St. Anne (Stanley) C of E Primary School

Newsletter

September/October 2026



We have enjoyed a lovely start to the Autumn Term 2026 at St. Anne's, with our classrooms full of busy learners, cheerful chatter and smiling faces. The children have settled into their routines with enthusiasm, enjoying time with friends and embracing the opportunities that a new school year brings.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the children and families joining St. Anne's this term. It has been lovely to see our newest pupils finding their feet, making friends and growing in confidence. We hope you are already feeling part of our caring school community, where everyone is valued and belongs. We look forward to working together throughout the year, celebrating your children's achievements and supporting them as they learn and grow.



Our school value for this half term is Honesty. Being honest means telling the truth, acting with sincerity and making choices that others can trust. As a Christian community, we seek to show integrity in our words and actions, recognising that honesty helps us to build positive, trusting relationships.

We know that everyone makes mistakes and that being truthful can sometimes take courage. Through this value, we encourage our children to take responsibility for their actions, acknowledge when things go wrong and understand that honesty gives us the opportunity to put things right.

As we explore honesty together, we reflect on these words from the Bible:

"You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

May we continue to encourage one another to speak truthfully and kindly, act with sincerity and show honesty in our everyday lives.



On 1st October, we welcomed families of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to St. Anne's Church for a special Harvest Eucharist. The children led us in thanksgiving for the harvest, the food we enjoy and the people who help to grow and produce it. They also reflected on the blessings of family, friendship and belonging to a caring community.

A heartfelt thank you to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils for their thoughtful contributions to the service, and to the families who joined us. It was a lovely opportunity to come together, reflect on all we have and remember the importance of showing gratitude in our everyday lives.

We would also like to thank everyone who generously donated food as part of our Harvest collection. Your donations will be given to our local foodbank to support people and families in our community.







Eco Club

We are delighted to announce that our school Eco-Club has achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, run by Keep Britain Tidy! This is a wonderful recognition of the children's enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment to caring for our environment.

Achieving this award involves reviewing how environmentally friendly the school is, identifying areas for improvement and developing an action plan. Children take the lead in planning environmental projects, checking their progress and encouraging the wider school community to get involved. The programme brings environmental learning into the classroom and helps pupils understand how their everyday choices can make a difference.

We are very proud of our Eco-Club for helping to inspire positive change at St. Anne's. A huge congratulations to the children, and a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Heppinstall and everyone who supported them in achieving this award!





Our updated Autumn Term school lunch menus are now available to view. Please follow the link below or scan the QR code to explore the meals on offer.

School meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 through the Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement. For pupils in Key Stage 2, school meals cost £2.20 per day.

https://foodforthoughtschools.co.uk/

We encourage families to look through the menus together and talk about the dishes your child might enjoy. There is a varied selection of healthy, balanced meals to help keep children ready for an afternoon of learning.



St. Anne's is proud to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal once again this year. If your child would like a poppy or another remembrance item, please send them into school with a small donation.

Suggested donations:

- Sticker - **20p**
- Paper Poppy - **20p**
- Pencil - **£1**
- Reflector / Keyring / Coat Zipper - **£1**
- Fabric wristband - **£1**
- Ruler / Snap band - **£2**

Thank you for helping us support this special cause.





Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free milk and fruit each day for their snack.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home to enjoy during morning playtime, such as fresh fruit or vegetable sticks. **Crisps, chocolate and biscuits are not allowed**.

Please also remember that we are a nut-free school, so all snacks must be free from nuts.

Thank you for helping us encourage healthy habits and keep our children safe.



Our Best Start FREE Breakfast Club has proved a great success, with around 90 pupils attending each day! Running from 8:15am to 8:45am, the club gives children a welcoming start to the school day, with time to enjoy breakfast and spend time with friends before lessons begin.

We are also delighted to have been awarded an additional £1,000 grant from Kellogg's to support activities and staffing. This funding will help us continue to provide an enjoyable start to the morning for our pupils.

Please remember that **places must be booked in advance** through **ParentMail**. Booking ahead helps us plan food, activities and staffing for everyone attending.



Admissions are now open for children due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2027. All applications must be completed online. We encourage parents and carers to apply as early as possible to ensure they meet the local authority's deadline.

Key Dates:

Reception Applications: Open **September 2026** and close on **15th January 2027**.

