



# FRIDAY ROUND UP



9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you were able to enjoy a well-earned break over the Christmas period and spend valuable time with family and friends. It has been a genuine pleasure to welcome everyone back and to see the school once again full of energy, warmth and enthusiasm.

We have had a really strong start to the Spring Term and I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the new children and families who have recently joined the St Anne's community. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you are already beginning to feel part of our school family.

A real highlight of the week was Wednesday afternoon's visit from the Robin Hood pantomime. This wonderful event was made possible through the generosity and hard work of our PTA; I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to them for funding this experience for the children. The pantomime brought huge smiles, laughter and excitement, and it was clear that it was enjoyed just as much by the adults as it was by the pupils.

Furthermore, during the show we were treated to a memorable dance-off between Miss Tavender and Mr Rhodes – in my view, both were very worthy winners – their commitment was impressive!

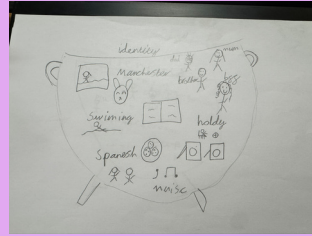
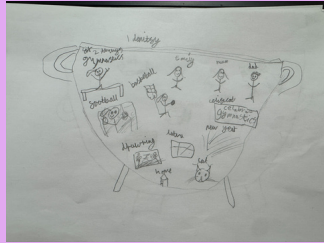
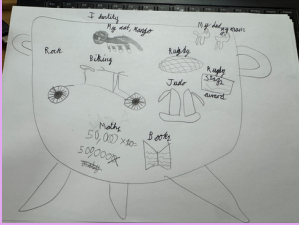
Thank you once again to our PTA for their continued support of the school and for helping to create such memorable experiences for our children. It has been a joyful way to begin the new term and I am very much looking forward to everything that lies ahead this spring.

Best wishes,  
Mr Farrell

## CLASSROOM NEWS

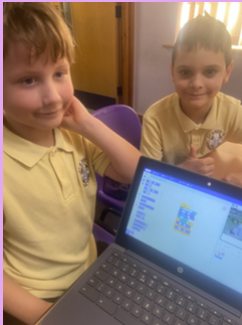
## CLASS 3

In PSHE, Class 3 have been exploring the idea of identity and what makes each of us unique. We created “melting pots” to represent the different parts of our identity and then had fun trying to guess who was who just from their pots, leading to thoughtful discussion and reflection.



## CLASS 4

By the end of their Computing unit on programming, Class 4 successfully programmed their own games using Scratch!



## CLASS 5

Year 5 had a fabulous first afternoon in Forest School. Their creativity and collaboration was brilliant with some wonderful examples of ice art and role play. Kingfisher and Magpie defied the temperature and built a wonderfully warm fire which we used to toast marshmallows- we are so proud of how sensible the children were when doing this. Hot drinks and a fun campfire song were also enjoyed and the afternoon was wrapped up with the children focusing on the sights, sounds and smells of nature with a Forest 'sit spot.' We are already counting the hours until next Tuesday!



## CLASS 6

Year 6 were delighted to welcome Dr Mark Belchier from the British Antarctic Survey this week. He gave a fascinating talk about life in Antarctica, the incredible wildlife found there, and shared some of the specialist equipment used to survive in such extreme conditions.

The children were thoroughly engaged and loved the opportunity to ask questions. The visit was a fantastic way to launch our new topic on climate change and saving the planet, inspiring lots of thoughtful discussion and curiosity.

## **E Safety: Protecting Ourselves Online**

### **Talking to Strangers Online**

Just as children learn not to talk to strangers in the real world, they need the same awareness online. Explain that people they meet through games, chat rooms, or social media may not always be who they say they are. Children should never share personal details such as their school, address, or photos, and they should always tell a trusted adult if someone makes them feel uncomfortable. The ThinkUKnow website offers great child-friendly videos and resources for explaining stranger danger online.

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Dates for the diary**

The PTA will be organising a Break the Rules Day on 23rd January, followed by a School Disco on 30th January. More details will be shared soon.

A Second-Hand Uniform Sale will take place once our current backlog of donations has been sorted. In the meantime, please leave any school uniform donations in the crate in the school foyer (and take care not to accidentally place them in the Lost Property bins!).

### **Want to help at future events?**

You do not need to be a PTA Committee member to help at events such as the Christmas Fayre. If you would like to get involved, please join our Volunteer WhatsApp Chat to hear about upcoming events and opportunities to help. To join, either pass your details to the school office or email us at [pta.stannes.gmc@gmail.com](mailto:pta.stannes.gmc@gmail.com).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Break the rules day**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January - School disco**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Y6 Bikeability**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Parent Consultations 4.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6pm**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Class 3 Assembly 2.50pm start**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - HALF TERM**