St Anne's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th November 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,

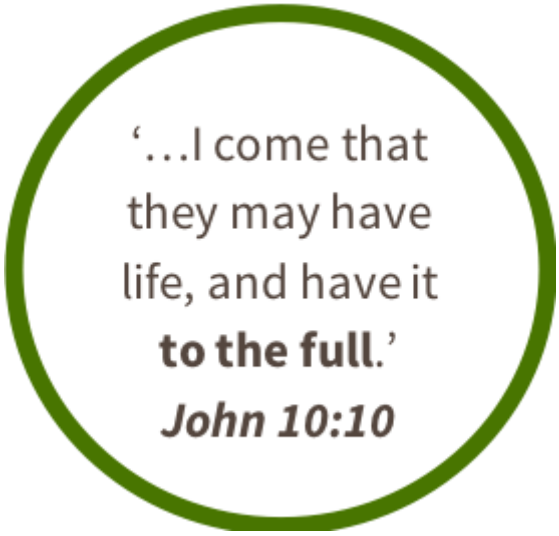
we believe:

- 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.







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 rewarding week draws to a close, I have been reflecting on the many different experiences, opportunities and achievements that have filled our school days. It has certainly been a week of important conversations, strategic planning and continued commitment to ensuring the very best for our children.

This week, we welcomed our OPAL mentor for a check-in visit as part of our ongoing journey towards OPAL re-accreditation in the Spring Term. It was wonderful to share the incredible developments in our outdoor play provision and celebrate the way our children embrace creativity, teamwork and adventure during playtimes. OPAL continues to create awesome play at St Anne's, and we are proud of the work taking place.

Our Full Governing Board also met this week to review school priorities, celebrate successes and plan strategically for the future. I am continually grateful for the dedication, challenge and support provided by our governors. We are truly blessed to have such a passionate and committed team who generously give their time and expertise to help St Anne's flourish.

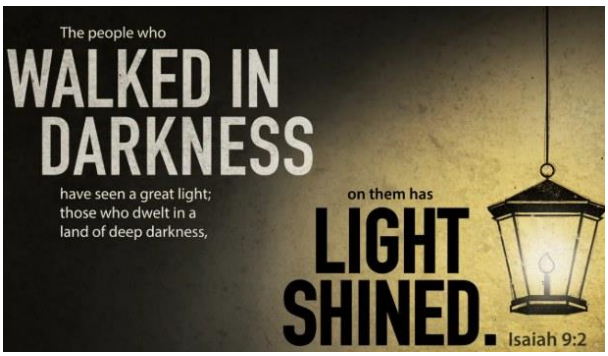
We have reflected on the many awards and accreditations our school has achieved. Whilst we are proud of these recognitions, they are far more than badges or certificates. Each award celebrates the care, commitment and hard work of our children, staff and wider school community and reminds us that together we are creating something very special.

We were also delighted to welcome our Diocesan Officer this week, whose visit helped strengthen the valued links between St Anne's and the Manchester Diocese. Our Christian distinctiveness and close partnership with the Diocese continue to support and enrich our vision for every member of our school family.

Across school, children have been engaging with two hugely important themes: Road Safety and Anti-Bullying. Both areas have prompted thoughtful discussions, learning activities and opportunities for reflection. Helping children understand how to keep themselves safe,

whilst also teaching them to show kindness, respect and courage towards others, are vital parts of their education and development.

As we now look ahead, we begin preparing our hearts and minds for the season of Advent. Advent is a time of hope, waiting and expectation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Isaiah 9:2 says: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."



This verse reminds us that even during challenging times, God's light shines brightly and brings hope. In the busyness of the weeks ahead, may we take time to notice the light we bring to one another through kindness, generosity and love.

As Advent approaches, let us think about how we can be a light to others. A kind word, a helping hand, an act of forgiveness, or simply taking time to listen can make a real difference. Just as we wait in hope for Christmas, let us also look for opportunities to share God's love with those around us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Webb

Headteacher

Collective Worship



Our collective worship this week has been filled with opportunities to reflect, celebrate and focus on our Christian value for this half term: thankfulness.

On Monday, Mrs Webb led our whole-school worship in church, focusing on being thankful even during difficult times. Through the story of Paul and Silas, the children learned how

they continued to praise God and trust in Him, even while facing significant challenges. It was a powerful reminder that gratitude is not just for the easy moments in life, but also for the times when we need God's strength the most.

