



St Anne's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th October 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

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

It's been another full, productive week in school this week.

This week, our worship assemblies and classroom learning have focused on Black History Week, aligning with the national theme. Our children have engaged thoughtfully with the stories, achievements, and contributions of influential Black figures throughout history, and meaningful discussions across all year groups have taken place.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening on Monday. It was wonderful to catch up with so many families and discuss your children's progress. We were also delighted to host our own pastoral and family support services. Thank you to those who took the opportunity to connect with them and access the valuable resources available.

Huge congratulations to our boys' football team, who worked exceptionally hard this week to make it through to the finals! A big thank you as well to their dedicated coaches for guiding and encouraging them. We are all proud of their teamwork and sportsmanship.

Our Friends Autumn Disco was a fantastic success! The children had a wonderful time dancing and celebrating together. A huge thank you to all those who helped organise it and the volunteers whose time and energy made the event so special.

This afternoon, we are pleased to welcome our school Governors for a walkthrough focusing on Personal Development. These visits are a crucial part of ensuring our curriculum and school environment continue to nurture the character, well-being, and growth of every pupil.

Next week brings the final week of this half term. Our Year 6 pupils will be heading off to London for their enrichment visit; an exciting opportunity for them to learn, explore, and create lasting memories based on their PSHE learning this half term. I will be accompanying year 6 on this visit so there will not be a weekly newsletter next Friday. You will still receive my usual end of half term update letter.

Looking back over this past week, I am reminded of how much we can achieve when we come together as a community. From our shared learning during Black History Week and the joint efforts of our Parents' Evening, to the parent volunteers at our disco and the governors supporting our vision, our school thrives because of our shared vision and mutual care.

May we continue to encourage one another and celebrate the unique strengths each person brings to our school family.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" *Psalm 133:1*



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Webb

Headteacher

Collective Worship



This week, our Collective Worship has centered around the theme of Black History, helping our school family reflect on generosity, stewardship, and community.

On Monday Mrs Webb led our whole-school worship, introducing our focus for Black History Week and encouraging the children to reflect on inspirational historical figures and their impact on our world.

On Tuesday Mrs Ferris continued our focus on Black History, helping the children explore themes of equality, perseverance, and how each person is valued and made in the image of God.

On Wednesday on we were delighted to welcome back the Open the Book team, who brought Bible stories to life for us with another engaging and interactive presentation.

On Thursday Key Stage teams gathered for Key Stage Worship, with Rev. Janet leading our Key Stage 2 pupils in a meaningful time of reflection and prayer.

On Friday we brought the week to a joyful close with our Celebration Assembly, recognising the achievements, effort, and wonderful attitudes of our pupils across the school throughout this week.

Attendance



Why does attendance matter?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g_tfUyroZM

Reception 97.7%

Year 1 98.5%

Year 2 97.5%

Year 3 95.7%

Year 4 93.8%

Year 5 97.5%

Year 6 95^

Whole School 96.19%

Lates 17

Coming to school every day, and arriving on time, is really important for your child's learning, friendships and wellbeing. Even missing just a few days can mean missing out on important lessons, experiences and time with friends.

We completely understand that children do get poorly and there are times when they need to stay at home and recover. Please follow the NHS guidance on when your child should stay off school due to illness, particularly for conditions such as sickness, diarrhoea and high temperatures. See the information below.

However, for minor illnesses such as a mild cold, sore throat or slight cough, children can often still attend school if they are well enough to do so.

Thank you for supporting us in helping our children achieve the best possible attendance and make the most of every school day. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Is my child too ill for school? UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? **YES** Keep them off school until it goes away. **NO** Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Check to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sores, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or nursery know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 48 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appear.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or seems unwell, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, so measures can be taken to protect others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Whooping & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.nhs.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Parking

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











Nursery Places



Did you know your child can join our awesome school nursery as soon as they turn 3? There's no need to wait until the term after their birthday—they can start their learning journey with us right away.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision offers a safe, vibrant, and nurturing environment where your child can play, learn, and build confidence every step of the way. We would love to welcome you into our school community!

Give us a call on 01706214081 to arrange a visit, tour our EYFS setting, and meet our friendly team. We can't wait to show you around!



Welcomes you to our awesome nursery

With funded full and part time places available from the moment your child turns 3.

Along with the additional benefit of breakfast and after school clubs. (at additional cost)

It is the perfect place for your child to

- Make new friends
- Improve their communication and social skills
- Prepare them for life at school

Come play and learn!

Please call St Anne's school for more Information on 01706 214 081





Admissions



School Admissions 2027 – Applications Are Now OPEN!

