

# 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

We held a stay n' play for the children and their families this week. It gave the children an opportunity to show their families their learning environment and build on communication and language skills through play.





The children have been taking part in Diversity Week activities whilst listening to our musician of the month, Tracy Chapman. We spoke about what makes people different and how we can celebrate our own differences. This incorporated British Values and equality.

KS1 Local area walk took place this week looking for human and physical features

## <u>Attendance</u>

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Weekly Attendance W/E 10.10.25		
Scotland - Mrs Feeney	97.14%	
Wales - Mrs Henesy	100.00%	
Ladybirds - Miss Frodsham	98.00%	
Dragonflies - Mrs Daniels	97.66%	
Whole School	95.69%	

Attendance Wheel W/E 03.10.25

Zach C - H - Dragonflies Sophia H - Year 6 Lilly M - Year 6/5

Well done to Wales 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: 95.69%

## Clubs

Day	Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Girls Football	Year 4/5/6	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Dance	Year 3 & 4	3.10pm -4.00pm
Tuesday	Football	Year 2	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Creative Writing	Year 3 - 4	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Wednesday	Football	Year 6	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Thursday	Football	Year 4	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Friday	Cross County Club	Year 3 - 6	3.10pm-4.10pm
	Spanish	Reception - Year 6	3.10pm - 4.00pm

Violin to start after half term - watch this space

## OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday 12th November, 3.00pm - 5.00pm, we are holding an Open Evening at our wonderful school. If you know anyone who is interested in taking a look around, please do let them know.

Please email the school office to register your place:-

stanne@knowsley.gov.uk

### **Notices**

#### OPAL PLAY



We are currently in the process of developing our grounds to enhance play for our children. As a result children will be out playing in all weathers. For this reason it is really important that children have waterproof coats and wellies in school. You will notice black welly storage boxes springing up across school, which are vital for the success of the programme.

From Monday if all children can please have wellies in school so we can be accessing the field, many thanks

#### Healthy Snacks

As a school we always encourage our children to eat healthy snacks at break time, chopped fruit or vegetables will help keep our children alert, help them to concentrate and keep them going until lunchtime.

We ask for your support with this matter so we can work together in promoting health and well being.

#### Road Safety Week 13th October - 17th October

Please support your child's development by modelling and discussing road safety awareness on your commute to and from school. Think about both safe and unsafe places to cross and now also be high -ly aware of the quieter electric vehicles that use the roads and pull out of driveways.

#### Cycle to School Week & Anti-Idling Message - 13th to 17th October

This national initiative celebrates active travel and aims to inspire pupils and families to choose cycling as a fun, healthy, and sustainable way to get to school.

#### Benefits of cycling to school include:

**Environmental Impact**: Reduces traffic congestion and air pollution around schools, contributing to cleaner, healthier air.

**Public Health**: Encourages physical activity, which supports children's mental and physical wellbeing.

Road Safety Awareness: Promotes safer travel habits and helps children become more confident and responsible road users.

**Community Engagement**: Builds a sense of shared responsibility for creating safer, greener school environments.

## Times Tables Rock Star Day - Friday 17th October

TIMES

To celebrate everything times tables we are having TT Rockstars day—please join in the fun and dress like a ROCKSTAR—party on and of course remember your times tables!

## THEME WEEK - DIVERSITY

#### Celebrating Difference and Being Unique

At St Anne's Catholic Primary School, we believe every pupil is a unique gift, created and loved by God. Our Theme Week, Diversity' discussed the **Difference and Being Unique**, celebrating the richness of diversity and the beauty of everyone's unique qualities. This special week was designed to deepen pupils' understanding and appreciation of difference, linked closely with our Catholic values and curriculum.

#### Religious Education (RE)

In RE, pupils will explore the Catholic teaching that every person is made in the image and likeness of God, reinforcing the message that all are valued and loved. Children have reflected on how Jesus taught us to love and respect one another, embracing differences as part of God's plan for humanity.

#### Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

Our PSHE lessons focused on developing empathy, kindness, and respect for others. Pupils have learnt about the importance of celebrating differences, understanding feelings, and fostering positive relationships within our school community.

#### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Aligned with the statutory guidance, RSE sessions helped pupils understand the value of diversity in families and friendships, promoting respect and kindness. Pupils have discussed how to support each other and seek help when needed, ensuring everyone feels safe and included.

#### Special Educational Needs (SEN)

We have highlighted how our school supports pupils with different learning needs, celebrating the strengths and talents of all. Activities included adapted resources and inclusive approaches to ensure every pupil can participate fully and feel valued.

#### Geography

In Geography, pupils explored the diversity of people and places around the world, learning how different cultures and environments contribute to our global community. The curriculum emphasises respect for all people and the importance of understanding and appreciating global differences.

#### Why This Matters

At St Anne's, our vision of *Living and working as Jesus taught us* guides us to nurture happy, respectful, and confident pupils. Theme Week supports our mission by encouraging pupils to value themselves and others, fostering a positive and inclusive school culture.

We have had week full of learning, reflection, and celebration of what makes each of us wonderfully unique!

## Hellow Yellow - World Mental Health Day



Children wore a splash of yellow to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and well being.

#### **Notices**

#### Booking After School 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. We will know more about clubs next week.

#### 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 BREAFAST 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).

#### 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.

#### Online Safety Newsletters

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

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

#### School Dinners

Monday 13th October will be WEEK 1 which you can view on our website and app.



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

#### Weekly Debate

Each week we will publish a question which will be discussed in class as the weeks progress and it is also a chance for you to discuss the question with your child/children over the weekend.

World Teacher day was 5th October. What makes a great teacher most memorable for you?

#### Should you wish to contact your local Councillor

Councillor Kevin Bannon - 07384 455 428 kevin.bannon@knowsley.gov.uk

Councillor Megan Dever - 07386 664678 megan.dever@knowsley.gov.uk

Councillor Paul Woodruff— paul.woodruff@knowsley.gov.uk

## Musician of the Month - OCTOBER 2025

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!

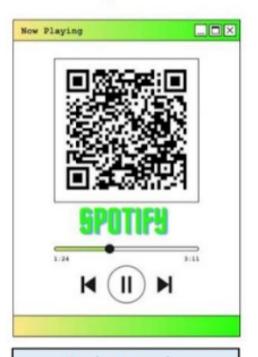


# **HOME INFORMATION**



## October's Musician of the Month

Chapman







About: Tracy Chapman (born in Cleveland, U.S.A. on March 30, 1964) is an American singersongwriter. Chapman is best known for her hit singles "Fast Car" and "Give Me One Reason". She is politically and socially active and is very passionate about supporting human rights. She has also been involved with Cleveland's elementary schools, producing an educational music video, highlighting achievements in African-American history.

Genres: Folk, Blues, Rock, Pop & Soul

Active from: 1986 - Present Origin: Cleveland, U.S.A.

Books to read...









If you like Tracy Chapman, try...

- Natalie Merchant
- Eva Cassidy
- Bob Dylan

## Prayer and Religious Education



#### Prayer and Liturgy

Our Prayer and Liturgy focus W/C 13th October: Patience

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

Saturday 11th October 2025:

5:30pm Mass

Sunday 12th October 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: **Encourage** 

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

### Letter from Mr Anderson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another school week ends and we have a lot to celebrate with our 'Diversity' theme week. It was lovely to see the children celebrate our differences and everyone being unique. We also had lots of children represent the school in various sports.

We have also had lots of interest in the current Parent Governor vacancy which is wonderful for our school—more details will follow on this.

Key Stage 1 pupils explored our local community, while our young athletes have represented the school brilliantly in sporting events.

We look forward to our Road Safety Week next week.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend and we shall see you all on Monday.