Christmas spirit has certainly been building across school this week, with the sound of children singing filling our halls and classrooms as preparations continue for the festive season. Their enthusiasm and joy have been wonderful to hear.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Open the Book, who once again brought Bible stories to life through engaging storytelling and drama. These visits are always enjoyed by children and staff alike and help make scripture accessible and memorable.

Later today, we will come together for our weekly Celebration Worship, giving thanks for the many achievements, acts of kindness and examples of perseverance shown by our pupils throughout the week. It is always a privilege to celebrate the children who demonstrate our school values both in and out of the classroom

Attendance



Why does attendance matter?

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

Reception 92.2%

Year 1 90%

Year 2 92.6%

Year 3 89.2%

Year 4 92.9%

Year 5 94.8%

Year 6 94.5%

Whole School 92.6%

Lates 16

Courage 90.4%

Bravery 93.2%

Loyalty94.9%

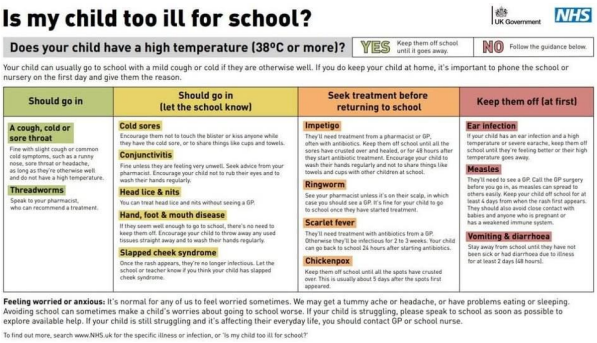
Trust 91.5%

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.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**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.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**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.	**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.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to 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.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**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 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	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.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

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?'

Vacancies



We have three vacancies for our staff team. The details of them are below.

Senior Welfare Supervisor

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=68817

Year 4 Teacher (Maternity Cover)

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/vacancyDetails.asp?id=202826

Key Stage 2 PPA Cover

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=68895

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

OPAL

We're want to add more resources to our OPAL play spaces and would be really grateful for any donations listed below.

If you're able to donate any of these items, please send them into school with your child or drop them off at the school office.

As always, any donations are hugely appreciated and will help us continue developing exciting and creative play opportunities for the children.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