If your child is starting Reception or moving up to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2027, now is the time to start thinking about your school choices.

Primary School – Reception

Applications are now open, and the deadline is 15 January 2027.

Secondary School – Year 7

Applications are now open, and the deadline is 31 October 2026.

Apply here:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.../school-admissions/>

If you're considering St Anne's for your child, keep your eyes peeled!

We'll be sharing details soon about how you can come and visit our school, meet our team and get a feel for what makes St Anne's such a special place to learn, grow and thrive.

We can't wait to welcome you!

A poster for primary school admissions in Lancashire. The top half features a photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, smiling. Overlaid on the top left of the photo is a white speech bubble containing the text 'SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY'. Below the photo, the text 'APPLY NOW!' is written in large, bold, white letters, followed by 'at lancashire.gov.uk/schools' in smaller white text. The bottom half of the poster has a light blue background. It contains several sections of text: 'School and Academy places September 2027', eligibility criteria, a 'School transport' section with a bus icon and a QR code, and the 'CLOSING DATE 15 January 2027'. At the bottom, there is a link to 'lancashire.gov.uk' with three right-pointing chevrons, and the 'Lancashire County Council' logo on the right.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

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County Council



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

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Vacancies



LCC GOVERNOR

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.

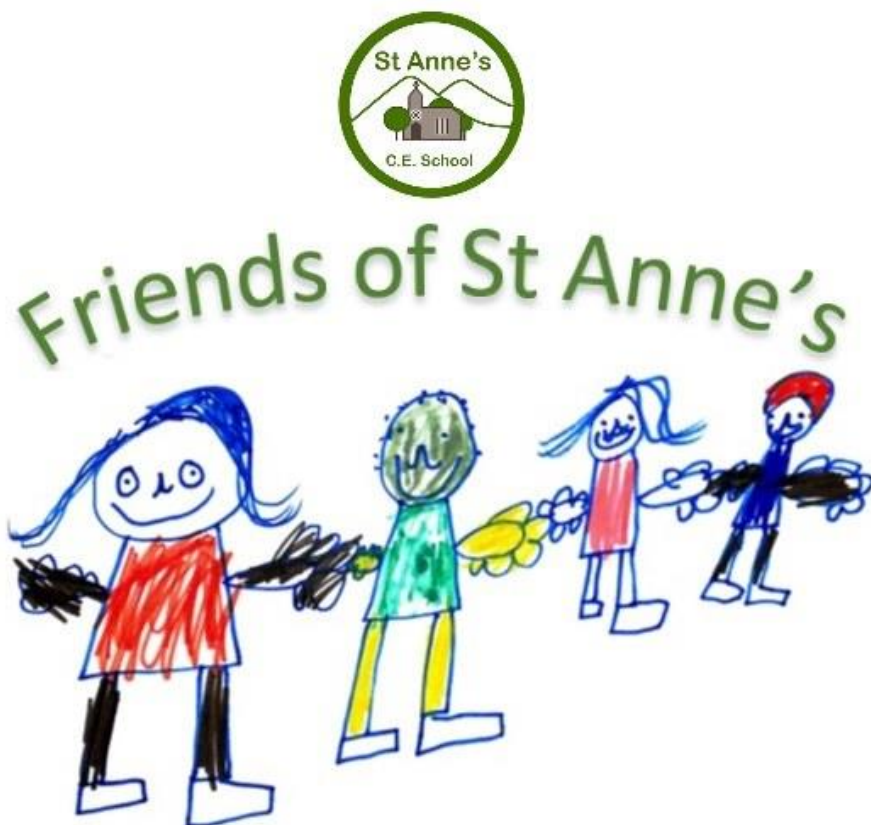
As a governor, you will play an important strategic role in supporting school improvement, challenging and supporting leadership, and ensuring every child has the best possible opportunities to thrive. No previous governing experience is necessary — just a commitment to helping our school community succeed.

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/>

Friends of St Anne's



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/>

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-LSCFT



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.

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

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip 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 climate change. For further guides, blogs and tips, please visit thenationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI COMPANIONS

Powered by generative AI models like ChatGPT and Google Gemini, AI companion apps and virtual chatbots such as Character.ai, Inshot, My AI, Replika and Talkie, allow users to create, customise, and chat to synthetic characters on the topic. While many young people use them for harmless entertainment, creative writing or homework help, these bots are designed to simulate genuine human empathy, emotional bonding and deep friendships.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

AI companions are programmed to be incredibly responsive, empathetic and available 24/7. Unlike real people, they never get tired, angry or bored. They can provide constant support, advice and companionship, which can lead to emotional dependency. Young people may become overly reliant on these bots for emotional support, leading to isolation from real friends and family. Some bots are designed to simulate a romantic relationship, which can be particularly harmful for young people.

