



St Anne's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026



Mission Statement


At St. Anne's, we aim to be a caring, Christian school, within the community, where everyone is respected and valued.

To be a school where all individuals are encouraged to build on their strengths and aspire to be the best they can.

Vision


Our vision has the promise by Jesus of '**life in all its fullness**' at its heart. At St Anne's, we believe:

- in our children and each other,
- we are uniquely created in the image of God,
- we were made to be awesome,
- that together we are family,
- we were created to live in community,
- in equipping the St Anne's family to be the best we can be,
- in our individual talents and abilities, and
- we can make a difference.



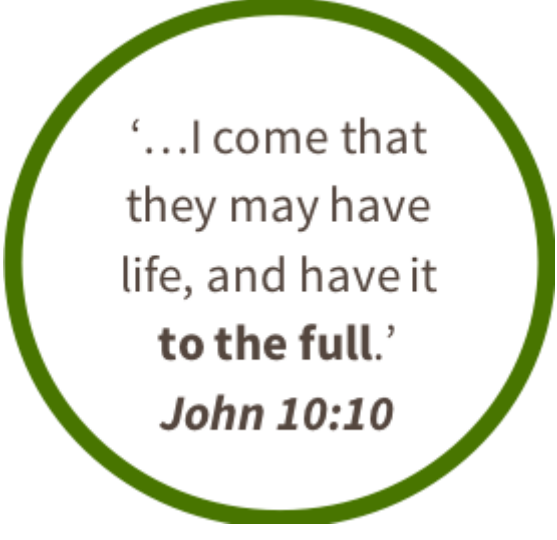
**'... let your light
Shine** before others,
that they may see your
good deeds and glorify
your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:16



‘I thank you
because I am
awesomely
made...’.

Psalm 139:14



‘...I come that
they may have
life, and have it
to the full.’

John 10:10

Our Values

At **St Anne’s CE Primary School** the following core values underpin all that we do. They are reflected in the daily life of the school and our relationships with others.

- Respect
- Thankfulness
- Hope
- Forgiveness
- Love
- Faithfulness

Mrs Webb's Updates

As another busy and successful week comes to an end, I would like to take a moment to celebrate some of the wonderful experiences and achievements across our school family.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience and maturity they showed throughout the tests. They approached each day with maximum effort and positivity, and they should all feel very proud of themselves. Thank you also to our dedicated staff team who supported and encouraged the children every step of the way.

Our Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their recent Forest School session. These outdoor learning opportunities continue to provide valuable experiences that help develop confidence, teamwork and curiosity about the natural world.

This week also saw all Key Stage 2 children enjoying visits to the meadow and KS2 play spaces during lunchtime. It has been wonderful to see the children making the most of these areas, engaging positively with one another and enjoying active play outdoors.

We were also pleased to hold our Governors' Committee Meetings this week. Our governors play an important role in supporting and challenging the school to ensure we continue to provide the very best opportunities for all children.

Various sporting events have taken place this week. Some year 1 children enjoyed a scavenger hunt event at Marl Pits which they really enjoyed and some year 3/4 children took part in a cricket event. The annual year 3/4 cross-country event also took place last night at Marl Pits, which was awesome as usual!

Finally, a sincere thank you to our Friends group for organising the recent disco fundraiser. Events like these not only create wonderful memories for the children but also help raise valuable funds to support school life. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Next week, on Tuesday, we will be taking a whole school photograph near our new building. This will be a wonderful opportunity to capture a special moment in the school's history, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone together for the photograph.

Class photographs will take place on Wednesday. Children should come to school in full uniform and looking smart for these pictures. Tempest will send out the information on how to purchase these photos.

Next Tuesday, we will also be hosting another School Nurse drop-in session from 2:00pm. This provides parents and carers with an opportunity to seek advice and support on a range of health and wellbeing matters.