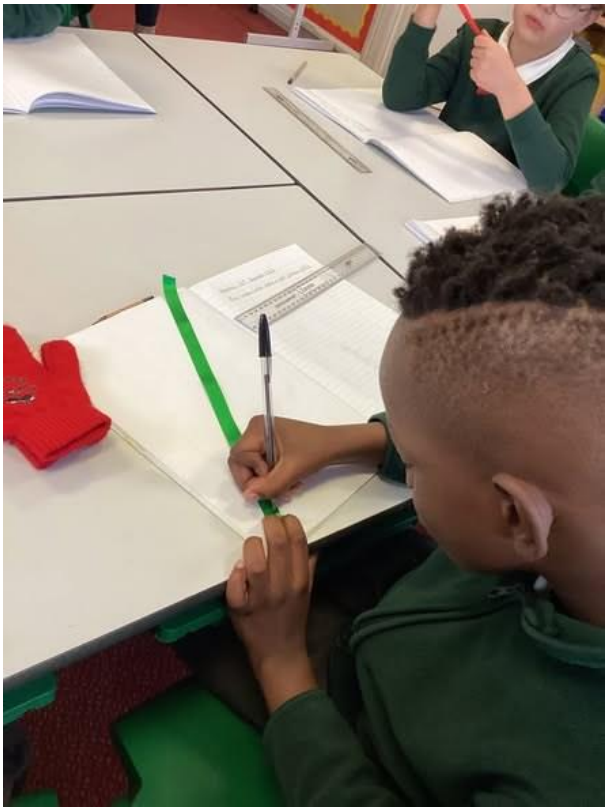
This week in photographs













Artsmark Silver Award

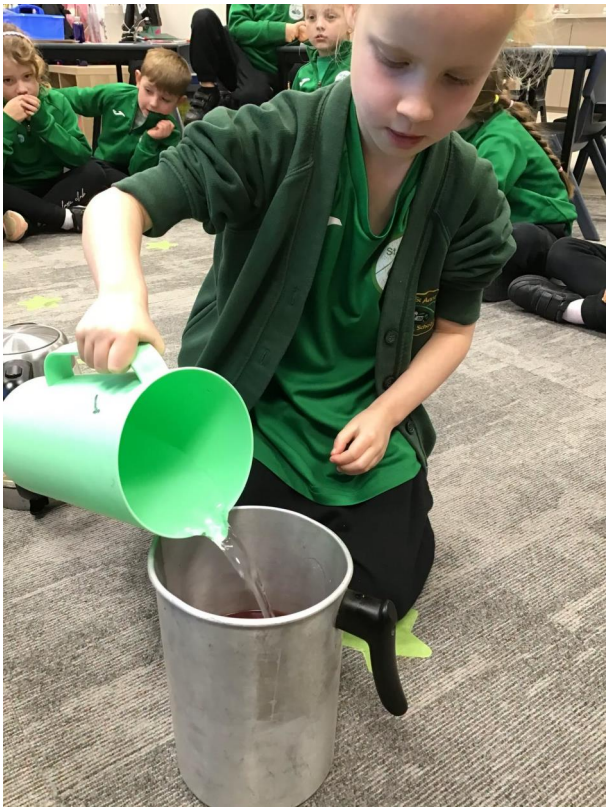
Eco-Schools Award

Silver Geography Quality Mark

OPAL Platinum Award

Compassionate Schools Award

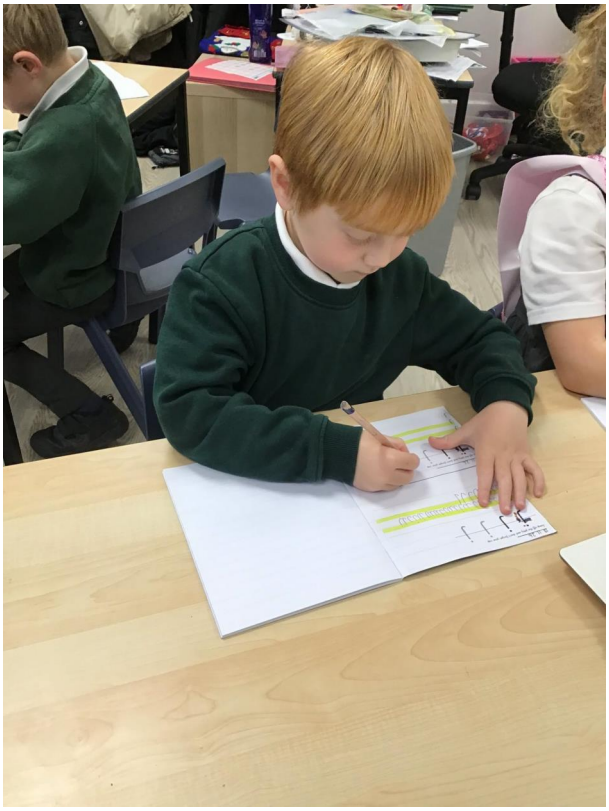
School Games Gold Award






THANKFUL RIBBON.
Step 1: Hold a ribbon between your fingers as you say a thank you prayer.
Step 2: You can write on the ribbon what you are thankful for and tie to our tree.
"give thanks to the lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." -Psalm 107:1