DANGEROUS MENTAL HEALTH ADVICE

AI companions are programmed to be supportive and helpful, but they are not qualified to provide mental health advice. They may offer advice that is incorrect, outdated, or even harmful. This can lead to young people making poor decisions about their mental health, potentially leading to self-harm or other serious consequences.

DATA HARVESTING & OVERSHARING

Many AI companion apps collect a large amount of personal data, including chat history, location, and contact information. This data is often used for marketing purposes or shared with third parties. Young people may not be aware of what data is being collected or how it is being used, leading to privacy concerns.

DISTORTED SOCIAL SKILLS

Interacting with AI companions can be a very easy and convenient way to socialise. However, this can lead to distorted social skills. Young people may become accustomed to the instant responses and constant support of AI companions, which can make real-life social interactions feel more challenging. They may also develop unrealistic expectations of how others should behave.

INAPPROPRIATE OR EXPLICIT CONTENT

While most AI companion apps are designed to be safe, some have the potential to generate inappropriate or explicit content. This can be particularly concerning for young people who may be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age group.

"FREEMIUM" UPSELLS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many AI companion apps operate on a "freemium" model, where the basic version is free but offers limited functionality. To unlock more features, users are often encouraged to make in-app purchases or subscribe to a premium service. This can lead to young people spending more money than they intended on these apps.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK OPENLY ABOUT FAKE RELATIONSHIPS

Discuss with young people that AI companions are not real people. They are computer programs designed to simulate human interaction. Encourage them to be honest about their feelings and to seek support from real friends and family if they are struggling.

AUDIT PRIVACY SETTINGS & AGE LIMITS

Check which companion apps are installed on your child's phone or tablet. Many AI companion apps require users to be at least 18 years old. Review the privacy settings, terms of service, and data collection policies of these apps. Encourage young people to be mindful of what they share online.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTION

Encourage young people to engage in real-world activities, hobbies, and sports. Encourage them to spend time with friends and family. Encourage them to be active and to take breaks from screen time. Encourage them to be mindful of their online presence and to be respectful to others.

REINFORCE WHERE TO GET REAL HELP

Make sure young people know that if they are struggling, they can seek professional help. Encourage them to talk to a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, or counsellor. Encourage them to use helplines and online support services if they need them.

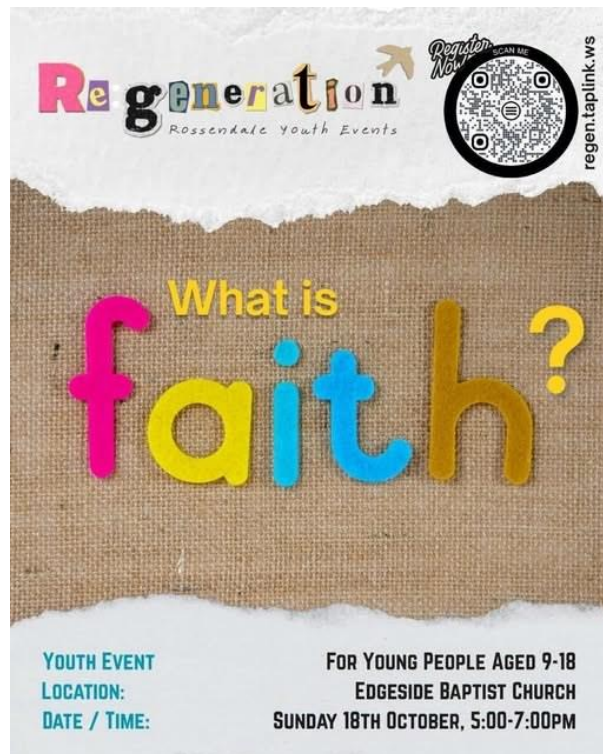
Meet Our Expert
Damon Coates is the Founder and Executive Director of **WakeUpWednesday**, a charity that provides support and resources for young people with mental health issues. He is also a qualified mental health professional and has worked with many young people in his capacity as a counsellor.