As we finish the week, we reflect on our hard work and be thankful:



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

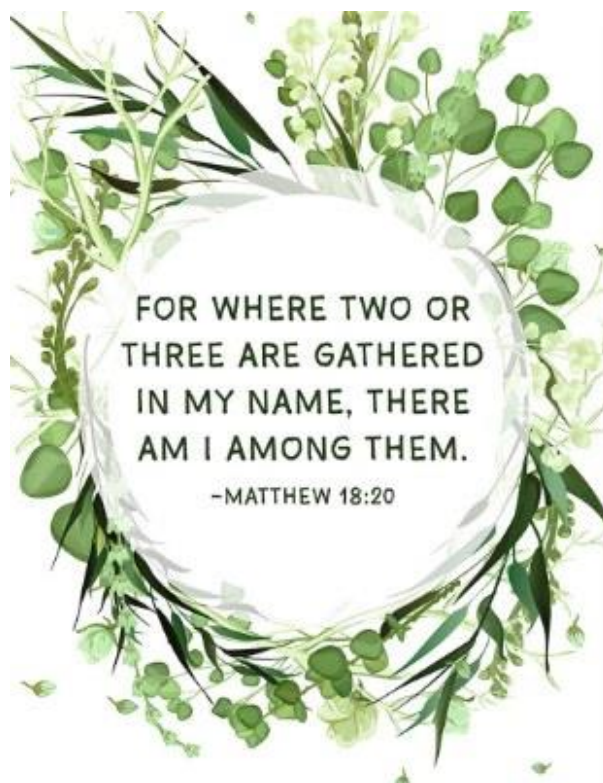
This verse reminds us that hard work, perseverance and kindness bring blessings in many forms. Over the past week, we have seen our children demonstrate determination, teamwork and positivity in so many ways. Whether in tests, outdoor learning, play or fundraising, these moments help build strong character and a caring community. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Webb

Headteacher

Collective Worship



We've enjoyed a variety of collective worship opportunities across the week.

Although there was some disruption to our usual collective worship programme this week due to the Year 6 SATs, we still enjoyed valuable opportunities to come together as a school community.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Rev. Janet, who reminded us all how precious and valued we are according to the Bible. Her message encouraged the children to remember that every person is unique, loved and important.

On Thursday, children took part in Key Stage worship, spending time reflecting together on our school values and shared experiences from the week.

We ended the week with our Friday Celebration Worship, where we recognised children for their achievements, positive attitudes and contributions to school life. It is always wonderful to celebrate the many ways our children shine both in and out of the classroom.

VACANCY



SEND Teaching Assistant Level 3

The governors of St Anne's CE Primary School are looking to appoint an experienced, caring and enthusiastic learning assistant to join our team. The successful candidate will work across all key stages support our SEND pupils.

We have high expectations and we are looking for someone who is going to take a real pride in their work, who will enjoy being part of our school family and has a desire to help SEND children in their education.

We are looking for someone who will:

- Support our Christian ethos, values and mission statement in their daily practice
- Complement our hard-working team
- Be enthusiastic
- Be able to work as part of a team, as well as proactively
- Promote positive relationships with children, parents, carers, staff and other stakeholders
- Have a good knowledge of the primary curriculum and how this can be adapted to meet the needs of all learners
- Have high expectations of themselves and of the children
- Be able to support SEND pupils in class and on a 1:1 basis
- Keep accurate and thorough records regarding pupils with EHCPs
- Follow school policies and procedures well
- Facilitate play for and between children during lunchtimes

Our school will offer you:

- A warm, caring ethos
- A committed team of staff and governors
- Strong partnerships with the church and community
- Friendly, eager pupils who want to learn
- Continued professional development

Permanent contract of 19 hours per week. This will consist of 12.5 hours at TA3 SEND support and 6.25 hours at foundation living wage as lunchtime welfare play assistant.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for children's learning, wellbeing and future success. Every day in school counts, and even small amounts of absence can affect progress. Arriving on time is equally important, as late arrival can mean children miss key learning and socials settling at the start of the day.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children are in school regularly.



Reception 96%

Year 1 100%

Year 2 96.6%

Year 3 95.7%

Year 4 94.4%

Year 5 98.2%

Year 6 95%

Whole School 96%

Photographs



Next week, Tempest photography will be in school on Tuesday for a whole school photo and Wednesday for class photos. Please make sure your child is wearing their full school uniform (not the PE uniform) and that they look smart.