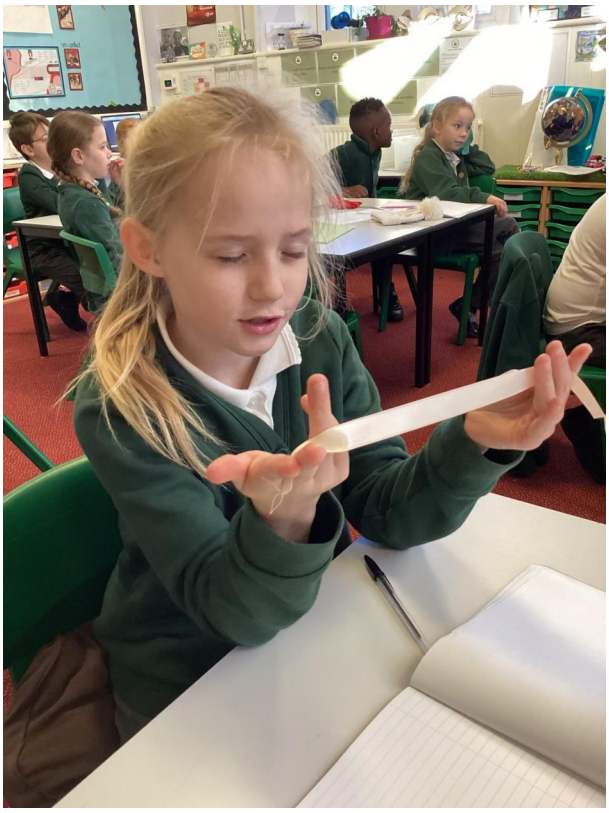




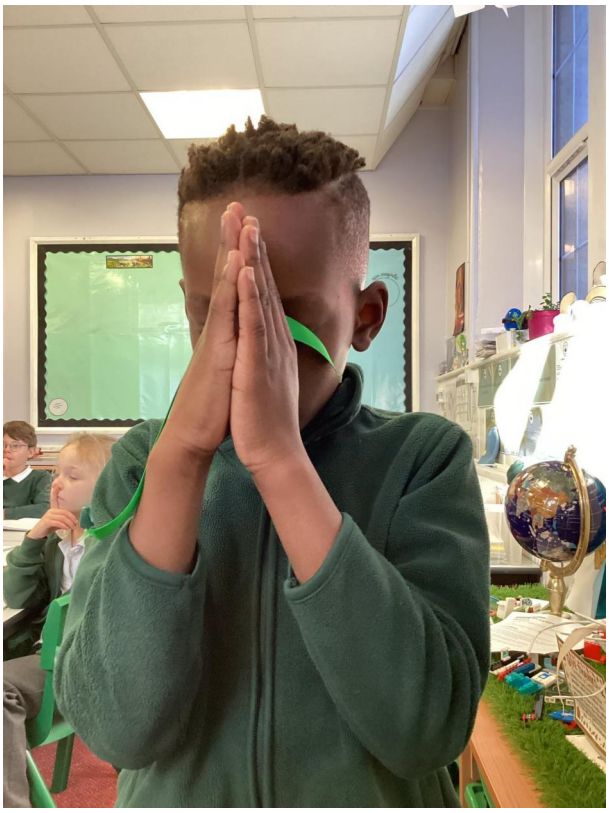




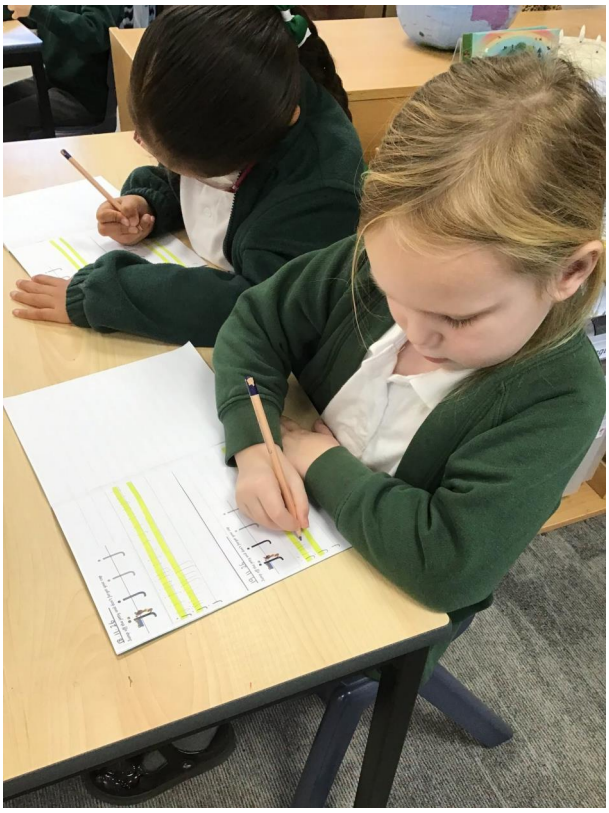
















Admissions



School Admissions 2027

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.

Apply here:

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

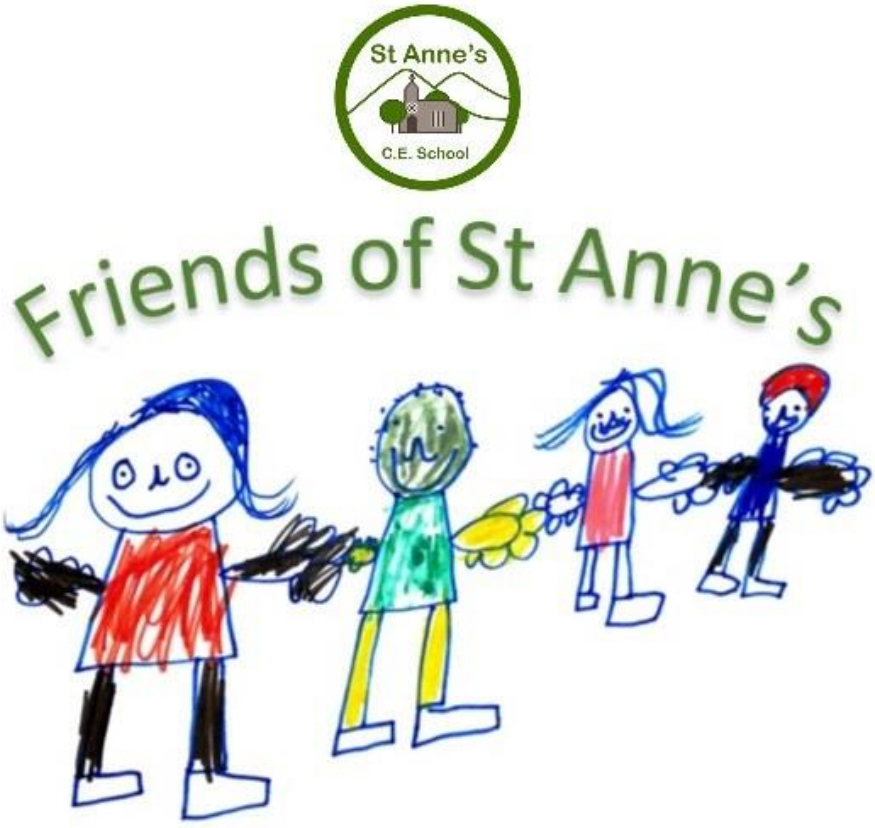
If you're considering St Anne's for your child, keep your eyes peeled!

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!



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.




St Anne's
C.E. School
St Anne's
School Fair
Friday 4th December
3.45 – 5.15pm
Visit Santa
Tombolas
RAFFLE
RAFFLE
Cafe
Face Paint
Festive Games
Stalls available please email
office@st-anne-edgeside.lancs.sch.uk

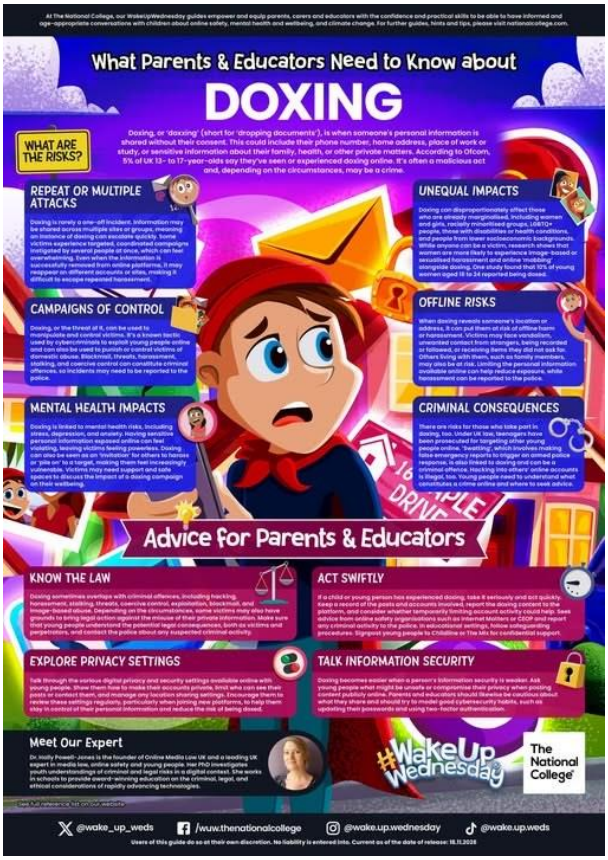

St Anne's
C.E. School
St Anne's
Santa's Grotto
at the Christmas Fair
Friday 4th December 3.45pm – 5.15pm
Bookings only
Gifts included
£4 PER CHILD
Time slot booking
available on ParentMail
LIMITED SPACES!

Community and Family Information

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







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

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK
ROSSENDALE

Enquiries -
Rossendalefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk
or call
01772536873

Stay and Play
5:30-7:30
Wednesday Evenings

THE MADEN BEST START FAMILY HUB & YOUTH ZONE IS NOW OPEN UNTIL 8PM EVERY WEDNESDAY!

COME AND JOIN US FOR FAMILY ACTIVTIES AND A SAFE, WARM ENVIRONMENT.

ACCESS TO SUPPORT AND SIGNPOSTING AVAILBLE.

PUBLIC P-NET COMPUTER ALSO AVAILABLE.

