



FRIDAY ROUND UP



25th September 2026



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating creativity, stewardship and a new member of our school family!

It has been another busy and exciting week at St Anne's, with lots to celebrate.

I was particularly impressed by the fantastic work produced by Rowan Class, who have created some wonderful installations to communicate important messages about looking after ourselves and our environment. Their work, including messages such as "Keep fit," "Save our planet" and "Don't pollute the oceans," demonstrated the creativity and joy that we value so highly at St Anne's. It was also lovely to see our Golden Thread of Stewardship coming through so clearly in their learning. Well done, Rowan Class!

We have also welcomed a rather special new member of our school community – Charlie, our six-year-old Horsfield tortoise! Charlie will be an exciting opportunity for our children to learn about caring for animals and the responsibilities that come with looking after another living creature. From Year 5/6, a group of children will be helping with Charlie's day-to-day care, with all of our children having opportunities to learn more about him. We are very pleased to welcome Charlie to St Anne's!

A change to our lunchtime arrangements

I also wanted to give parents and carers an early heads-up that in the near future we will be making some changes to the way lunchtime options are organised and selected for children. We will provide further information and clear guidance before any changes are introduced.

Please keep an eye out for future notices and communications about this. We are very conscious that any change needs to be well communicated, and we will ensure that there is plenty of notice and a suitable transition period before the new arrangements begin.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St Anne's.

Mr Farrell
Headteacher

CLASSROOM NEWS

CLASS 3 - CHESTNUT CLASS

In Computing this week, the children have been learning about what a file is and how it can travel through a network to help share information. In small groups, the children built their own networks so that others could practise travelling through it as a computer file.



CLASS 4 - BIRCH CLASS

Birch Class have been learning about electrical components in series circuits as part of their electricity topic in science.

They were able to identify electrical components, draw a circuit diagram and create a simple circuit.



CLASS 5- ROWAN CLASS

Rowan Class have excelled themselves by making some wonderful art installations to convey messages such as 'Keep fit,' 'Save our planet' and 'Don't pollute the oceans.' The St Anne's values of creativity and joy were very evident in all their work and we were very proud of the way their messages showed stewardship of themselves and the environment.

Well done Rowan Class!



CLASS 6- HAZEL CLASS

Class 6 (Hazel Class) had a fantastic day out at the Imperial War Museum Duxford, bringing their History learning about World War Two and the Battle of Britain to life.

The children explored a number of the museum's impressive hangars, learning more about the aircraft, people and technology involved in the war. They particularly enjoyed finding out about radar and its importance during the Battle of Britain, helping them to understand how the early warning system gave the RAF crucial time to respond to incoming aircraft.

The working airstrip was another highlight, with the children able to watch planes taking off and landing just metres away. It was a wonderful opportunity to make links with their classroom learning and see some of the history they have been studying brought to life.



Online Safety: A Useful Podcast for Parents

With children spending more time online, many parents have questions about phones, screens and keeping children safe in the digital world. We've found two recent episodes of the Parenting Hell podcast that offer some useful, accessible advice.

Presenters Rob Beckett and Josh Widdicombe speak to Dr Martha Deiros Collado, a clinical psychologist and online safety expert, about children in the pre-teen age group. They discuss phones, screens, navigating the online world and some of the challenges parents face as children become more independent online.

There is also a follow-up episode focusing on teenagers, looking at issues including phones, apps, online safety and the changing relationship between parents and children as they become more independent.

The conversations are informal and easy to listen to, while Dr Martha brings a professional perspective and practical advice. They could be a helpful way to start thinking about online safety without feeling that you need to become an expert in technology yourself.

If you have children approaching the age when phones and greater online independence become part of family life, these episodes are well worth a listen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 29th Sept - After School Pre Loved Uniform Sale

Wednesday 30th Sept - Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 6th Oct - Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 9am - Parents welcome

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