



# FRIDAY ROUND UP



**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026**

## DON'T FORGET

Please remember to order your child's school lunch for after half term on Arbor. This includes packed lunch.



### MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half-term, I have been reflecting on what a fantastic start to the academic year we have had at St Anne's. The children have settled into their new classes, embraced their learning and shown our school values of Resilience, Creativity, Respect and Joy in so many ways. Thank you to our wonderful staff for all their hard work and to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. It has certainly been a busy and rewarding few weeks!

I have been receiving regular updates from the staff accompanying our Year 6 children on their residential trip, and it sounds as though they have had an absolutely brilliant time, with plenty of fun, laughter and opportunities to make memories together. I am looking forward to hearing all their stories when they return later today! I am sure they will have plenty to tell us about their adventures.

A huge well done to Year 5 for their fantastic class assembly yesterday! It was wonderful to see the children sharing their learning so confidently with their parents, carers and the rest of the school. Their assembly was a brilliant showcase of our broad and varied curriculum, which gives children opportunities to develop their knowledge, explore new interests and make connections across different subjects. I even came away having learnt some interesting new facts about Bear Grylls! Thank you to the Year 5 team for preparing such an engaging assembly and to the children for doing such a wonderful job.

Looking ahead, please keep an eye out for letters from our fantastic PTA, some of which have already been sent home, with others arriving shortly. These include details of our Christmas Present Buying event on Friday 27th November and our school disco on Friday 6th November. Both offer lovely opportunities for the children to enjoy themselves, whether choosing special Christmas gifts for their loved ones or having fun with their friends on the dance floor.

You will notice that payments for these events are now being made directly to the PTA online, rather than by cash. This should help to make the process simpler for families and easier for our PTA volunteers to manage. Please read the letters carefully for details of how to book, make payments and, where required, return permission slips. For Christmas present buying, the closing date for orders is Tuesday 3rd November, so please make sure you don't miss out!

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a wonderful half-term break. I hope you enjoy some well-deserved time together, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half-term at St Anne's.

Mr Farrell  
Headteacher

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## CLASS 3- CHESTNUT CLASS

This week in Art, Chestnut Class have explored Digital Art and created their own final imaginative pieces, based on pencil sketches they had drawn previously. We were really impressed in the way the children combined their creativity and flare with fantastic computing skills. Great job everyone!



## CLASS 4- BIRCH CLASS

In Art, Birch Class have been creating collages by carefully selecting and arranging chocolate and sweet wrappers in an interesting way. They considered how to make their compositions balanced, including a focal point.



## CLASS 5- ROWAN CLASS

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting visit from the Fire Brigade, which brought their science learning to life. The children built on their learning about the fire triangle and how heat, fuel and oxygen work together to create and sustain a fire. They also developed their understanding of chemical reactions and how firefighters use scientific knowledge to tackle fires safely. This visit highlighted the importance of stewardship by reminding us of our responsibility to protect people, pets, property and the environment, as well as the vital role firefighters play in keeping our community safe.



## CLASS 6- HAZEL CLASS

### Year 6 Residential Adventure! ☀️

Year 6 had an amazing time on their residential, enjoying exciting activities such as climbing, caving and zip-lining! The children challenged themselves, supported one another and stepped outside their comfort zones. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to build resilience, independence and confidence, while creating lasting memories and having lots of fun. We are so proud of everyone for embracing the challenges with such enthusiasm!



## Reading Tips with Mr Rhodes



When you are reading with your child, it is beneficial to discuss the book as well as reading it. Try asking and answering questions about the characters, making predictions about the plot or summarising what has happened so far. This will support their understanding of the book as well as making reading time more enjoyable and special!



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# Christmas QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 4th December**

**7.30pm for 8pm start**

**£5 per person**

Entry fee — cash or card taken on the night

**Max of 6 people per team**

Bring friends, drinks and snacks and have a jolly evening!

To register your team, please email us [pta.stannes.gmc@gmail.com](mailto:pta.stannes.gmc@gmail.com)

**Christmas Gift Buying**  
at St Anne's

Little gifts. Big smiles. Christmas magic.

**Friday 27th November 2026**  
During school hours

Let them discover the joy of giving.  
Children can choose a special surprise for their parents or carers.  
Up to four gifts per child • £3 each  
Beautifully wrapped, ready for a magical Christmas morning.

Pay online or scan the QR code  
[stannes-pta.sumupstore.com](https://stannes-pta.sumupstore.com)

Order by Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Thank you for helping us make Christmas special.  
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# SCHOOL DISCO

**Friday 6th November**

**Classes R, 1, 2 & 3**  
**4pm-4.45pm**  
Please collect children as normal and bring them back for 4pm.

**Classes 4, 5 & 6**  
**5pm-6pm**

**Tickets £3.50**

Includes snack, drinks and face glitter

**BOOK HERE!**  
Scan the QR code to book your ticket  
[stannes-pta.sumupstore.com](https://stannes-pta.sumupstore.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct - HALF TERM**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** - Sign up to Parent Consultations

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** - Class R Stay and Play 1.15pm - 2.15pm

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Class R Stay and Play 9.15am- 10.15am

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Nov** - School Disco