



FRIDAY ROUND UP



9th October 2026



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Importance of Reading

At St Anne's, we know that reading is one of the most important foundations for success, both in school and beyond. I would like to encourage all families to make reading a regular part of their child's daily routine, helping them to develop both their reading skills and a lifelong love of books.

As highlighted in the letter sent out this week by Mr Rhodes, our English Subject Lead, the reading skills children develop at primary school can have a lasting impact on their future success. National data shows that around 3 in 10 children who do not reach the expected standard in reading by the end of primary school go on to achieve a grade 4 or above in GCSE English, compared with more than half of those who do reach the expected standard. Strong reading skills help children access learning across all subjects, achieve qualifications at secondary school and develop the skills they will need for further education, employment and adult life. By helping our children become confident, independent readers now, we are giving them a stronger foundation for future opportunities.

This is one of the reasons we recently condensed our homework policy: to make homework more manageable for families while keeping the focus on the activities that have the greatest impact on learning. Regular reading remains a key expectation, alongside spellings and times tables.

Please encourage your child to read at home at least four times each week. As children grow older and become more confident, we want them to develop the independence to choose books and read for pleasure themselves. Talking together about what they have read is another excellent way to develop their understanding.

A Huge Thank You for Our Harvest Donations!

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all our families for their generosity with our Harvest Collection. Jude Lechmere, Project Manager at Godmanchester Foodbank, has been in touch to let us know that our donations weighed an incredible 173kg!

This is a fantastic contribution that will help support people and families in our local community. It is wonderful to see our school community putting our Christian vision, "Do everything in love", into action by thinking of others and giving so generously.

Thank you for your continued support. Whether it is encouraging your child to read at home or contributing to our community initiatives, your support makes a real difference to our children and those around us.

Best wishes,
Mr Farrell
Headteacher

CLASSROOM NEWS

CLASS 3 - CHESTNUT CLASS

In Chestnut Class this week the children have used similes and metaphors to produce their own poems based on the theme 'Autumn Leaves'. We have really impressed with their work! Well done everyone.



CLASS 4- BIRCH CLASS

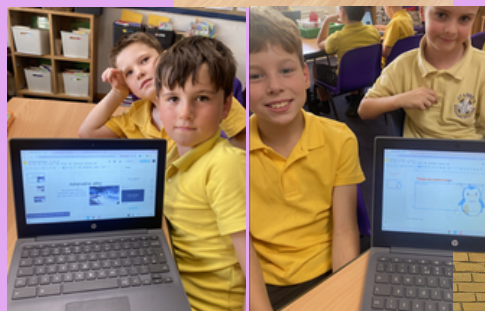
Birch Class have been creating effective slide presentations, including images and texts in their slides.



CLASS 5- ROWAN CLASS

Rowan Class have excelled themselves with their designs for their own art installations.

Thanks to a kind donation from our wonderful PTA, they were able to use brand new coloured pencils, felt tips and watercolour pencils. Their ideas were just fabulous and show many of the St Anne's values. Well done Rowan Class!



CLASS 6- HAZEL CLASS

RA huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Harvest Festival at church such a wonderful success! We're incredibly grateful for all the generous donations of food. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to people in our local community.

Y6 were delighted to help by taking the donated food along to the local food bank. A fantastic way to show how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.



E Safety: Protecting Ourselves Online

AI: What Is It and Why Does It Matter?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming part of everyday life, including search engines, games, apps, photo-editing tools and devices. Children may already be using AI without necessarily realising that they are doing so.

AI can be useful and entertaining, but it does not always provide accurate information and it can create images, videos or information that look convincing but are not real. It is therefore important that children learn to pause, question and check what they see online.

Talk to your child about AI and ask what they have encountered. A simple question such as "How do you know that's true?" can help develop their critical-thinking skills. Most importantly, remind children that if they are unsure or worried about something they see online, they should talk to a trusted adult.

AI was the focus of Safer Internet Day 2026, reflecting how quickly this technology is becoming part of children's online lives



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The start time has now been arranged and will begin at 2pm on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 16th Oct - Come to School in Pyjamas Day - £1 donation

Tuesday 20th Oct - Class R Grandparents Afternoon Tea 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 20th Oct - PTA Christmas Fayre Planning and AGM - 8pm

Wed 21st - Fri 23rd Oct - Y6 Residential Trip

Thurs 22nd Oct - Class R Vision Screening

Thurs 22nd Oct - Class 5 Assembly

Mon 26th - Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM



Mini Anne's
Baby and Toddler Group
0 - 4 years

Fridays
9.10am till 10.20am

At St Anne's primary school

Term time only.

Play Learn Make Friends Have Fun!

Please meet near the main gate and there is a bell to let me know you are here.