BOOM AND BLOOM FESTIVAL

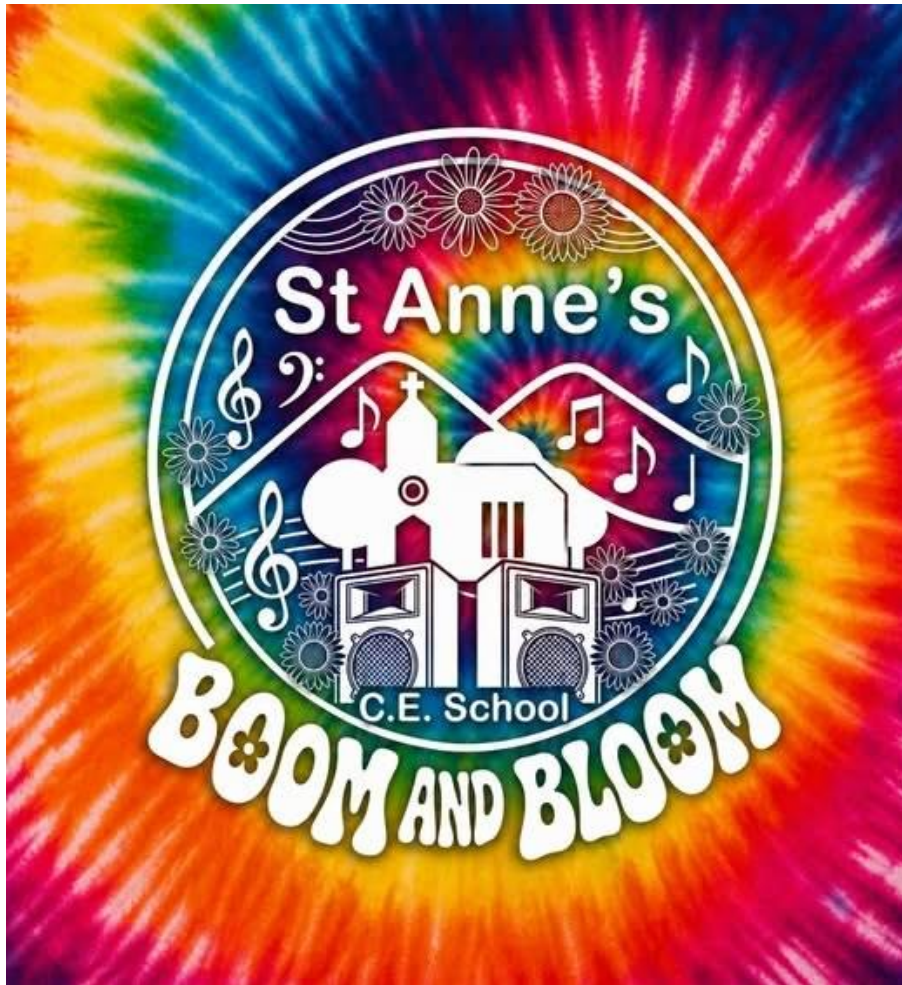


We're getting excited for our upcoming School Festival on **Friday 5th June from 5pm** onwards — and we're looking for talented performers to help make it a fantastic evening!

If you're a band or musician who would be happy to perform a 30–60 minute set, we'd love to hear from you.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your talent and be part of a fun, community-focused event.

Interested? Please get in touch with our school office for more details.



Tickets are available now on Parent Mail. We are looking forward to a night of feel-good festival vibes and community spirit!

