



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Living and working as Jesus taught us!

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St Anne's Catholic Primary School - Weekly News

Highlights of the Week



This week in computing, Year 4 had a visit from Alan Ellis, who taught them about endangered animals. The children explored where these animals live and why they're at risk. They then created social media graphics to raise awareness and share what they learned.

KS1 had grandparents visit to ask them questions to find out about what life was like when they were children as part of our history.



CONGRATULATIONS



ON COMPLETING THE
MANCHESTER MARATHON

Wonderful Achievement

A big WELL DONE to Mrs Bannister for completing the Manchester Marathon on Sunday 27th April, she is a true inspiration!

Attendance

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Weekly Attendance W/C 22.04.25	
Scotland - Mrs Feeney	98.96%
Bumblebees - Miss Harrison	97.01%
Ladybirds - Miss Frodsham	98.33%
Year 5 - Mrs Williams	100.00%
Year 6 - Miss Hodgkiss	98.75%
Whole School	96.73%

Attendance Wheel

4th April 2025

Betsy H - DF Alice T - 6/5 Connor G - 5

11th April 2025

Tommy R - 4/3 Oliver McL - DF Sophia H - 6/5

25th April 2025

Harry Mc - 5 Annie T - BB Emilio C - 6

Well done to Year 5 who are this weeks attendance winners with 100%

Which class will win 100% attendance next week?

Our school target is : **97.00%**

Our overall school percentage this week: **96.73%**

Notices

Clubs started - Monday 28th April

Day	Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Dance	Year 1	3.10pm - 4.00pm
	Games	Year 3	3:10pm—4:10pm
Tuesday	JUDO	KS2	3.15pm -4.00pm
	Athletics	KS1	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Wednesday	Violin	LKS2	Collection 3:45pm
	Art Club	Class - Year 4	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Athletics	UKS2	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Choir St Columba's	Y2 to Y6	4pm—5pm
Thursday	Athletics	LKS2	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Family Yoga Games	All Welcome	430pm - 520pm
Friday	Circuit Training / Cross Country	KS2	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Spanish (with provider)	Reception—Year 6	3.10pm—4.00pm

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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.

School Of Sanctuary Award

We are delighted to share that we have achieved the School of Sanctuary award. This award recognises how schools provide a welcoming and inclusive environment, and how they provide for those seeking sanctuary, such as refugees and asylum seekers. Our assessors said that our children's interest, knowledge and awareness of those who find themselves in need was very impressive, and that it was encouraging that future generations hold values of tolerance and equality for all. Well done to our staff and children for their hard work towards this award.

Year 6 Leavers Mass & Assembly

We would like to invite families to celebrate our wonderful Year 6! The Year 6 Leavers Mass will be taking place on Friday 11th July at 1.30pm at St Agnes & St Aidan's Church and the Leavers Assembly will be taking place on Friday 18th July at 130pm in the school hall.

Children's University

As a school we attend the Children's University Ceremony each year in June and graduates are rewarded due to their commitment and dedication to clubs they attend, whether that be inside or outside school. Credits should now be with Miss Fraser as the deadline has passed for the graduation in June.

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.

Nursery and Reception Meetings for Academic Year 25/26

For Nursery and Reception intake for the academic year 2025/2026 we will be holding meetings in our school hall. Here you will meet the staff and gain further insight into our wonderful school.

Reception: Monday 19th May 2025 5.00pm

Nursery: Tuesday 20th May 2025 5.00pm

Booking Clubs

We are now requesting payment BEFORE clubs start. Clubs are booked on a first come first serve basis. As usual a message is sent via the app to state that your booking has been confirmed. **This does not mean your child's place will be secured, it will be secured once payment has been received up front, prior to the club starting.** You will then be contacted by the school office to confirm your child's place. Many thanks for your continued support.

School Dinners

Monday 5th May will be WEEK 3 which you can view on our website and app.