BEST START IN LIFE

No booking required, just turn up!







How do I get on to a course?

- Discuss with school

Before the course, we meet with all parents/ carers to check that Riding the Rapids is the right intervention for you, and to answer any questions you may have.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have a crèche, or can I bring my small child to the sessions

Unfortunately we don't

Can I bring my partner/mum etc to the course?

We have limited numbers so please check when having your initial assessment

What parents have said about RTR

Riding the Rapids was a lifeline e because at the time I was very, at extremely low point and I was close to breakdown and everything, because I'd just got to a point where I just couldn't handle things anymore and I felt like I was just on me own with it. And obviously I got there and everyone's in the same boat and it was just, it really brought me up out the depths.

Have really enjoyed being in the group, everyone supporting each other, you're not on your own'

'It's been brilliant – so much taught in such a fun way'

'(I am) realising how far he has come and how much calmer I am

'I have learnt so much – I will miss it'

Contact us for more information about Riding the Rapids

Mental Health Support Team
01282 628802
Ask for practitioners completing the riding the rapids course

NHS Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

RIDING THE RAPIDS

Lancashire and South Cumbria Foundation Trust

Mental Health Support Team

What is Riding The Rapids?

Riding the Rapids is a free course designed for parents and carers of children who are autistic, on the pathway for autism assessment or who have significant learning disabilities or other complex disabilities. The course aims to help parents to understand and support their child's well-being, and reduce stress, distress and distress-related behaviours , or other behaviours of concern. Research shows that parents and carers who attend Riding the Rapids can:

- Develop effective strategies to support their children
- Their ease coping skills and confidence, reducing stress



Riding the Rapids was developed in Manchester by the Specialist Community Service–Learning Disabilities and Autism. It has been researched by the Social Policy and Research Unit at the University of York.

The Course

Each weekly session covers a different aspect of supporting autistic children/ children and young people with a learning disability.

Parents and carers start the course by deciding on a target they would like to understand and focus on, to improve their child's well-being, and then putting together a plan to tackle it using a variety of strategies.

The course takes place for 2 hours a week for 10 weeks

Most courses run in the morning

Courses for parents/ carers of secondary aged children also includes a session on puberty.

Parents and carers develop strategies through discussion, direct teaching, practising ideas and watching videos of young people and other parents talking about their experiences. Parents and carers put strategies into place between sessions.

There is a followup meeting a few months after the course has finished

The Course

The course will be held at
Burnley General Hospital– Area 3
CYPMH-east outpatients.
Starting 6th January 2027

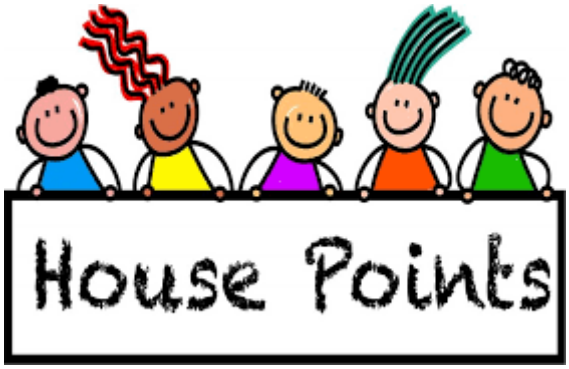
The course will start promptly at 9.30am and finish at 11.30am.

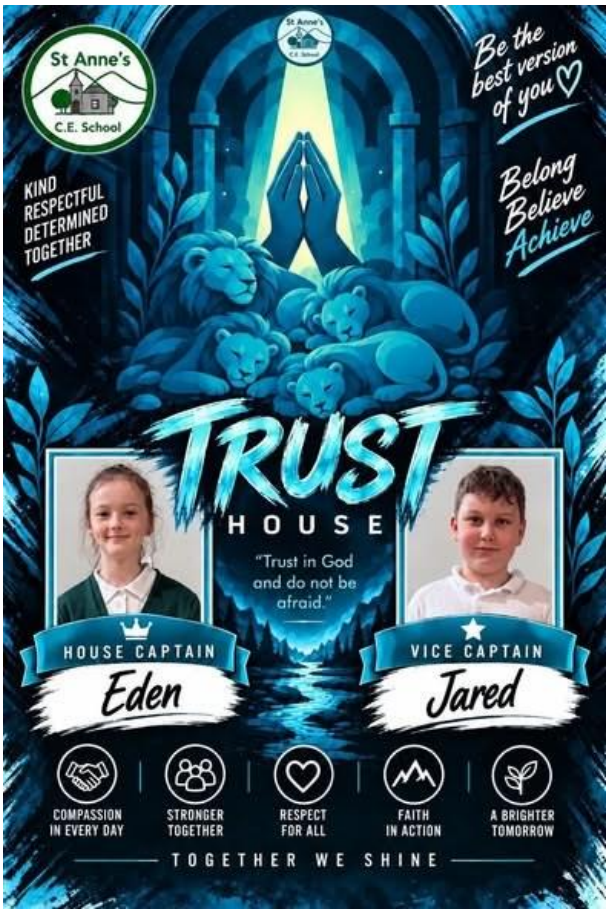
There are two separate courses: one for parents/ carers of primary-aged (reception to year 6) children and one for parents/ carers of secondary aged teenagers (school years 7-11).