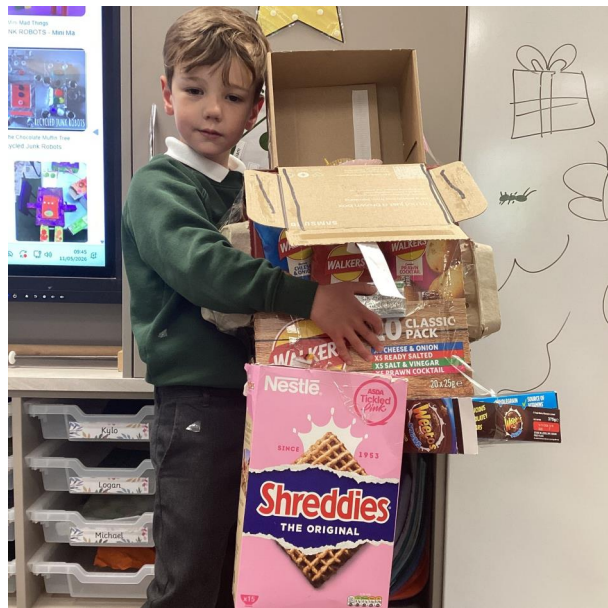
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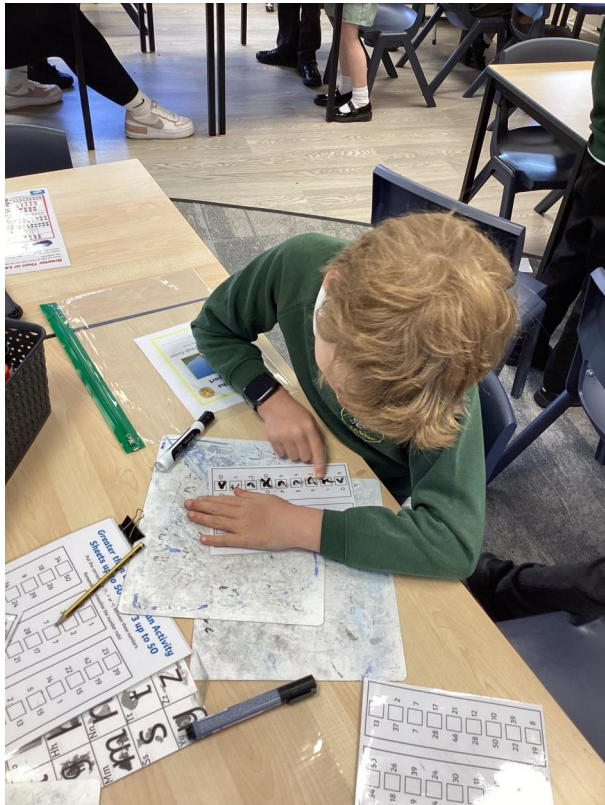
St Anne's expects that pupils can arrive and leave school safely without the danger of an accident due to car parking.

To help keep our pupils safe, please can I politely ask you:

- not to park on the yellow safety lines around school,
- not to turn around in the road and reverse near pavements,
- not to park on the pavements near school where children are walking
- not to double park near the pull in laybys or in the middle of the road

This week in photographs

























Governor Vacancy



We are currently seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic *Local Authority Governor* to join our governing board through Lancashire County Council.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of children and young people, help shape the future of our school, and work alongside a passionate team committed to education and community success.

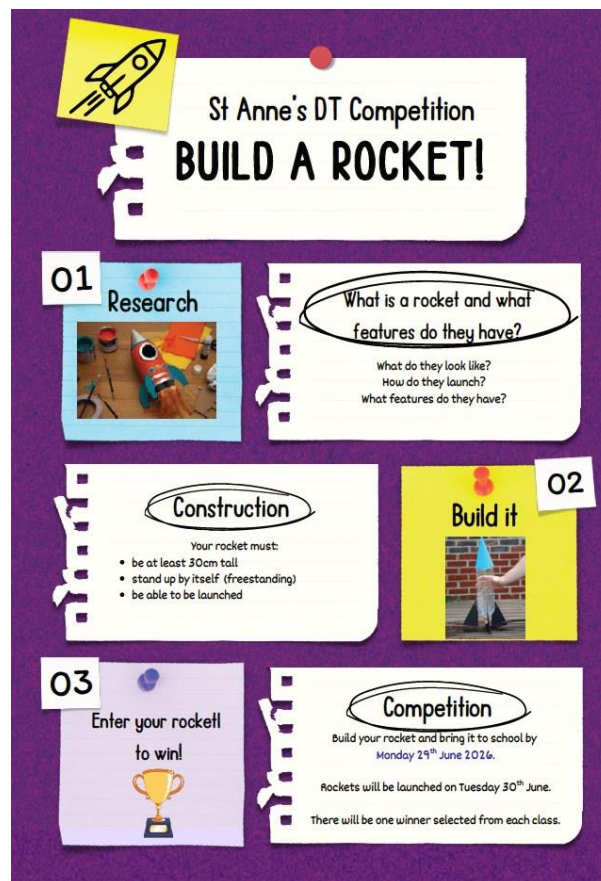
As a governor, you will play an important strategic role in supporting school improvement, challenging and supporting leadership, and ensuring every child has the best possible opportunities to thrive. No previous governing experience is necessary — just a commitment to helping our school community succeed.