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



Parkrun Takeover

Once again St Anne's Catholic Primary School will be taking over Stadt Moers parkrun on **Saturday 21st June** a wonderful chance to get out and get active with your family a chance to mark the end of National Sports Week—stay tuned for more information. We will need families to come along and run/walk together or to volunteer.

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.

Year 4 Road Safety Sessions

On the 20th May, Year 4 will be taking part in Road Safety Sessions. The children will focus on pedestrian skills and they will discuss how distractions and peer pressure can have a negative effect whilst crossing the road. They will also explore local road safety issues and share their learning with families.

Focus Week Speak Out Stay Safe NSPCC 12th May - 22nd May

From the 12th May each class in Key Stage 1 and 2 will be looking at resources from the NSPCC—a letter will follow on this explaining this in more detail.

St Anne's Bake Off



19th May 2025

Our annual 'Bake Off' will be 'VE Day' themed. Children who wish to take part should bake something to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day which is on 8th May 2025.

This year, we are requesting that a photograph of your bake, along with a blurb, is submitted via Seesaw to your class teacher on 19th May. Miss Harrison will choose the winning bakes and these will be announced in assembly on Thursday 22nd May.
Good Luck!

Notices

Summer Uniform

Can we please remind you that fleeces are instead of a coat and NOT in place of cardigans or jumpers. Long hair should be tied back, with bobbles and ribbons in school colours. Flowers and other decorations should not be worn for school - they should be saved for 'non- uniform days'.



School News on our Website

Please check out our School News on our website <https://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/> on here you can see lots of photographs and news about your child's school life.

Classes next year

We wanted to take the opportunity to address some of the common questions we receive regarding class arrangements at school. It is important to note that, like many schools, we have mixed-age classes in our school. Specifically, we have Dragonflies (Years 1 and 2), Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6. This approach has been carefully considered and implemented to ensure the best possible educational experience for our pupils.

We can assure you that children perform equally well in these mixed-age classes. Our experienced teachers have spent considerable time reviewing the class compositions, taking into account a variety of factors to ensure that each child is placed in an environment that will support their individual needs and foster their academic and social development.

While it is understandable that some children may be separated from their friends, we believe that the benefits of mixed-age classes outweigh this potential challenge as during break and lunch times, the children have ample opportunities to interact, chat, and play with their peers. Additionally, we make a concerted effort to bring the entire cohort together for various activities, such as music lessons and school trips, to maintain a strong sense of community. I hope this provides some clarity and reassurance regarding our classes. Transition will be at the end of term which is weeks away and lots of learning and fun will take place before then.

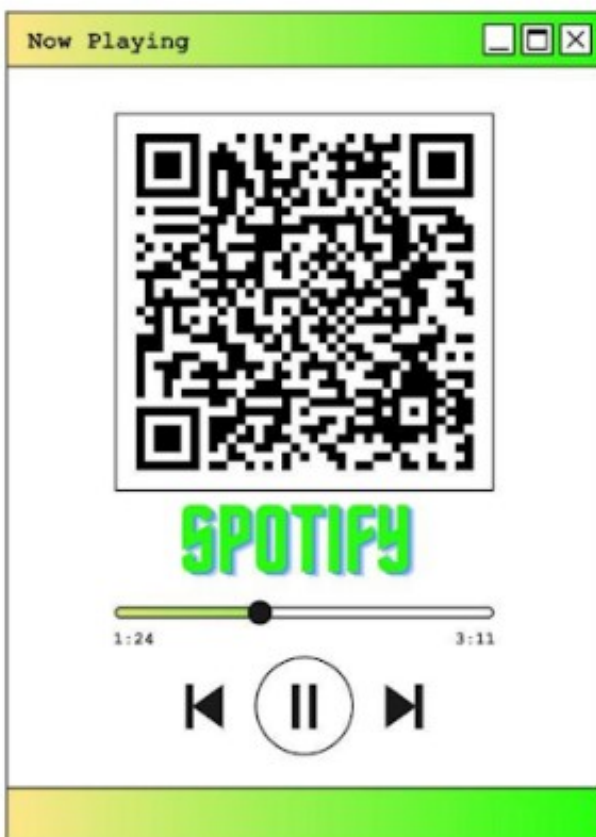
Musician of the Month

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!