Mr L Anderson Head Teacher

# Dates for Your Diary

	What's On
Monday 13th October 2025	Road Safety Week
Friday 17th October 2025	TTRS Day
Monday 20th October 2025	This week Parent/Teacher meetings scheduled for EYFS
Wednesday 22nd October 2025	PTA Halloween Disco
Thursday 23rd October 2025	LKS2 Egyptian Living History Day
Thursday 23rd October 2025	UKS2 WW2 Living History Day - option to dress up!
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025	HALF TERM
Wednesday 12th November 2025	Opening Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Friday 14th November 2025	Nursery - Nursery Rhyme dress up day
Monday 17th November	This week Parent/Teacher meetings scheduled for KS1 and KS2
Friday 28th November 2025	St Andrew (Feast Day 30th November 2025) a splash of navy
Friday 5th December 2025	Year 6 Heaven Sent
Tuesday 9th December 2025	2.15pm EYFS Nativity Performance
Wednesday 10th December 2025	9.30am EYFS Nativity Performance
Friday 12th December 2025	National Santa Dash wear your Santa Hat
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Reception visit to Croxteth Farm Park Grotto - details to follow
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Nativities - K51: 9.30am Year 1/2.30pm Year 2 Parents
FRIDAY 19th December 2025	1.30pm finish
Saturday 28th February 2026	Nursery Application deadline for 2026
Thursday 5th March 2026	Nursery World Book Day - Local area walk and library visit 1.00pm
Thursday 19th March 2026 - Friday 20th March 2026	Year 4 Great Tower Scout Adventure Centre, Newby Bridge,
·	Cumbria
Wednesday 29th April - Friday 1st May 2026	Year 5 PGL Winmarleigh Hall
Tuesday 30th June 2025- Friday 3rd July 2026	Year 6 Great Tower Scout Adventure Centre - Newby Bridge
0.4 duly 2020	Cumbria

#### School Streets





Simon O'Brien visits St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Huyton where they're experimenting to make safer streets

The scheme was introduced under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order from 1st September 2025. The extents of the order are summarised below.

- A ban on motor vehicles on Marina Crescent, Ruskin Way and Cedar Crescent Monday to Friday from 8.00 to 9.00 and from 14.15 to 15.30 (term-time only).
- There will be exemptions made as part of the ban on motor vehicles for; residents, school staff, blue badge holders and taxis, however it should be noted that these exemptions will be part of the consultation phase and could be subject to change.
- A one-way system on Cedar Crescent which will allow vehicles to only access Cedar Crescent from Ruskin Way.

Any enquires please email schoolstreets@knowsley.gov.uk

#### School Levy

Dear Parents/ Carers.

As a Catholic school, St Anne's Catholic Primary School has to pay 10% of any repairs to our buildings, and 10% of the costs of any new buildings, from which all children benefit. The balance is paid for by the Archdiocese, but we have to make a contribution to their fund. This contribution is referred to as the "Catholic School Levy". We have to raise this money ourselves, and it works out as a contribution of £10.00 per family per year. This is less than 5.2p per school day.

Any shortfall which occurs due to any parents/carers not paying their contribution still has to be paid by the school. This obviously then reduces the amount of money available to provide valuable resources to enhance the teaching and learning provided in school. The school has benefited significantly from the Archdiocese in the past: most recently with our new roof in 2021, our mobile nursery building/ wraparound unit installed in 2020 and more recently with computing resources and screens. We as a school have benefited from this funding.

I urge you to support the school in our collection of levy money from parents/carers. This is a commitment which you as parents/carers undertake when sending your child to a Catholic school.

This payment for the academic year 2025/26 is immediately available on Parent Pay.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Anderson

Headteacher

## Sophia & Francis - House Captains for St Andrew

## **Start of Black History Month**



Overview
Black History Month 2026 |
February 1, 2026 | Awareness
Days
Black History Month,
celebrated in the Uk

## WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK?

## **Diversity week**

Diversity Week" refers to various annual events celebrating the diversity of identities, cultures, and heritage

## Flashlight Friday

Overview
Flashlight Friday – Classroom
Management Toolbox
Flashlight Friday is a
classroom activity where
students read quietly in the
dark using flashlights

# **History**

We learned about the bombings in Hiroshima and why it ended the world war

National well-being day
World Mental health day on
October 10

#### Safeguarding

Since the start of the academic year, our school staff have spoken to our children about keeping safe and ensuring they are safe in school. We have also stressed the importance of speaking to adults in school if there is ever an issue that we are here to help.

Our Safeguarding Team consists of:

Mr Anderson (Designated Safeguarding Lead),

Mrs Vernon (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Miss Fraser (Learning Mentor). Mrs H Eaton is our Safeguarding Governor

#### Swimming Academic Year 2025/26

Therefore swimming will be held at Huyton Volair starting in March 2026 up until July 2026 for Years 3-6.