



# St Anne's Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr. L Anderson

**Viernes  
28th  
Febrero  
2025**

## St Anne's Catholic Primary School - Weekly News

### Highlights of the Week



This week we had a visitor from Gilmoos Recycling Centre. The children from KS1 and KS2 had an assembly where they learnt about recycling and how we should recycle responsibly.

Thanks so much to Simon O'Brien for coming into school to this week to talk about his role as Liverpool City Region Cycling and Walking Commissioner. Simon spoke to the children about the benefits of walking, scooting or cycling to school and how less traffic can make the area around our school safer. Look out for news on our special 'Walk to School Week' at the end of March!



EFC Year 4 Football Festival was attended by children from our Year 4 cohort who played really well and were unlucky to go out in the quarter finals. Their attitudes and commitment was amazing—well done boys.

### Attendance

| Weekly Attendance W/C— 10.02.2025 |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Scotland - Mrs Feeney             | 97.27% |
| Year 6/5 - Mrs Reale-Smith        | 97.33% |

**WHEEL OF FORTUNE  
100% Attenders  
W/E 07/02/2025**

Well done to Scotland and to Y6/5 for their excellent attendance before half term.



Well done to Year 6/5 who are this weeks attendance winners with 97.33%

Which class will win 100% attendance next week?

Our school target is : **97.00%**  
Our overall school percentage this week: 94.19%

## Notices

CLUBS WILL START WEEK COMMENCING : 03.03.2025

Clubs will go live on the app - Saturday 01.03.2025

| Day              | Club                                      | Year Group                            | Time              |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Dance                                     | Year 2                                | 3.10pm - 4.00pm   |
|                  | Orienteering                              | Year 4                                | 3:10pm—4:10pm     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Striking & Fielding<br>(Rounders/Cricket) | KS1                                   | 3.10pm - 4.10pm   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Violin                                    | LKS2                                  | Collection 3:45pm |
|                  | Art Club                                  | Year 3<br>(continuing)                | 3.10pm - 4.10pm   |
|                  | Striking & Fielding                       | UKS2                                  | 3.10pm - 4.10pm   |
|                  | Choir<br>St Columba's                     | Y2 to Y6                              | 4pm—5pm           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Striking & Fielding                       | LKS2                                  | 3.10pm - 4.10pm   |
|                  | Yoga—Positive Mindset                     | Child and parent<br>(Reception to Y6) | 4.30pm -5.20pm    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Circuit Training                          | Year 4 to Year 5                      | 3.10pm - 4.10pm   |
|                  | Spanish<br>(with provider)                | Reception—Year 6                      | 3.10pm—4.00pm     |

## Notices

### Year 1 Phonics Check

Year 1 Phonics check will be taking place between 9th–20th June. Please ensure that your child is in school for the assessments. The assessments are **to give teachers information on how your child is progressing in phonics**. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

### Science Week - 10th to 16th March

We will be celebrating Science week at school and the children will be getting involved in lots of science based activities and investigations. They will also be watching live sessions from Science Farm, which teaches the children about food, farming, life cycles and the food chain. The children will also focus on their class scientists and research who they are and what they are famous for.

Later in March a Science event for families will be taking place - watch this space for information to follow!

### Judo Education

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March we are holding an assembly with Judo Education. As you may recall last year, we held Judo sessions after school and worked our way through the year groups. This is something we are looking to do again on a Tuesday between 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> July. We are currently looking at interest for Year 2 to Year 6, please express your interest via the app.

### World Book Day Thursday 6th March

As you will be aware next Thursday (6th March) is World Book Day, after speaking to the children they have chosen to come dressed as a character from any fictional book for that day. Just to remind you that we want this to be as simple and inexpensive for you as possible, also their choice should be linked to some children's fictional literature and be age appropriate.

### Nursery visit to Huyton Library

On the 27th February, Nursery was due to visit Huyton Library to help develop a passion for books and reading at a young age. This visit has been cancelled by the library due to Health and Safety reasons and will be rescheduled for the 24th April.

### Children's University

As a school we attend the Children's University Ceremony each year in June/July and graduates are rewarded due to their commitment and dedication to clubs they attend, whether that be inside or outside school. If your child attends clubs outside of school, please encourage the providers to be affiliated with Children's University to count towards their awards. Each provider will have a code to show that they are affiliated. Credits are collected from September to the end of March.