It's an exciting and rewarding voluntary role where your skills, experience, and fresh ideas can have a lasting impact.

If you are interested in applying, please see the link below or contact the school office for further information.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/become-a-school-governor/>

DT Competition



St Anne's DT Competition
BUILD A ROCKET!

01 Research

What is a rocket and what features do they have?

What do they look like?
How do they launch?
What features do they have?

02 Build it

Construction

Your rocket must:

- be at least 30cm tall
- stand up by itself (freestanding)
- be able to be launched

03 Enter your rocket! to win!

Competition

Build your rocket and bring it to school by Monday 29th June 2026.

Rockets will be launched on Tuesday 30th June.

There will be one winner selected from each class.

Friends of St Anne's



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Friends is a friendly group of parents and staff who meet regularly to plan events for our children to raise funds. The funds help to enhance the school curriculum. We believe extra experiences enrich our children's experiences throughout their time at St Anne's and give them lifelong memories.

Some examples of the events we hold are: discos, Christmas and summer fairs, quiz nights, raffles.



Community and Family Information

<https://stannesceprimary.school/early-help-offer/>

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and engage parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing and diverse sexual identity. Guides are delivered by The National Crime Agency. These guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE GROOMING

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 69% since 2017/18.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Strangers using fake identities

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos, videos, or attempt to convince the parent of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they gain a connection that is hard to break. They may use the personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, increasing children's vulnerability to emotional and physical harm.

The Rise of Sextortion

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content. This blackmailing threat for money, often by a stranger, often to have access to a child's phone, is becoming more common. Children are often tricked into sharing photos or videos of themselves. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This grooming is a potential danger because children often feel supported, befriended, and are not likely to report the situation.

Exploitation through gifts and flattery

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, grooming credits, or money. Attractive, expensive offers can lead to increased vulnerability. Children may be persuaded to share personal information, leading to further exploitation. These tactics make children feel valued and special, increasing their reliance on the groomer. Groomers may escalate their requests, often leading to sexual or physical communication, which the child may feel pressured or coerced to continue.

Gaming platforms as grooming gateways

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin innocently during gameplay and can become more explicit over time. Groomers often use in-game chat, voice chat, or private messages to build trust. Children are often unaware of the risks, as communication is often seen as fun and safe.

Group chats as hidden pathways

Group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch and listen to conversations, identify other users, and use this information to build trust. These chats often have a large number of members, making it difficult for parents to monitor. Groomers may use group chats to isolate children from their support network, making them more vulnerable to manipulation.

Criminal & Radicalisation Risks

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extremist or gang-related messages. Groomers often use fake money, gifts, or promises of friendship to build trust. These tactics can lead to children being recruited into criminal or extremist groups, which can have long-term, harmful, and even life-threatening consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

Keep conversations regular

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, several conversations are better. Regular, open discussions about online safety, mental health, and wellbeing help build trust and encourage children to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky conversations going unnoticed.

Create a "tell me" culture

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Encourage them to report anything suspicious or uncomfortable. Create a safe space where children feel supported and encouraged to talk about their online experiences. Open communication encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

Understand the platforms children use

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children use on their mobile devices. Read guides, such as the National Crime Agency's and NSPCC's, to understand the risks. Encourage children to share their accounts with you. If you're unsure about a platform, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and have an open conversation about online behaviour early.

Stay alert to warning signs

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or withdrawal from activities could be a sign of grooming. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased isolation and reluctance to share details about online activities can be indicators. Regularly check in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from becoming the worse case.

Meet Our Expert

Multi-agency hubs is dedicated to keeping people safe and leading crime across both the physical and digital world. The hubs continue to strengthen digital investigations and supporting capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.

