



FRIDAY ROUND UP



23rd January 2026



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Rees for organising our recent Young Voices visit to the O2, with excellent support from Claire in the front office. I am also very grateful to our parent helpers who gave up their time to support the trip. The children from our school choir had an unforgettable experience on Monday and were absolutely fantastic throughout the day. Their behaviour was impeccable, their enthusiasm infectious and they represented St Anne's brilliantly at such a large and high-profile event. They were a real credit to themselves, their families and the school. It was a long day, and while there were a few tired faces on Tuesday (adults included!), it was more than worth it for such a special experience.

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 3rd February and Wednesday 5th February. Sign-up sheets for appointments were available on the school gate this morning. If you were unable to attend drop-off, please do not worry – simply message your child's class teacher via Dojo and we will do our best to facilitate a time slot that works for you.

Parents' Evening is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and talk about next steps in learning. The partnership between home and school is vital and these conversations play an important role in supporting every child to flourish.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mr. Farrell

CLASSROOM NEWS

CLASS 3

Over the past two weeks in Science, the children carried out a fun investigation using ramps and toy cars. They tested how far the cars travelled across different surfaces, including card, felt, cotton wool, tin foil and grass. The children made careful observations and compared which materials allowed the cars to travel the furthest (and which slowed them down the most!).

This week, we have been exploring the science behind our results, focusing on why different surfaces affected the cars' movement and what this teaches us about forces.



CLASS 4

As part of Class 4's 'Animals including Humans' topic in Science, Class 4 have enjoyed two memorable experiences in the last two weeks! Firstly, they have been learning about the functions of the different organs in our digestive system, and the stages of digestion by using a model. We broke up a mixture food using whisks and water (representing our teeth and saliva, before pouring the food down a pair of tights, representing the oesophagus and intestines, and excreting the waste through the end of the tights!)

Additionally, they have learned about different types of human teeth, and dental health. We were delighted to welcome a visiting dentist who talked to us about looking after our teeth. The class then took part in the Awesome Smiles workshop, which other classes also experienced throughout the day.



CLASS 5

Year 5 had great fun learning about air resistance in Science. We designed an experiment where the independent variable was the size of the parachute, measuring which parachute took the longest to reach the ground. This led to interesting discussions about how shape and surface area affect air resistance, and how these ideas link to real-world transport design and environmental issues such as fuel efficiency and reducing pollution.



CLASS 6

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic week of PE lessons. Pupils worked hard to develop their teamwork and communication skills through a range of activities, showing great cooperation and enthusiasm. They also took part in an exciting gymnastics taster session, where they loved exploring new movements and challenging themselves in a fun and supportive environment.



SEND: Hints and Tips by Miss Tavender

online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

3rd February 10-11:30am

3rd March 7-8:30pm



Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
£24 or Free with a school membership code



SEND is everyone's business

Parking

Please be considerate with your parking when dropping off and collecting your child from school.

The school gates are consistently in use so please do not park over them. Please also be mindful of buses and other traffic needing to get through.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 30th January - School disco

Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th February - Y6 Bikeability

Tuesday 3rd February - Parent Consultations 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 5th February - Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6pm

Thursday 5th February - Class 3 Assembly 2.50pm start

Monday 16th - Friday 20th - HALF TERM

Friday 27th February - Big Breakfast

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

E Safety: Protecting Ourselves Online

Sharing Photos Safely

Sharing photos online can seem fun, but children may not realise the risks.

Photos can reveal hidden personal details, like school uniforms, street signs, or family members, which can be misused. Encourage children to pause and ask: Would I be happy for a teacher or grandparent to see this photo? If the answer is no, it shouldn't be shared. The NSPCC "Share Aware" page has clear, age-appropriate advice for families on safer photo sharing.

PTA NEWS

Please remember to return attendance slips and money to class teachers by Wednesday 28th January for the school disco.

