirit truly filled the room. A huge well done Nursery - you made the start of the Christmas season extra magical for all of us!





Our Reception children treated their families to a spectacular musical Nativity performance, retelling the story of the very first Christmas with energy, joy, and festive spirit. Families were delighted by the children's wonderful singing, charming acting, and fabulous dancing – some of the youngest children in our school stole the show! Their confidence and enthusiasm shone throughout the performance, creating a truly magical start to the festive season. A huge well done Reception – you were all amazing and filled the room with Christmas cheer!



## the **nativity** story

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children recently took to the stage at St. Anne's Church for their magical Nativity performance. From the moment the first song began, the children brought the story of the very first Christmas to life with joyful singing, lively dancing, and confident storytelling. Each scene was full of festive sparkle, and the children's enthusiasm and teamwork shone through, delighting both teachers and families alike. The church was filled with the sights and sounds of Christmas, and everyone could feel the excitement and joy that the children created. A huge well done to all of our Year 3 and Year 4 performers — you spread festive cheer and made this a truly special start to the Christmas season!







Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 held their Christmas Carol Concerts at St. Anne's Church, filling the building with festive cheer. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm, speaking, dancing, and singing along to their favourite Christmas carols and songs. Their joy and excitement were contagious, and it was wonderful to see their families joining in the festive spirit, smiling and clapping along. A huge well done to all the children involved – your performances truly spread Christmas magic and made the concerts a very special start to the holiday season!





Our older pupils had a wonderful time on their special visit to see 'Dick Whittington and His Magical Cat' at St. Helen's Theatre. The children were completely absorbed in the story, singing along, laughing, and joining in with all the fun and excitement of the performance. Their smiles and enthusiasm lit up the theatre, and it was fantastic to see them enjoying such a magical experience.



A special congratulations to Milana, who won a magical golden ticket and even got to go on stage - what an exciting moment! Once again, the children's excellent conduct and behaviour were a credit to our school. A huge well done to everyone - you made us all very proud and truly brought the magic of the pantomime to life!





Liverpool City Council are running their Winter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme for children and young people from Reception to age 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals. (Places are also available for other children too though). The programme starts on Monday 22nd December 2025.

There's a fantastic range of free activities on offer across the city, including trips to pantomimes, festive arts and crafts, card and decoration making, Santa's Grotto, winter wonderland discos, roller skating, rave dance, cheerleading, tumbling, zorbing, Nerf battles, circus skills, Lego activities, film and jewellery making, basketball, trampolining, and ice skating!

A meal is provided for every child, and there is also support for children with SEND or additional needs at no cost.

To find a HAF activity and book a place, visit: <a href="https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf">https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf</a> or scan the QR code below. Once you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact the organisation directly to book a place. Please make sure to let them know if your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils and their families a very safe, happy, and magical Christmas! May your holiday season be filled with laughter, love, and festive cheer, and all the very best for an exciting 2026.

Just a reminder that school will close at 1.30pm on Friday, 19th December and will reopen on Monday, 5th January 2026. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another wonderful term of learning, fun, and friendship!