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NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health? Are you under 18 or concerned about someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via 'Attend Anywhere' Delivered by CYPMH East tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCT



Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth. You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

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| Wednesday 4 th March 2026 | 1pm – 3pm |
| Wednesday 11 th March 2026 | 3pm – 5pm |
| Wednesday 18 th March 2026 | 5pm – 7pm |
| Wednesday 25 th March 2026 | 1pm – 3pm |

Weekly Awards



Class Captains: Dolly, Ayda, Theo, Jaxon, Philip, Alivia, All year 6

Top Table: Zienna, Pippa, Abigail, Sonny, Zen, Zachary, Miley

OPAL positive play: Evie, Una

Breakfast Club:

After School Club: Archie

Housepoints



House of Loyalty 1085

House of Courage 1085

House of Trust 965

House of Bravery 1040



Diary dates



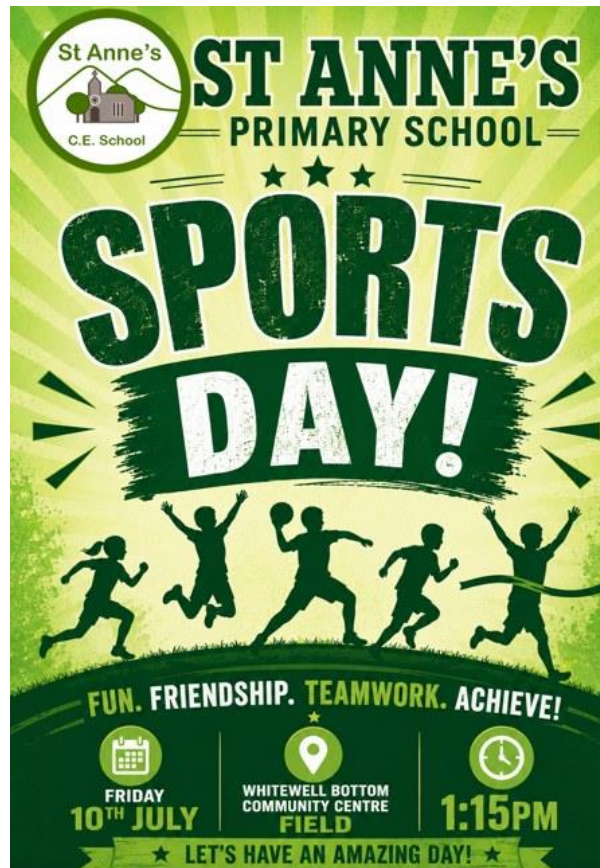
- Tuesday 19th May Whole School Photograph
- Wednesday 20th May Class Photos
- Tuesday 19th May School Nurse Drop In from 2pm

- **Friday 22nd May School Closes for the half term break**
- **Wednesday 3rd June School reopens**
- Friday 5th June Non Uniform Day
- Friday 5th June OPAL Fundraising festival
- Monday 8th June Year 1 Phonics and Year 2 catch up screening check and Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Monday 8th June Educational Visit to Football Museum for football club attendees
- Tuesday 9th and 10th June Life Education Visit
- Friday 12th June Grand Opening of our year 1 and 2 Building 2:30pm
- Thursday 18th June EYFS Educational Visit
- Thursday 18th June Year 5 and 6 Visit to Vision @ Woodlea Emotional Wellbeing Session
- Tuesday 23rd June Year 3/4 visit to Bewilderwood-arrive at school @ 8:20am
- Tuesday 23rd June SEND Support Pupil Annual Appointments with SENDCo
- Thursday 25th June Relationships and Sex Education sessions for years 4, 5 and 6
- Monday 29th June Year 6 Diocesan Leavers' service at Manchester Cathedral
- Monday 29th June Whole School Assessment Week
- Wednesday 1st July 2026 - Friday 3rd July 2026 Year 6 residential to Hothersall lodge
- Thursday 2nd July EHCP Pupil Annual Appointment with SENDCo
- Tuesday 7th and 8th July Wimbledon Visit
- Thursday 9th July Year 5 visit to Cadbury World
- Friday 10th July Sports day 1:15pm @ Whitewell Bottom Community Centre Field
- Tuesday 14th July @ 2:00pm summer term music concert in church 2:00pm
- Friday 17th July @ 2:00pm Year 6 Leavers' service in church
- **Friday 17th July 2026 School closes for the summer break**

Term dates for 2026-2027 can be found on our website and have been sent via Parent Mail.