### SATs Year 6 Reminder

This is just a reminder for families that children in Year 6 (cohort) will have their SATs this year, as a result the best possible attendance is extremely important.

The tests themselves will begin **Monday 12th May 2025**. Please do not book holidays during this time - **HOLIDAYS SHOULD BE BOOKED DURING HALF TERM AND THE SIX WEEKS OF SUMMER**. Many thanks for your continued support.

### Prayer & Liturgy KS1 Families Invited

As part of our work on Lent, each cohort will be sharing a short Prayer and Liturgy with families. For all Year 1 children (Bumblebees and Dragonflies) this will be on **Tuesday 4th March at 9:10am** in the school hall. For Year 2 children (Ladybirds and Dragonflies) this will be on **Wednesday 5th March at 9:10am** in the school hall. This will be very short (10-15mins) and will include scripture readings, song and prayer.

## Notices

### School Dinners

**Monday 3rd March will be WEEK 3 which you can view on our website and app.**

<https://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/about-us/school-meals-menu/>



### School Swap Station

This is an initiative to encourage pupils to independently make healthy food choices. The idea is that pupils swap a packed lunch item for a healthier alternative. They can swap their item for a choice of carrot sticks, cucumber batons, apples, pears, yoghurts or cheese and crackers. The Swap Station is placed at the front of the dinner hall, ready for your child to make any swaps they desire!

### Early Bird Breakfast Club

We are offering an Early Bird Breakfast Club 7.30am—8.40am, initially this will be for 15 places.

The Early Bird Breakfast Club **MUST** be booked on the app a minimum 72 hours in advance for staffing purposes and will be at a charge of £5.00 per child and £4.00 per sibling, per session.

Please ensure that you choose EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST CLUB for this facility on the app.

An example of booking would be: Book Thursday evening for a place on Monday morning at 7.30am.

If you have not booked you will be refused entry due to Health & Safety procedures. **The Early Bird Breakfast Club doors will open at 7:30am to 7:35am, should you arrive after this time, please come to the office and your child will be taken through the building to access the facility.**

### Late collection Fees for Wrap Around Club

St Anne's Catholic Primary School will charge for the late collection of a child, this will be charged at **£2.50 for every 5 minutes late (WAC finishes at 5:30pm)**. In the case of no communication from parents or carers, St Anne's Catholic Primary School may refer to our Safeguarding policy and take the appropriate steps.

### Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club

Please be aware if you book Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club and your child does NOT attend you will still be charged—so please cancel to avoid this charge via the app or by calling the office.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings are taking place week commencing 10th March - please indicate your preference of when you can meet your child's class teacher via the app.

### UKS2 Philharmonic Hall 12th March

As part of our work on the music curriculum, children from Year 6, 6/5 and 5 will be visiting Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra on 12th March 2025. The children will experience a live orchestral performance, this trip will cost £11.50 including the cost of the ticket and coach. Payment is now live on ParentPay and must be paid no later than 28th February. If you could please indicate that you give your permission also for your child to attend.

### Wild and Well Knowsley Safari Park

KS1 will be visiting Wild and Well at Knowsley Safari Park on the dates below, the children will be leaving school on minibuses around 9:30am and returning around 2:30pm. They will need to bring a packed lunch or select a school packed lunch using the school app. The children will have to carry this around with them throughout the morning. You will also need to give permission for your child to attend on the app too. We please ask that the children wear wellies on this day, and a waterproof coat as the day will largely be outside in the woodland area. They may wear their PE kit with their school jumper/fleece/coat.