Year 7 Applications: Open **September 2026** and close on **31st October 2026**.

Scan the QR code below to go directly to Liverpool City Council's school admissions page, where you can complete your application.

https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/checklist/

If you need further information or assistance with the application process, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.



The safety and wellbeing of every child at St. Anne's is our highest priority. Following the letter recently sent to families, we would like to remind everyone of the changes to our allergy procedures.

Benedict's Law is named in memory of five-year-old Benedict Blythe, who tragically died following a severe allergic reaction at school. It has brought stronger protections for children with allergies, helping schools keep pupils safe and fully included in school life.

With this in mind, we are strengthening our procedures and taking steps to reduce the risks associated with food brought into school.

St. Anne (Stanley) is now a nut-free school. Please check packaging carefully and do not send food containing nuts into school. This includes peanut butter, Nutella and similar chocolate-hazelnut spreads, and cereal bars, cakes, biscuits or chocolates containing nuts.

We understand that bringing in birthday cakes or treats is a lovely way for children to share their special day with friends, and we appreciate the kindness behind these gestures. However, we are sorry that **we can no longer accept cakes, sweets or other food brought from home to share with classmates**.

We know this may be disappointing, but we will continue to celebrate birthdays warmly in ways that everyone can safely enjoy. **Children are welcome to wear their own clothes on their birthday** if they would like to celebrate their special day.

If your child has an allergy, intolerance or medical condition that we are not aware of, or if their needs have changed, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us care for every child in our school family.





We are delighted to introduce our new Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team:

Head Girl: Katie C

Head Boy: Hearushan K

Deputy Head Girl: Ella S

Deputy Head Boy: Dominic G

Their appointments recognise the maturity, enthusiasm and commitment they demonstrated throughout the application process. We are very proud of them and thank all the pupils who applied.

Our pupil leaders will share children's views, support school events, welcome visitors and work alongside staff. As ambassadors for our school values, they will lead through kindness, honesty and respect, setting a positive example for younger pupils.

Congratulations to our new team! We look forward to hearing their ideas and seeing the contribution they make to St. Anne's this year.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Reception and Year 1 phonics meetings. It was lovely to welcome you into school and share how our Read Write Inc. phonics scheme helps children develop their reading and writing skills.

We hope the sessions gave you a clearer understanding of how children learn to recognise sounds and blend them together to read words, as well as practical ideas to try at home. Spending a few minutes reading together regularly, practising sounds and offering plenty of encouragement can help build your child's confidence.

Your support makes a real difference, and we appreciate you working alongside us to help your children become confident, enthusiastic readers. If you have any questions about phonics or reading at home, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.





Our Year 5 pupils did us proud at a recent Dodgeball Tournament, finishing 5th/6th out of ten teams. The children showed great enthusiasm and team spirit, working together and encouraging one another throughout the competition.

Alongside their sporting efforts, we were particularly proud of the praise they received for their fantastic behaviour and teamwork. It was a lovely opportunity to take part in friendly competition and represent St. Anne's beyond the classroom.

Every child received a medal and certificate for taking part - a well-deserved reminder of their efforts.

Well done, Year 5! You represented our school brilliantly and should be very proud of yourselves.





A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Halloween Spooky Discos this week! The children looked fabulous in their costumes, and it was lovely to see them having fun with their friends while raising money for our school. Thank you also to Ceri and our after school club team who helped organise and run the discos - your time and support are greatly appreciated.

Our Year 5 pupils took part in an exciting recycling project with Liverpool City Council, exploring how we can all play a part in looking after our environment. The children rolled up their sleeves for a litter pick, taking practical action to help keep their surroundings clean and tidy. This was a valuable reminder that caring for our community starts with small actions and that everyone can make a difference. They also enjoyed a board game that encouraged them to think about waste and recycling in a fun, interactive way. Working together gave pupils an opportunity to share ideas and consider how we can make more environmentally friendly choices.

The project included a visit to the Gillmoss Recycling Discovery Centre, where pupils learned what happens to our recycling after it is collected. It was an opportunity to discover the journey our waste takes beyond the recycling bin and why sorting it carefully matters. The visit helped bring their learning to life, showing that putting something in the recycling bin is only the beginning of its journey. It also encouraged the children to think about the things we throw away and how materials can become useful again.

Through these experiences, pupils explored how everyday choices - from using the right bin to reusing items and reducing waste can make a positive difference. We hope they will share their learning at home and encourage others to recycle thoughtfully too. Well done, Year 5, for getting involved and learning how to help build a greener future!



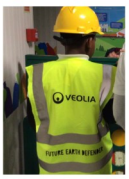
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Our Year 5 pupils led a lovely family service at St. Anne's Church, celebrating this half term's school value of Honesty. Through drama, singing and dancing, the children brought this important value to life and gave everyone an opportunity to pause and reflect on what it means in our everyday lives.

At the heart of the service was a play that explored the importance of being truthful. The children's performance offered a thoughtful reminder that honesty is not always easy and can sometimes take courage. Telling the truth, admitting when we have made a mistake and taking responsibility for our actions all help us to build trust with others.

There was plenty of singing to enjoy, alongside dancing that added energy and joy to the occasion. It was wonderful to see the children sharing their talents and working together, with each contribution helping to make the service special.

The theme also reminded us that honesty goes beyond the words we say. It is reflected in the choices we make, the way we treat others and our willingness to do what is right. These are messages we encourage throughout our school community, helping children develop friendships and relationships built on kindness, sincerity and trust.

We are very proud of Year 5 for their efforts and for presenting such a meaningful service. Preparing and performing together takes teamwork, practice and commitment, and the children deserve to feel proud of what they achieved.

A heartfelt thank you to the staff who supported the children and to the families who joined us. Well done, Year 5, for helping us reflect on honesty in such a thoughtful and joyful way!





Ten of our Year 6 pupils visited Hill Dickinson Stadium for a Show Racism the Red Card educational event.

The event focused on raising awareness of racism and promoting equality, respect and inclusion. It gave pupils an opportunity to reflect on the importance of challenging prejudice, celebrating our differences and treating everyone fairly.

These messages reflect our values at St. Anne's, where we want every child to feel welcome, valued and included. We are very proud of the way the children represented our school throughout the visit. Well done, Year 6!



Our whole school also came together to support Show Racism the Red Card, with children donating £1 to wear their own clothes and something red. It was lovely to see our school community showing solidarity and standing together against racism. We raised an impressive £85.85 which will be passed on to the charity to support its educational work with children, young people and adults, helping people recognise and challenge racism and promoting equality, understanding and respect for everyone.



After half term, we will be holding another 'Cake and Coat Sale', and we would be very grateful for donations of pre-loved children's and adults' coats. If you have any coats in good, clean condition that you no longer need, please hand them to your child's class teacher or the school office. Your donations will help keep others warm while giving these items a new home. We will share the date and further details nearer the time. Thank you for your continued kindness and support!



We were delighted to celebrate the children chosen to receive our Golden Value Awards for consistently going above and beyond in demonstrating our school values. Through their kindness, positive choices and care for others, these shining role models help make St. Anne (Stanley) such a special place to learn and grow.

The awards recognised the importance of everyday actions - being honest, offering a helping hand, showing consideration and making sure others felt included. These thoughtful choices make a real difference and help strengthen our caring school community.

Our winners visited the Headteacher's office for a special celebration with our Acting Headteacher, Mrs Lovell, and Acting Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Stokes. They enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies as their achievements were recognised and celebrated. It was a lovely opportunity to thank them for their contributions and the example they set for others.

We are so proud of all our award winners! We are now looking out for our next group of shining role models who demonstrate our school values through their everyday words and actions.

Congratulations to:

Steon (5P) • Grace (6N) • Huw (5K) • Ellie B (6L)
Ottilie (1R) • Ophelia (1R) • Lucas (3HH) • Ophelia (2S)
Penelope (4H) • Albie (2B) • Shanvi (5P) • Adyan (3AH)
Mila (6L) • Harry (4MH) • Dara (5P) • Jamie (4B)
Tehila (5K) • Dinsari (6N) • Cole (6L) • Arina (4MH)
Lina (4B) • Theo (5P) • Lucas (5K) • Cassie P (6N)
Denny (4H) • Isabelle (4B) • Sophia (5K) • Ava B (5K)
Okkes (6N) • Zoe (6L) • Amari (3HH) • Leona (4B)



School closes for half term at the end of the day on Thursday 22nd October. (Friday 23rd October is an INSET staff training day, so school will be closed to all pupils.)

We look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 2nd November. We wish all our children and families a happy and restful half-term break!