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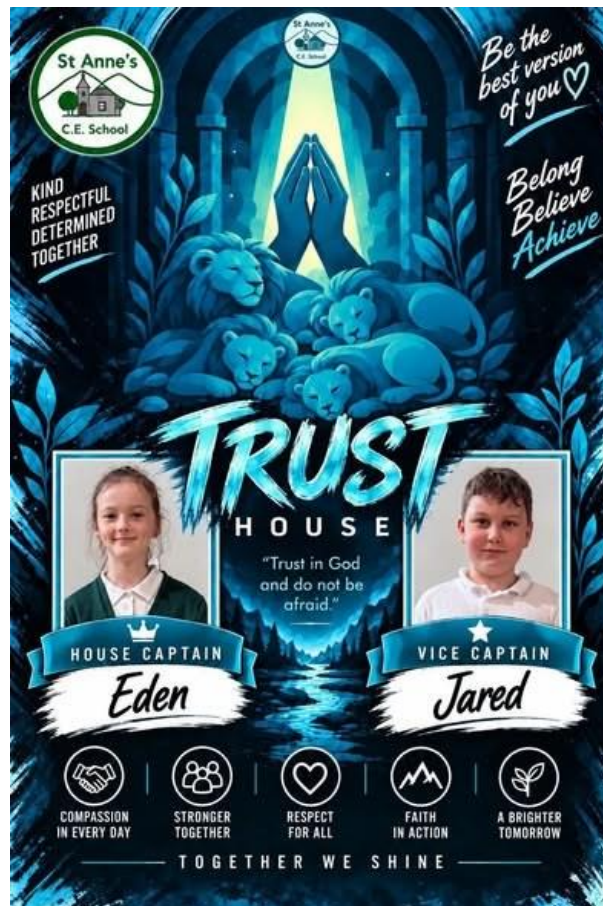
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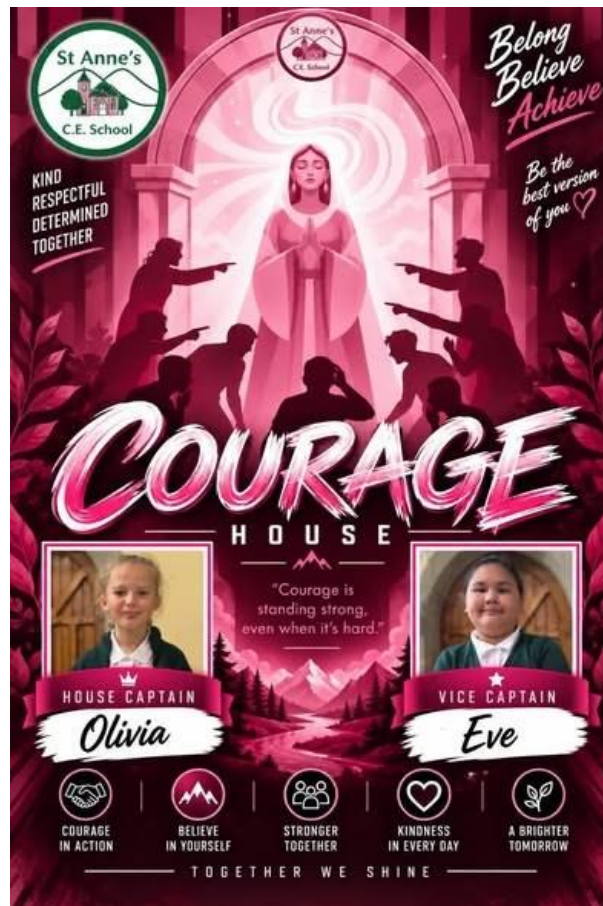
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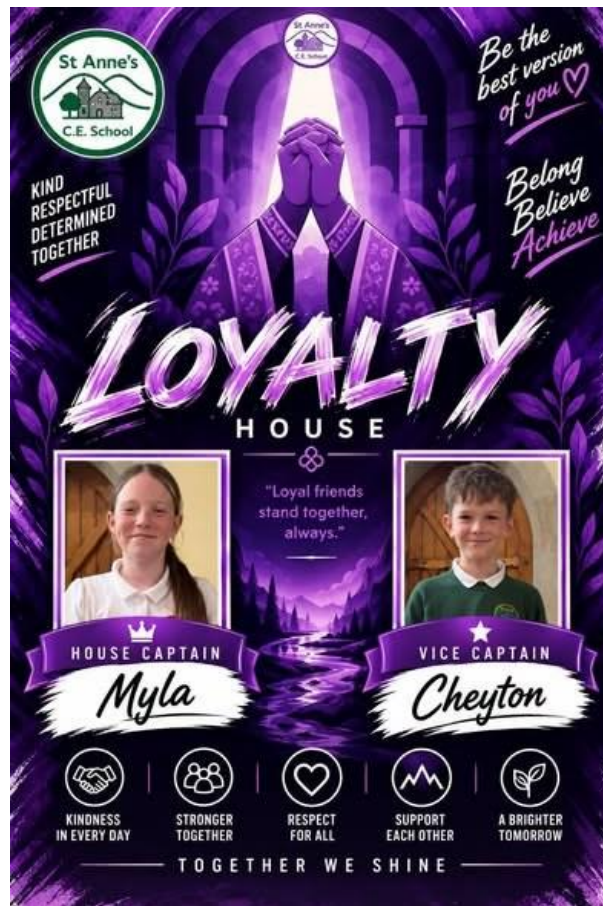


