



FRIDAY ROUND UP



6th February 2026



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week.

It was a valuable opportunity for teachers and families to talk together about children's learning and wellbeing. We know that when school and home work in partnership, children benefit most, and we really appreciate the time you took to engage in these conversations. We would also like to remind families of our open-door approach. If you have a concern or something you are worried about, please do contact the school and we will be happy to arrange a time to meet and talk things through.

Following the parent consultation on homework at the end of the last academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to outline again expectations around homework. Although

the policy had not yet been formally written at that point, the key expectations were discussed and have since been shared with families. As outlined, there is a balance of optional homework alongside core weekly expectations. One of these core expectations for Key Stage 2 pupils is regular practice of times tables using Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS).

Secure times table knowledge is crucial to children's success in mathematics. Without it, pupils can find many areas significantly more difficult, including fractions, percentages, ratio and algebra. This becomes even more important as children move into secondary school, where fluency is assumed and lessons move at pace. For this reason, times tables were not listed as an optional element of homework – they are fundamental to children reaching their full potential in maths.

TTRS works because it provides regular, short bursts of repetition and recall, and over the years I have seen first-hand how pupils with strong times table knowledge go on to thrive in maths with greater confidence and success. Every child has a TTRS login, and the minimum expectation can be met with as little as four minutes a day. Our school Homework Policy can be found here: <https://www.stannesgodmanchester.co.uk/key-information/homework/> If you have any difficulty accessing TTRS or supporting your child with this at home, please do get in touch with us – we are always happy to help in any way we can.

Best wishes
Mr. Farrell

CLASSROOM NEWS

CLASS 3

In Art, Class 3 have been exploring painting techniques, using them to paint simple 3D objects. We mixed paint to create a 3D effect with tints and shades (light and dark) with some excellent results!



CLASS 5

Year 5 showed ALL of the St Anne's values when they made their 3d art work inspired by their ideas about a future, eco-friendly world. It was wonderful to see respect for each other and their work, joy in their creations, resilience in building the models and creativity with their wonderful and innovative ideas. We definitely are blessed to have some architects of the future in our school family!



CLASS 4

In Art, Class 4 have been exploring painting techniques, using them to paint simple 3D objects. We mixed paint to create a 3D effect with tints and shades (light and dark) with some excellent results!



CLASS 6

Year 6 have enjoyed their bikeability lessons this week and have learnt some really important road safety skills. They have been resilient in the cold and wet weather and made amazing progress in being safe on the roads. Well done Year 6!



SEND: Hints and Tips by Miss Tavender



SEND is everyone's business

School Drop Off

For safeguarding reasons we ask that parents of children up to Year 4, walk their children into school and stay with them until they enter the school building. We ask that you do not drop them at the school gate for them to walk to class alone. Thank you

PTA NEWS

Thank you to all those who supported our recent events - Break the Rules Day and the School Disco. The events raised an impressive combined total of **£720.73** which is absolutely fantastic!

This week we will be holding a Cake Sale on Thursday 12th February on the playground. This time we would be grateful for any cake donations from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please see attached poster for details.

St Anne's PTA Cake Sale



**Thursday 12th February
3.30pm – School Playground**

We are asking for donations
from Class R, 1 & 2

We're raising funds for great school projects!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th - Friday 20th - HALF TERM

Friday 27th February - Big Breakfast

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - Children are invited to dress up as their favourite characters

Monday 9th March - Year 2 School Trip

Friday 13th March - Class R Assembly - 9.15am

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day

Thursday 26th March - Class 2 Assembly - 2.50pm

Monday 30th March - 10th April - EASTER HOLIDAYS