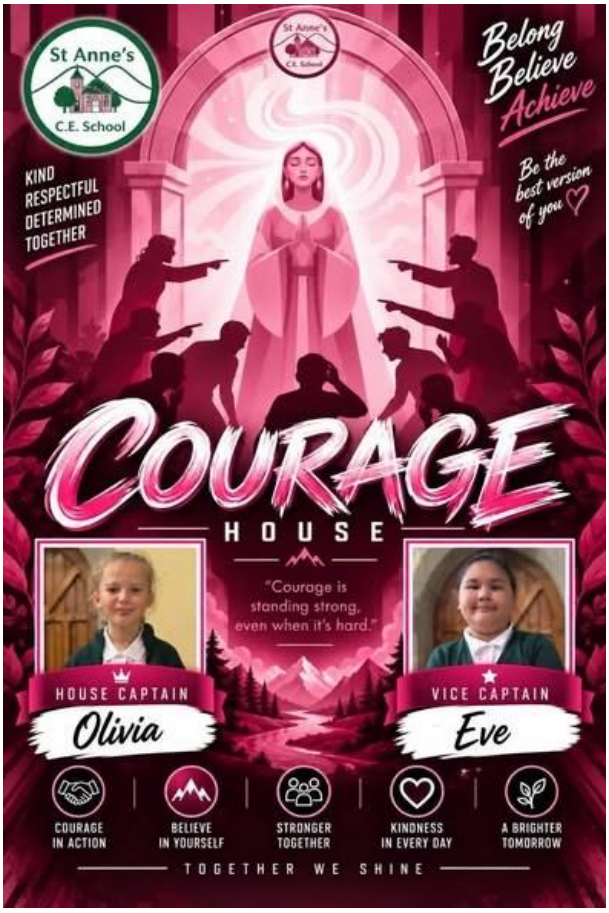
People who attend Riding the Rapids with our team:

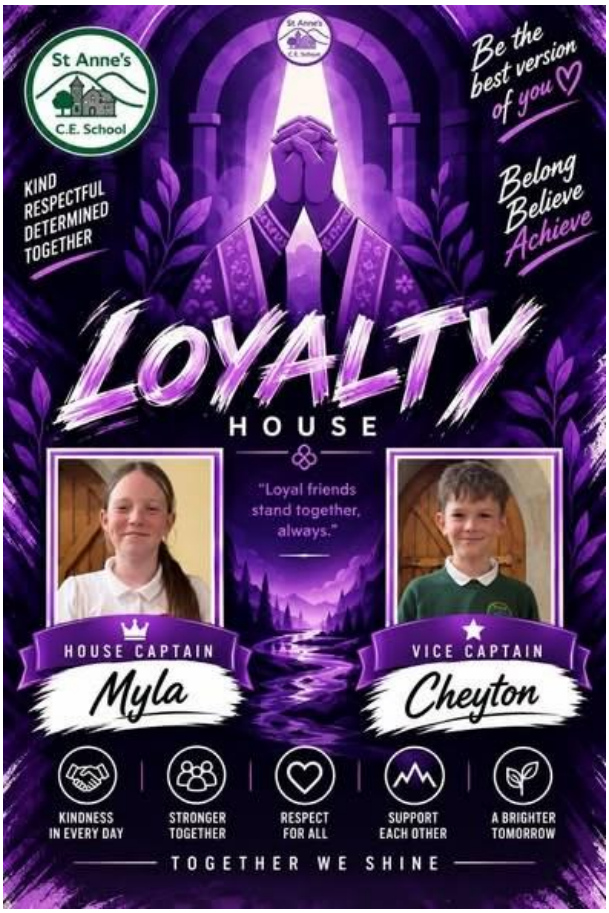
- Have a child with an Autism diagnosis, and/ or significant learning disabilities, (usually at specialist school) or complex physical disabilities AND want support with their child's well-being/ behaviours of concern Live with, or have very frequent contact with their child
- Are able to commit to a ten week course, and try strategies between sessions