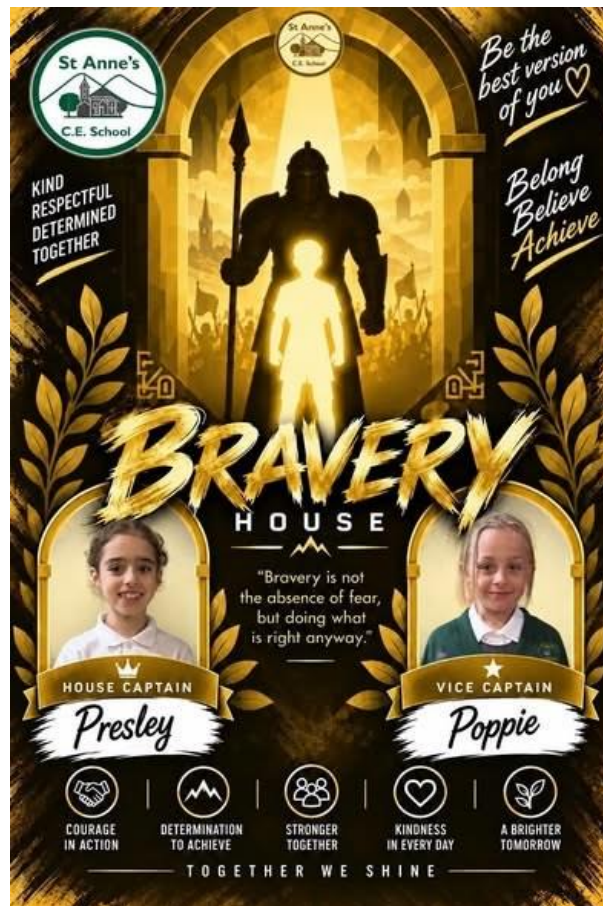
Housepoints











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Weekly Awards



Class Captains: Raven, Stanley, Isaiah, Holly, Miesko, Una, Kaitlin

Top Table: Isabelle, Elsie, Rocco, George, Corey, Elise, Bella

OPAL Positive Play: Max, Isaac

Breakfast Club: Rayna

After School Club: Ellie

Diary dates





Monday 12th October 2026 Black History Themed Week

Monday 12th October parents Evening-main school hall

Thursday 15th October 2026 School Disco in church 6-7:30pm

Monday 19th October 2026 Whole School Careers Week

Tuesday 20th October 2026 Year 5 and 6 Careers Fair in hall -family members welcome

Wednesday 21st October - 23rd October 226 Year 6 London Visit

Friday 23rd October 2026 School Closes for Half Term

Monday 2nd November 2026 School reopens for Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 2nd December 2026 Christingle Services -2pm for EYFS/KS1, 2:45pm for KS2

W/C Monday 7th December Christmas performances week. Days and classes TBC.

Monday 14th December Whole School Panto Visit - see below and Parent Mail for details
and payment

Wednesday 16th December 2026 Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 17th December 2026 Christmas Party Day

Friday 18th December 2026 Christmas Service 2pm led by Rev Janet. School closes at 3:30pm. No after school club on this day.

Monday 4th January 2027 School reopens for Spring Term



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

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



Christmas at St Anne's 

Friday 13th November 2026
Non Uniform Day in exchange for bottles for the bottle tombola

Friday 27th November 2026
Christmas Jumper day with uniform bottoms in exchange for chocolate for the tombola

Tuesday 1st December 2026
Christingle Services, 1:30pm EYFS.
2:30pm KS2.
Led by Rev Janet O'Neill.

Thursday 3rd December 2026
2pm and 6pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

Wednesday 9th December 2026
2pm and 6pm Key Stage 2 Performance

Thursday 10th December 2026
4pm only EYFS performance

Monday 14th December 2026
Whole School Pantomime at Middleton Arena 'Cinderella'

Tuesday 15th December 2026
Whole school 'Christmas Surprise'

Wednesday 16th December 2026
Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 17th December 2026
Christmas Party Day

Friday 18th December 2026 Christmas Carol Service 2pm in church. School closes for Christmas. No after school club.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Events that require a donation, tickets, extra clothes, food or parental consent will be sent separately via Parent Mail in the coming weeks.

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://stannesedgeside.co.uk/>

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/>