<https://stannesceprimary.school/school-holidays/>

Sports Day 2026

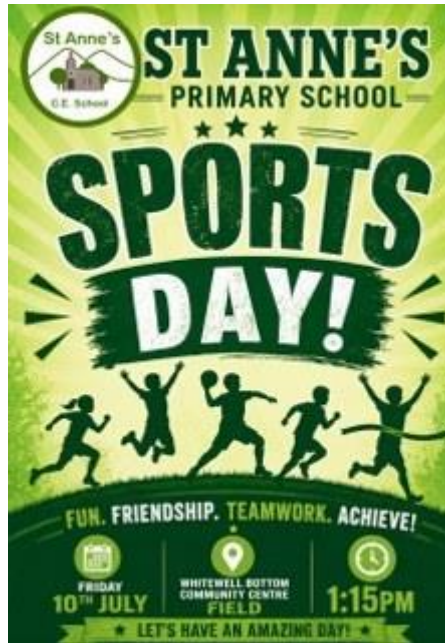


We're excited to share plans for this year's annual Sports Day — and we're trying something a little different!

Alongside all the usual fun, teamwork and healthy competition, we'll be introducing a "*Posh Picnic*" experience, complete with a special VIP seating area.

This will be a lovely way for families to relax, enjoy the day, and cheer on our children in style!

More details will be shared soon, but we're looking forward to a fantastic day filled with energy, encouragement and community spirit. Save the date — it's set to be a great one!



St Anne's
C.E. School

ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPORTS DAY!

FUN. FRIENDSHIP. TEAMWORK. ACHIEVE!

FRIDAY
10TH JULY

WHITEWELL BOTTOM
COMMUNITY CENTRE
FIELD

1:15PM

LET'S HAVE AN AMAZING DAY!



POSH Picnic

• AT SCHOOL SPORTS DAY •

HOSTED BY
St. Anne's School

10TH JULY

WHITEWELL BOTTOM COMMUNITY CENTRE

YOUR PICNIC INCLUDES:

- FRESHLY MADE SANDWICHES
- HOMEMADE CAKES
- SCONES AND CREAM
- SOFT DRINKS

£10
PER PERSON

VIP
SEATING AREA
WITH UNINTERRUPTED
VIEW OF THE RACES

PLACES ARE LIMITED
SO BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

St Anne's Church

Welcome to St Anne's Church Edgeside



St Anne's Church is made up of an active group of people who love God and want to serve our Community. Our services are modern and informal and we love to get everyone involved. All ages have a part to play at St Anne's Church and there are groups and activities for everyone, and because Church is not just about Sunday, there are lots of activities going on throughout the week. **Why not join us and get involved?**

<https://stannedgeside.co.uk/>

BIBLE STUDY
Groups

St Anne's Church
EDGESIDE


MONDAYS
1.30pm
in Church

Everyone is Welcome

TUESDAYS
7.30pm
(location
as advertised)

For more information
Call: 01706 558394 or
email: stannesleadership@rossendalecofe.church

A poster for Bible Study Groups. The background is dark with a glowing book. The text is in white and blue. There are two circular callouts: a red one for Mondays and a blue one for Tuesdays. The phrase 'Everyone is Welcome' is written in a cursive font.


psalms & stretches®

A candlelight stretch and meditation class based on the Psalms. Breathe, stretch, flow, rest. Check out psalmsandstretches.com and DM or email Claire@glowfitness.uk to register your interest Everyone welcome. Take time for you!

Wednesday 6:45-8pm
St Anne's, Edgeside
£7 drop in/ card or cash on entry

A poster for 'psalms & stretches'. It features a portrait of a woman in the top left corner. The background is a mix of blue and green textures. The text is in white and black. There is a line drawing of a person stretching on the left side.

Contact Us



There are various ways you can contact us in school and keep up to date with school life.

- Please use our school email address office@st-anne-edgeside.lancs.sch.uk
- You can call us on: 01706 214081. Please note that calls are recorded for training and monitoring purposes.
- Speak to your child's class teacher at drop off or hand over times.
- Our school Facebook page has events and photographs of our children:
<https://www.facebook.com/stannescofeprimaryschool>
- And please visit our school website for more information about our school:
<https://stannesceprimary.school/>