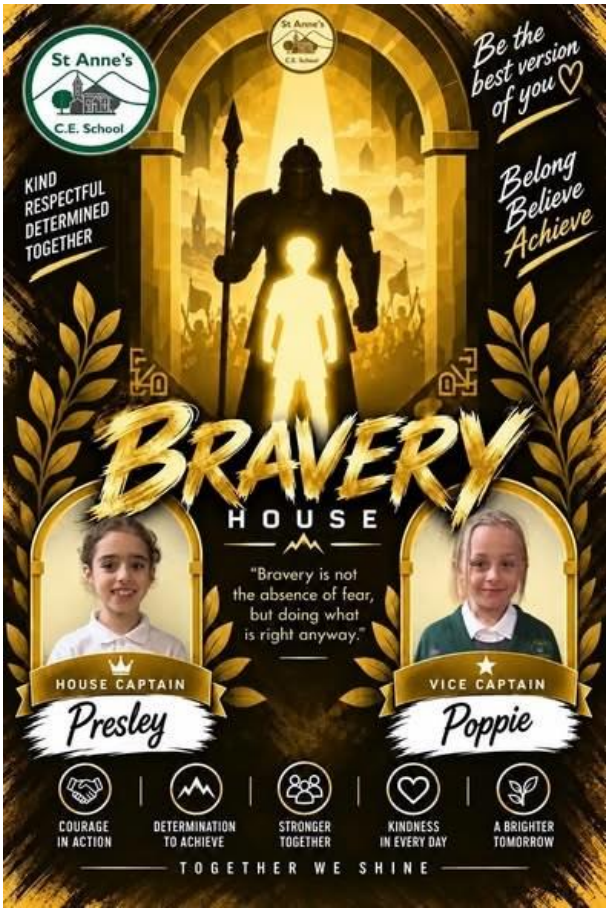
Housepoints






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Achieve
Be the best version of you
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HOUSE
"Courage is standing strong, even when it's hard."
HOUSE CAPTAIN
Olivia
VICE CAPTAIN
Eve
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SUPPORT EACH OTHER
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TOGETHER WE SHINE



Weekly Awards



Class Captains:

Top Table:

OPAL Positive Play:

Breakfast Club:

After School Club:

Diary dates



Wednesday 25th November 2026 2pm School Nurse Drop In

Friday 27th November 2026 Non uniform in exchange for chocolate

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

W/C Monday 7th December Christmas performances week.

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

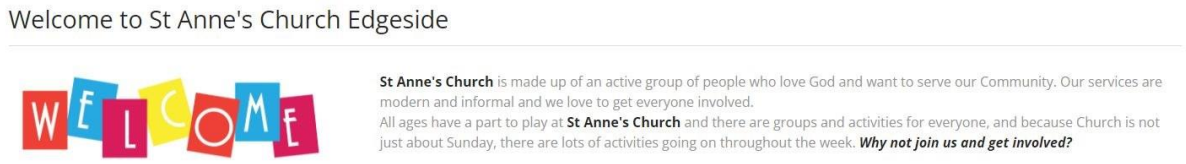




Term dates for 2026-2027 can be found on our website and have been sent via Parent Mail.

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

St Anne's Church



https://stannesedgeside.co.uk/


St Anne's Church
Edgeside
Christmas Wreath
Decorating Event
Join us for a fun and festive evening creating your very own Christmas wreath!
Sunday 29th November
4.30 – 6pm
At St Anne's Church
£25
£15 for the wreath + £10 to raise money towards our new heating system
Mulled wine and mince pie provided!
All are welcome!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ST ANNE'S CHURCH EDGESIDE

First Sunday- Messy Church	*10:30*
Second Sunday - Morning Worship	*11:00*
Third Sunday - Alpha & Muddy Church	*11:00*
Fourth Sunday - Holy Communion	*11:00*
Fifth Sunday- Morning Worship	*11:00*

Evening Service

First Sunday - Holy Communion	*6:30*

To book your breakfast for Messy Church please email messychurch@stannesedgeside.co.uk

For more information regarding services please email stannesleadership@rossendalecofe.church

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 out school: https://stannesceprimary.school/