**Ladybirds** - Wednesday 12th March, **Dragonflies** - Thursday 13th March, **Bumblebees** - Friday 14th March

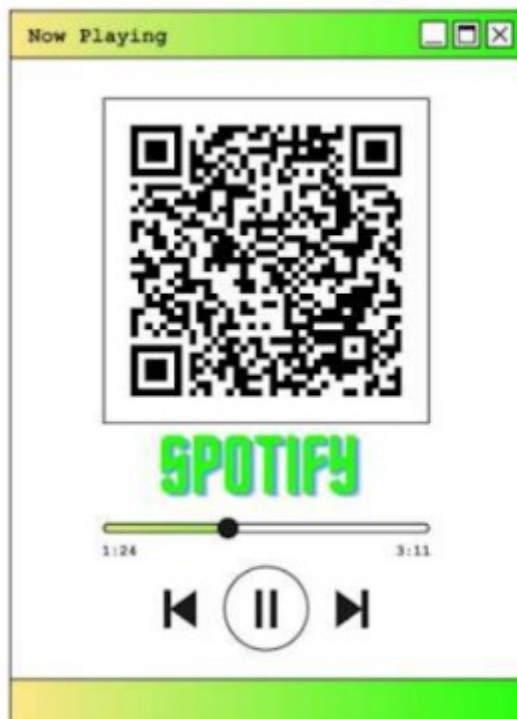
## Musician of the Month

Every month is a new opportunity to see what musician we are learning about this month in school.

Perhaps you are a fan or could help your child/children find more out at home!

Stay tuned!

# Elton John



**About:** Sir Elton John (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight; 25 March, 1947) is a British singer, pianist and composer. Acclaimed by critics and musicians, particularly for his work during the 1970s and for his lasting impact on the music industry, his music and showmanship have had a significant impact on popular music. His songwriting partnership with lyricist Bernie Taupin is one of the most successful in history.

**Genres:** R&B/Soul, Jazz

**Active from:** 1962 - Present

**Origin:** Middlesex, United Kingdom

Books to read...



If you like Elton John, try...

- Billy Joel
- Tina Turner
- Phil Collins

## Prayer and Religious Education



### Prayer and Liturgy

Our Prayer and Liturgy focus W/C 24th February is: **Lent**

#### Mass times at St Agnes and St Aidan's Church this weekend

**Saturday 1st March 2025:**

5:30pm Mass

**Sunday 2nd March 2025:**

10.30am

There will be one Sunday Mass only during the Winter

If anyone in Key Stage 2 would like to serve on the alter please contact the Parish Office.

Our St Anne's Catholic Primary School child focus for next week is: **Encourage**

St Anne pray for us and our Parish—St Agnes pray for us

## Letter from Mr Anderson

Dear families,

I hope and trust you all had a lovely half term break and our children have settled back into school life. This week we have had a focus on resilience in school and Miss Barton, one of our teachers, has helped plan a week around this in school to talk about and build resilience.

Please do take the time to look through today's Newsletter as there is lots of information in it about what is taking place in the next number of weeks in school.

The start of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March, this is a time for us all to reflect and maybe 'give up' or 'take on' something during this time remembering the many Sacrifices Jesus made.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Please indicate on our school app when you can meet your child's class teacher

**Monday 10th March:** Scotland, Y5, Y4/3

**Tuesday 11th March:** England, Y3,

**Wednesday 12th:** Y4, Wales, BB

**Thursday:** LB, Y6

**Monday 17th March** DF, Y6/5

Finally, we hope you are all ready to welcome in the nicer brighter weather and the rest of the Spring term.

Mr L Anderson

Head Teacher

### Reminder Nursery Admissions 2025/2026

The closing date for Nursery applications was today the 28th February 2025.

Offers will be made by 7th March 2025.