Joni Mitchell



About: Joni Mitchell, born in 1943, is a Canadian-American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and painter. As one of the most influential singer-songwriters to emerge from the 1960s folk music circuit, Mitchell became known for her personal lyrics and unconventional compositions which grew to incorporate pop and jazz elements. She has received many accolades, including ten Grammy Awards and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

Genres: Folk, Pop, Jazz and Rock

Active from: 1964-Present

Origin: Fort Macleod, Canada

Books to read...



If you like Joni Mitchell, try...

- Cat Stevens (Yusef Islam)
- Joan Armatrading
- Crosby, Stills and Nash

Prayer and Religious Education



Prayer and Liturgy

Our Prayer and Liturgy focus W/C 5th May is: **Mother**

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

Saturday 3rd May 2025:

5:30pm Mass

Sunday 4th May 2025:

10.30am

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: **Individual**

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

Letter from Mr Anderson

Dear families,

I am pleased to share some exciting developments at our school. A big well done to all for their first FULL week back after the Easter Break and hopefully our Y5 children have recovered from their residential.

Our extra-curricular clubs have commenced, providing enriching opportunities for our pupils. The pleasant weather has enhanced our learning environment, creating a positive atmosphere for all.

We are immensely proud to announce that St Anne's has been awarded the School of Sanctuary status, a testament to our inclusive ethos. Our Year 1 phonics workshop, which took place on Monday after school, was very informative to parents/carers.

I must commend our Year 5 pupils for their exceptional performance last week. Their renewed enthusiasm upon returning to school is truly inspiring.

I hope we all remember Pope Francis in our prayers and pray for an equally inspiring Pope.

Mr L Anderson
Head Teacher

Dates for Your Diary

	What's On
Thursday 8th May 2025	VE Day Themed Meal - £1.00
Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May 2025	Year 6 SATS
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 - 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 - Wednesday 18th June 2025	PGL Year 6
Friday 11th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Mass 130pm - 230pm
Friday 18th July 2025	LKS2 Living History Day
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	School closes 1.30pm
Saturday 28th February 2026	Nursery Application deadline for 2026

LET'S EAT

Knowsley celebrates
VE DAY

8 May 2025

Assorted selection of sandwiches with carrot sticks
Jelly and Fruit
Union Jack Victoria Sponge cake

JUST £1

Knowsley Council
ParentPay

Logos for Knowsley Council, ParentPay, and a 'FOOD BANK' logo are visible. Below the text are images of a strawberry, a carrot, a potato, a red pepper, and a broccoli on forks.

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: 30th May 2025



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Online Safety Newsletter

May 2025

Wonderlab+

Are you looking for something fun to do online with your child? The Science Museum group have a wide array of activities, games and quizzes on their website:

<https://wonderlabplus.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/home>

Minecraft

Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age.

Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other. In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. Ensure appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/minecraft>

Cyberbullying

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault.

It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so

that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.



Further information

There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support.

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/>
- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/sources-information-advice-and>

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Roblox

New parental controls

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

New Parental Features

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

1. **Friend blocking** - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
2. **Experience blocking** – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
3. **Top game insights** - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here:

<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox>

Further information

You can find out more about Roblox here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>



How to best use location tracking apps within your family

Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device. Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources. You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/how-to-use-location-tracking-apps-in-your-family/>

JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call, and text. There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. **JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store.**

Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version.

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of:

<https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

Keeping up with technology

It can be difficult to keep up with what our children are doing online as it can change so quickly. UK Safer Internet Centre have published an article with suggestions on what we can do: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing>