

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



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Reflection for the week

*"Praise the LORD, all nations;
Laud Him, all peoples!
For His lovingkindness is great
toward us,
And the truth of the LORD is
everlasting.
Praise the LORD!"*

—Psalm 117:1-2

Appointments within the school day

If your child needs to leave school during the day, please let us know in advance wherever possible. Collecting children and their belongings can take a little time, especially at lunchtimes when staff and pupils are spread across different areas of the school. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated.

It was lovely to see so many Parents and Family members at our Celebration Assembly this morning. Next week, the Reception class will be joining us for the first time.



Today we have introduced our new, weekly Award in memory of our much loved colleague and friend, Mrs Clarke. Mrs Clarke was a big personality who lit up the room with positivity and kindness. Our new award is the **'Light up the room' Award** and it will be awarded to a child in school who has been nominated by an adult for their behaviour and actions that have 'lit up the room' that week. We have a beautiful sunshine that has been lovingly made by Mrs Clift which will be awarded each week. The award winner will have the sunshine sat on their desk all week as a visual reminder of their achievement.

Today we have said farewell to Mrs Smyla who is starting a new role next week. Mrs Smyla has been a highly valued member of staff at St Anne's for many years. She started as a school volunteer 15 years ago and then became one of our Welfare staff, a class TA and worked in our Breakfast and After-School Clubs. Every single child knows Mrs Smyla and she will be remembered for her great kindness, support and care that she has given all – both pupils and staff. Good luck in your new role, Mrs Smyla, we will really miss you!



High Achievers!

Class	St Anne's	St Anselm's	St Edmund's	St Benedict's
Rec	Freddie Mason	George Kay	Eason Duong & Alfie Collinswood	Lilah Allan & William Minorczyk
1	Isla – Rae Mason	Grayson Rampling-Davis & Poppy Coulter	Marcus Duong	Samuel Roy
2	Emily Salisbury	Hugo Clarkson	Imogen Fothersgill	Theo Broughton
3	Effie Corcoran, Theo Kelly & Nellie Gardner	Sahana Patel	Zuzanna Barczynska	Clayton Worswick
4	Dottie Bates & Harry Baldwin	Ethan Casey & Tillie Stopford-Collins	Lexi-Mae Thornley	Clara Coverdale
5	Max Salisbury	Matilda Valentine	Sophie Holden	Rowan Dickinson
6	Jimmy Taylor	Louis Ellis	Kasper Barczynski	Ollie Hodges

These High Achiever Awards will be presented at the next Celebration Assembly on Friday 3rd October.



Our Football Team are busy playing in the weekly Central League Football Tournament. They have played for two weeks already and are demonstrating great Teamwork and commitment. Thanks to Miss Fenton, Mrs Flintoff and Mr Charney for all their time and a huge well done to the boys, good luck next week!

Year 2 held a Celebration of Mrs Clarke's 15th birthday today. They shared memories, sang and danced to celebrate the joy she had brought into their lives.





ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

Is your child starting school in September 2026?
We'd love to welcome you to St Anne's during one of our open days!



DATES

Monday 6th, 13th and
20th October



TIME

All sessions will
start at 2pm



LOCATION

Slater Lane,
Leyland, PR25 1TL



CONTACT

Call us 01772
422769

Come and explore our warm and welcoming school! Meet our dedicated team, hear what our families have to say, and see what makes St Anne's the perfect place for your child to begin their learning journey.

Selecting the right school is an important decision, and we'd love the opportunity to show you what makes our school truly special...

Parentpay

Parent Pay is the method we use to collect any payments in school, including school visits. Please contact the office if you have any Parent Pay issues. ***Parents of our Reception Class children will now have received login details for Parentpay. If you have any queries, please do pop into the school office.***

NEW !

Year 6 : Towerwood payments

Year 6 : Class Trip 22nd October

School Lunches : don't forget to order next week's lunches!

School Clubs are usually listed on Parentpay and this is where you will need to go to sign your child up for them. Clubs have a limit on places and places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Clubs on offer on Parentpay this half-term :

Multisports Yrs 1 & 2 : 3.20 – 4.15pm : Monday 12th September – Monday 6th October (5 weeks)

Choir Yrs 4 – 6 : 3.20 – 4.15pm : Tuesday 16th September – 9th December

Singing Club Yrs 1 -3 : 3.20 – 4.15pm : Tuesday 16th September – 9th December

Dodgeball Yrs 3 & 4 3.20 – 4.15pm : Wednesday 10th September – Wednesday 8th October (5 weeks)

Football Tournaments Boys Yr 6 : Thursday 18th & 26th September, Thursday 2nd October @ St Mary's High School (FULL)

Girls Football Tournaments Yrs 5 & 6 : Thursday 9th, 16th & 23rd October @ St Mary's High School (FULL)

Diary Dates *We do like to provide diary dates as far in advance as possible but please keep checking as some dates may change and new dates will be added*

Saturday 27th September : Fr Joe's Ruby Jubilee Mass

Friday 3rd October : 9am Celebration Assembly – All classes : All parents are welcome to attend

Friday 3rd October : Flu Jabs

Monday 6th October : Open Afternoon for New Starters 2026

Tuesday 7th October : Jubilee Year Mass @St Mary's Church Years 5 & 6 : 2pm

Friday 10th October : Year 5 Class Assembly

Monday 13th October : Open Afternoon for New Starters 2026

Monday 13th October : Friday 24th October : Swimming Pool at school – lessons for all year groups

Friday 17th October : 9am Celebration Assembly – All parents are welcome to attend

Monday 20th October : Open Afternoon for New Starters 2026

Wednesday 22nd October : Year 6 visit to the Museum of Lancashire

Wednesday 22nd October : Parent's Evening for all Year groups

Friday 24th October : 9am Celebration Assembly – All parents are welcome to attend

Friday 24th October : School closes at 3.20pm (6pm After School Club) for the half-term holiday

Monday 3rd November : School opens to all pupils 8.45am (7.45am Breakfast Club)

Thursday 13th November : Fancy Dress Disco

Wednesday 3rd December : Christmas Markets

Friday 5th December : Year 3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 10th December : KS2 : Octagon Theatre Trip 'A Christmas Carol'

Friday 12th December : EYFS & KS1 : Lowry Theatre Trip 'The Enormous Crocodile'

Tuesday 16th December : EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performances 10am & 6pm

Thursday 18th December : KS2 Advent Service 2pm

Friday 19th December : Christmas parties

Friday 19th December : Rock Steady performance 2pm

Friday 19th December : school closes at 3.20pm for all pupils (4.30pm After School Club)



South Ribble Primary Schools

Please ask for: Andy Dow
Telephone: 01772 421601 (option 3)
Email: andydow@lancsfireandrescue.org.uk
Our Ref: Bright Sparx 2025
Date: 15th September 2025

Dear Head Teacher

The Community Fire Safety Team for South Ribble is currently planning diversionary activities and education programs around the bonfire period, in partnership with, South Ribble Borough Council and the Round Table. We would like to invite your school to take part in a poster competition to promote, Bonfire Night Safety.

We are looking to target primary schools in 3 groups:

- Reception, Years 1 & 2
- Years 3 & 4
- Years 5 & 6

Each group winner will receive a family pass for Worden Park Bonfire Event and group runners up will receive a family pass for swimming at South Ribble Leisure Centres. There will be an overall winner who will receive an Electronic Tablet and a family pass for Worden Park Bonfire Event

Schools must email andydow@lancsfireandrescue.org.uk back with the subject matter of Bright Sparx 2025 to confirm you are taking part in the competition no later than 8th October

All entries must be ready for collection on the week commencing **13th October** and we will be judging the winners on the 20th of October. All prize winners will be invited to Leyland Fire Station for a Station tour and a prize giving event, which will take place on the 10th November, from 18:00 onwards.

Please ensure you have the pupils name, school name, class and which year group they are entering on the rear of each poster, which should be no bigger than A4 in size. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on the above number or via email.

Enclosed is a copy of the competition poster, some previous entries from past years Firework Safety Posters, poster template.

As part of our commitment to Bonfire Night and Firework Safety, Lancashire Fire and Rescue will attend your school and deliver a safety presentation if requested. Please note: book early as we have a number of schools within South Ribble area.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

Regards,

Andy Dow.

Headquarters

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service
Garstang Road, Fulwood
Preston
PR2 3LH



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Firework Safety Poster Competition



Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service

Three age categories, three great prizes!

Try your hand at designing a firework safety poster this bonfire night.

Schools must confirm their participation in the competition by 8th October, and have all entries ready for collection on the 15th October. Winners will be chosen on the 20th October.

Entrant categories:

Reception and Years 1 & 2

Years 3 and 4

Years 5 and 6

Prizes include:

Overall group winner -

Electronic tablet and tickets to

Worden bonfire

Group winners -

Family tickets to Worden Bonfire

event

Runners up:

Family swimming pass for South

Ribble leisure centres.

Prizes will be presented at an official prize giving event at Leyland Fire Station.



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Examples of Previous Winning Posters



Rear of Poster Example

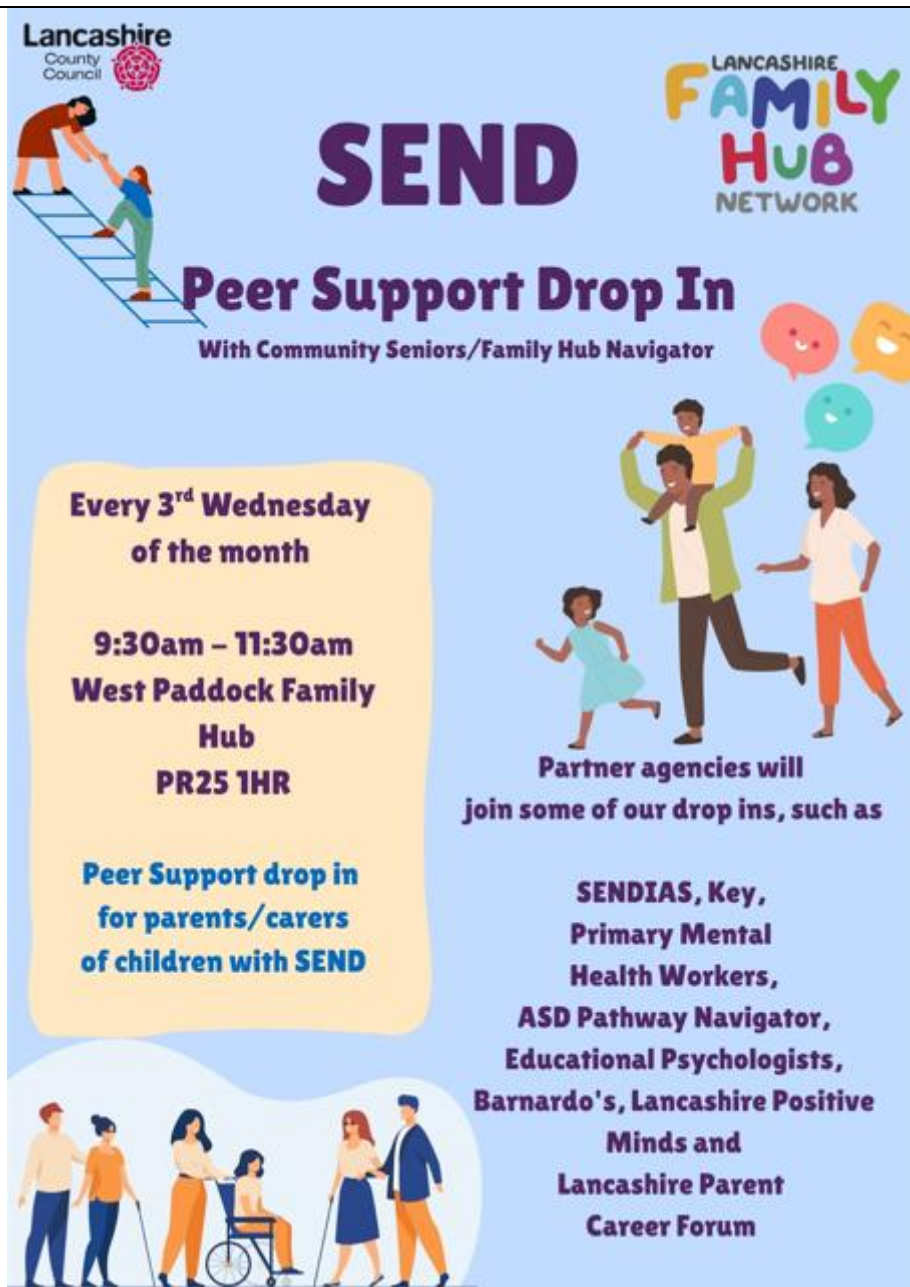
Name:

School:

Class:

Year Group:

Messages not to be missed!



The poster features the Lancashire County Council logo at the top left and the Lancashire Family Hub Network logo at the top right. The central text reads 'SEND Peer Support Drop In' in large, bold letters, with 'With Community Seniors/Family Hub Navigator' underneath. A yellow box on the left contains the event details: 'Every 3rd Wednesday of the month', '9:30am – 11:30am', 'West Paddock Family Hub', and 'PR25 1HR'. Below this, it states 'Peer Support drop in for parents/carers of children with SEND'. On the right, it says 'Partner agencies will join some of our drop ins, such as' followed by a list of agencies: 'SENDIAS, Key, Primary Mental Health Workers, ASD Pathway Navigator, Educational Psychologists, Barnardo's, Lancashire Positive Minds and Lancashire Parent Career Forum'. The bottom of the poster shows an illustration of a group of people, including a person in a wheelchair, and a family celebrating.

Lancashire County Council

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUB NETWORK

SEND

Peer Support Drop In

With Community Seniors/Family Hub Navigator

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

9:30am – 11:30am
West Paddock Family Hub
PR25 1HR

Peer Support drop in for parents/carers of children with SEND

Partner agencies will join some of our drop ins, such as

SENDIAS, Key, Primary Mental Health Workers, ASD Pathway Navigator, Educational Psychologists, Barnardo's, Lancashire Positive Minds and Lancashire Parent Career Forum

Contacts

Please inform the School Office of any changes to address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc.. as soon as possible. Thank you

School App

Please make sure you have got the latest version of the School App. If you haven't got our App then please do so as soon as possible as this is our main channel for communication. Please contact the office if you have any School App issues.

Applications for free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, please do register them to ensure their entitlement begins as soon as possible. This is particularly relevant to children who have moved into Year 3 who have all previously been in receipt of the Universal free school meals. Please click on the link below to access the registration page

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

All children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a free school meal. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this provision - all meals are freshly prepared on-site and are a good way of introducing the children to food they may not necessarily have tried before.

Medications

If your child suffers with asthma and has an inhaler, please bring a labelled inhaler to the school office to complete the medical forms for us to retain in school.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart as they have come back to or started school – thank you so much. **Please ensure all uniform is labelled so any lost items can be returned.** If anyone requires any ‘good as new’ uniform, we have a good stock in school of generously donated items so please speak to Lisa or ask at the office. Any further donations would be gratefully received.

Permission forms

All children will have brought home this week some permission forms that will need returning. Please complete them as soon as possible for return to school. Many thanks.

The School car park

We are very fortunate to have a large car park which we allow parents/visitors to make use of. This can only remain the case if all car park users adhere to our safety rules. Any parents/visitors to school wishing to use the school car park **MUST park only in designated bays. Disability marked spaces are only to be used by holders of a blue badge.** If car park users choose not to follow these safety rules, you will be asked to move your car. Please understand, anyone asking you to move your vehicle is doing this for the safety of our school community.

Scooters (electric or otherwise) and bikes are not permitted to be ridden on the school premises. This is to safeguard all in the community, especially our younger members. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

PE Timetable Autumn 1

All children are to come to school in their PE kit on their allocated day.

Reception Class : Tuesday

Year 1 : Tuesday

Year 2 : Wednesday

Year 3 : Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 : Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5 : Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6 : Thursday & Friday

Water and Healthy snacks

All children are asked to keep a water bottle in school so they can keep hydrated. We do ask that only water is added to the bottle and not juice. Regular sized water bottles (up to 23cm) are required from Year 1 to fit the bottle holders attached to each chair for ease of access. Any oversized bottles will impact on how often the children can access water

We do offer **toast** to all pupils (pre-ordered before each half-term on Parent pay). Alternatively, pupils may bring in their own **healthy snack** – fruit or vegetables only please. Pupils in Reception class, Years 1 and 2 are provided with free fruit/veg through the Government scheme.

Communication



Our School website contains a wealth of information about school, our routines and our policies. Newsletter links are emailed and App messaged weekly on a Friday and are also available on the school website. If you have any questions about anything, please do contact the school office. If you wish to speak with your child’s class teacher, please contact the school office and an appointment can be arranged. We believe in working closely with children, parents and families and welcome your ideas and views - please do share with us!

Admissions for Reception and High School 2026

If you have a child who is due to start school in Reception in September 2026 (those who have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026) or a Year 6 child due to start High School in 2026, the on-line application is now available. You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school. Go to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. It is quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. There is also a supplementary form for Catholic Primary schools which is available from the School Office. This should be completed and sent into school in support of the on-line application. The website closes on the :

31st October 2025 for High School Applications

15th January 2026 for Primary School applications.

Please do ask if you would like any help with your application.

