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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

"Following in Jesus' Footsteps with Love in Our Hearts"

Friday 20th November 2026

This week's Gospel was Matthew 25:14-30, the Parable of the Talents. In this parable, Jesus reminds us that God has blessed each of us with unique gifts, talents and opportunities. We are called not to hide these gifts away but to use them with confidence, generosity and love in service of others.

At St Anne's, we encourage our children to recognise the special talents God has given them and to develop these gifts through hard work, perseverance and kindness. Whether it is showing compassion to a friend, demonstrating resilience in learning, sharing a smile, or using their creativity to help others, every child has something valuable to offer.

As we continue to live out our Rule of Love, let us remember that each of us has been entrusted with gifts that can help make our school, parish and wider community a better place.



Please find below this week's link to the 'Wednesday Word' leaflet, inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel. It includes fun, family-friendly activities for children, and I encourage parents to spend a special 10 minutes each week exploring it together. I hope you enjoy it!
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Nursery

Our Nursery children have been busy little explorers, learning all about maps – what they are, what they show and how to use them!



Reception

This week, Reception have been looking at 'Seasonal Change.' We have been outside looking for signs of Autumn, thinking about colours and changes in the temperature.





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Year One

This week we have been creating some digital art inspired by famous artist Piet Mondrian. We have been using the shape, line and fill tool to create our art. We had so much fun!



Year Two

Year Two have enjoyed exploring the scripture Isaiah 7:14 in RE, learning that Jesus is the light of the world and discussing how they can share kindness, love and hope with others.



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Year Three

Year Three had a very special delivery of coprolites from Manchester Museum, this week. We looked at the fossils to determine what people, who lived in the Stone Age, would have eaten. We found lots of berries, seeds and animal bones.





Year Four

This week we have been working together to explore the key features of a poem and perform poetry to the class. I cannot wait to hear their poems inspired by the book 'The Tin Forest'.





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Year Five

This week we have been investigating Water Resistance and how the shape of an object impacts how much water resistance is acting upon it.



The more streamlined the object the less water resistance acting upon it.

Year Six

Year Six had a highly informative visit from Tameside 'Safe Squad' on Wednesday afternoon. They engaged in workshops about online safety, grooming, anti-social behaviour and water safety. They even learned some emergency first and basic CPR!



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Forthcoming Events

Autumn 2 – 2026

Thursday 26th November – Year Four Advent Assembly **09:15** Parents invited to watch
Friday 27th November – INSET Day – School closed for children
Sunday 29th November – Advent begins – St Anne's Church Christmas Fair **10:30**
Monday 30th November – EYFS Nativity – **09:45** Parents invited to watch
Tuesday 1st December - EYFS Nativity – **09:45** Parents invited to watch
Wednesday 2nd December – KS1 Nativity - **09:45** Parents invited to watch
Thursday 3rd December - KS1 Nativity - **09:45** Parents invited to watch
Friday 4th December – Year 5 Advent Assembly **09:15** Parents invited to watch
Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day, Traditional Christmas Lunch & School Christmas Markets at **15:30-17:00**
Friday 11th December – Year 6 Advent Assembly **09:15** Parents invited to watch
Tuesday 15th December – Pantomime in school 10:00-11:30 for all of the children to enjoy
Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Sing Along in Church at 6pm
Wednesday 16th – Advent Mass in school & Party Lunch
Thursday 17th December – Santa Dash! Children to wear Santa hats and run for charity
Friday 18th December – School closes at **13:30** for Christmas.

Attendance

Year Three are our attendance winners this week! 99% Well done!

Reception	96%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	94%

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Birthdays

Sofia, Leonardo, Rory, Jidenna & Connor!

