



FRIDAY ROUND UP



6th March 2026



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting and enriching week at St Anne's, with many opportunities for our pupils to see their learning brought to life through a rich and engaging curriculum.

Yesterday, the whole school enjoyed a fantastic celebration of reading for World Book Day. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for books across the school, with pupils and staff coming together to celebrate the joy of reading. The day began with a lively whole-school assembly where children and staff took part in a Reading Quiz. The teamwork, enthusiasm and impressive knowledge of books on display were a joy to see. A huge thank you to Mr Rhodes for organising such an enjoyable day and for ensuring that reading was at the heart of so many exciting activities throughout the day.

Earlier in the week, Year 1 stepped back in time for their Victorian Day, providing a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience what school life might have been like in the past. The children continued their maths, English and phonics learning but with a Victorian twist, using limited resources just as pupils would have done during that time. In the afternoon they welcomed a very special visitor – a Victorian headmaster – and the children showed great curiosity and respect as they asked thoughtful questions about school life in the Victorian era. They were particularly fascinated to learn about the cane and the dunce's cap! The day was rounded off with traditional Victorian playground games such as hopscotch and blind man's buff, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

We were also delighted to welcome back children's author and astronomer Dr Matt Bothwell, who spoke to the whole school about his latest book, *The Great Alien Hunt*. His fascinating insights into space captivated pupils and staff alike. Year 5 then had the opportunity to continue the conversation in the classroom as they began their new science topic on space. Dr Bothwell was very impressed with the children's thoughtful questions and enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see how experiences such as this can spark curiosity and inspire a deeper interest in learning.

This afternoon we are very much looking forward to our Year 6 Climate Summit, which will bring together pupils and invited guests as the children present their persuasive speeches and engage in discussion about sustainability and climate change. The event, organised by Mrs Eddleston and Miss Sibson, is yet another example of how our staff create meaningful opportunities for pupils to apply their learning in a real and purposeful context. We are incredibly proud of the work Year 6 have produced and look forward to seeing them share their ideas and reflections with confidence.

Weeks like this truly demonstrate how learning at St Anne's extends far beyond the classroom. Through the creativity, dedication and passion of our staff, pupils are given opportunities to explore, question and experience their learning in memorable ways. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm this generates across the school community.

Have a great weekend.
Best wishes,
Mr Farrell

CLASSROOM NEWS

CLASS 1

We have had a fabulous and very busy week in class.

A highlight was our Victorian Day, where the children experienced what school may have been like in Victorian times. They looked fantastic in their costumes and really embraced the day. We even had a visit from a very strict Victorian headmaster! The children asked some brilliant questions and enjoyed trying traditional playground games such as hopscotch and blind man's buff.

We also celebrated World Book Day, sharing our love of reading and talking about our favourite books and characters.

The children have worked incredibly hard all week and we are very proud of them. Thank you for your continued support! 🇪🇺

CLASS R

Class R had a wonderful morning visiting the library. The children travelled there on a double-decker bus, which made the trip even more exciting! It was a fantastic way to link our current transport topic with the celebrations for World Book Day. Each child returned home with a library book to enjoy and share with their family.



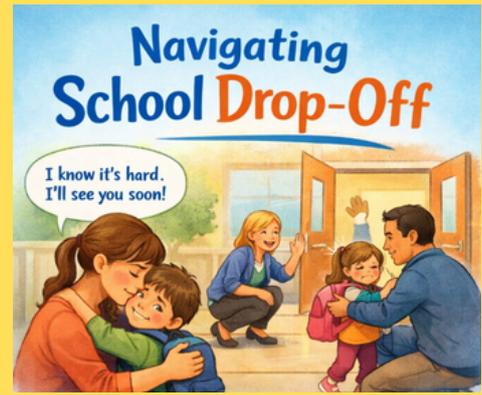
CLASS 2

Year 2 have been getting stuck into their history this week pretending to be news people and reporting on the building of the Tower of London.



SEND: Hints and Tips by Miss Tavender

School drop-off can be one of the hardest transitions in a child's day. Moving from the comfort and security of home to the structure of the classroom can bring big emotions, especially for younger children or during times of change. Tears, clinginess, or hesitation at the door are common and developmentally normal responses. With patience, consistency, and warm reassurance, children learn that goodbyes are temporary and that school is a safe, supportive place to grow.



SEND is everyone's business

World Book Day 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9th March - Year 2 School Trip

Friday 13th March - Class R Assembly - 9.15am - Class R Families invited to stay after for refreshments

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day

Thursday 26th March - Class 2 Assembly - 2.50pm

Monday 30th March - 10th April - EASTER HOLIDAYS