## Dates for Your Diary

|   | What's On   |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 4th March 2025                                | Shrove Tuesday Year 1 Prayer and Liturgy 9.10am                               |
| Wednesday 5th March 2025                              | Ash Wednesday Year 2 Prayer and Liturgy 9.10am                                |
| Thursday 6th March 2025                               | World Book Day Dress as a Children's Fictional Book Character                 |
| Thursday 6th March 2025                               | World Book Day themed meal  |
| Monday 10th March 2025                                | Parent Teacher Meetings this week   |
| Wednesday 12th March 2025                             | Ash Wednesday -UKS2 Prayer and Liturgy for families with Fr. Anton at 10.15am |
| Wednesday 12th March 2025                             | UKS2 visit to the Philharmonic Hall   |
| Wednesday 12th March 2025                             | Ladybirds Wild and Well - Knowsley Safari Park                                |
| Thursday 13th March 2025                              | Parent Partnership—Phonics & Reading—children invited 4—5pm                   |
| Thursday 13th March 2025                              | Dragonflies Wild and Well - Knowsley Safari Park                              |
| Friday 14th March 2025                                | Bumblebees Wild and Well - Knowsley Safari Park                               |
| Monday 17th March 2025                                | St Patricks Day wear a green accessory  |
| Tuesday 18th March 2025                               | Year 4/3 making break with Asda   |
| Wednesday 19th March 2025                             | Year 4 making break with Asda   |
| Monday 24th March 2025                                | Year 3 making break with Asda   |
| Tuesday 8th April 2025                                | Holy Thursday (Year 3 cohort) Prayer and Liturgy                              |
| Wednesday 9th April 2025                              | Good Friday (Year 4 cohort) Prayer and Liturgy                                |
| Thursday 10th April 2025                              | Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday (Year 5 cohort)                                   |
| Friday 11th April 2025                                | EYFS New Life Easter Bonnet Parade 1pm  |
| Friday 11th April 2025                                | School closes 1.30pm  |
| Tuesday 22nd April 2025                               | School opens 8.40am   |
| Wednesday 23rd April 2025                             | St George's Day wear an extra red or white accessory                          |
| Thursday 24th April 2025                              | Scotland Wild and Well  |
| Thursday 24th April 2025                              | Nursery Visit and Walk  |
| Friday 25th April 2025                                | Wales Wild and Well   |
| Wednesday 23rd April 2025 -<br>Friday 25th April 2025 | Residential Year 5 - PGL Boreatton Park                                       |
| Monday 12th May -<br>Thursday 15th May 2025           | Year 6 SATS   |

## Dates for Your Diary

|   | What's On   |
|---|---|
| Thursday 15th May 2025                              | Afternoon Tea—Census Day                              |
| Monday 19th May 2025                                | New to Reception Parent Meeting 5.00pm                |
| Tuesday 20th May 2025                               | New to Nursery Parent Meeting 5.00pm                  |
| Thursday 22nd May 2025                              | School closes HALF TERM                               |
| Friday 23rd May 2025                                | INSET DAY   |
| Monday 26th May 2025 -<br>Friday 6th June 2025      | HALF TERM   |
| Monday 9th June 2025                                | School opens  |
| 9th June—20th June 2025                             | Year 1 Phonics check—ensure your child attends school |
| Friday 13th June 2025                               | Imagine That—Reception Trip                           |
| Saturday 14th June 2025                             | First Holy Communion 10am and 12:30pm                 |
| Sunday 15th June 2025 -<br>Wednesday 18th June 2025 | PGL Year 6  |
| Friday 18th July 2025                               | LKS2 Living History Day                               |
| Tuesday 22nd July 2025                              | School closes 1.30pm                                  |

### Mrs Bannister

As some of you may already know Mrs Bannister will be retiring at the end of the summer term after 19 years working as Deputy Head Teacher of our school. She has had a huge influence on our school community over the years and taught so many of our children. As a school we are sad that she will be leaving us but we know that she will enjoy retirement and spending even more time with her lovely family.

Since I took over the Headship at our school in 2019, Mrs Bannister has helped me so much and continued to work hard to improve our school for everyone. Over the last number of years she has stepped up and taken on the role of SENCO. We know that you will all make her last 3 half terms happy ones for her and wish her all the best in July 2025. Mrs Bannister currently works Mondays and Tuesdays so if you need to contact her or you have an enquiry linked to SEND please email:

sen@stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk

### Online Safety Newsletters

Our Online Safety Newsletters can be found on the app and on our website:

<https://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/about-us/newsletters/>

The PTA will collect for the local Foodbank on the last Friday of every month.  
Thank you in advance for any donations. Next collection is: 28th March 2025



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*This is a fantastic FREE musical opportunity for Yr 1-2 children, I encourage you all to join!*

Dr Christopher McElroy  
Director of Music



## Mini Music Makers—Year 1 and Year 2

We are delighted to share with you a new initiative which we are launching at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool.

**Mini Music-Makers @ the Met** is a **FREE** music education programme for children in years 1 and 2, taking place at the cathedral on a Saturday from 10.00-11.00 (starting March 1st 2025.)

This programme is part of the Archdiocese of Liverpool Music department's commitment to offering musical opportunities to children across the archdiocese, and building on the 3000 children who currently sing with us each week.

I have attached an information flyer about this initiative, and below is a simple text which it would be fantastic if you would be happy to include in a school bulletin/ mailing:

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