



FRIDAY ROUND UP

9th May 2025



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Congratulations Year 1!

A huge well done to our Year 1 children for their wonderful class assembly this week. It was a real delight to see them share some of the fantastic work they have been doing this year. Their smiles throughout the performance were a true reflection of their joy and love for learning. Each child spoke so clearly and confidently – a real testament to the hard work they've put in and the dedication of the staff who supported them. Thank you to everyone involved in helping the children celebrate their learning so beautifully.

A Reminder About Online Safety

We would also like to take this opportunity to raise an important reminder around the use of messaging apps, such as WhatsApp, outside of school. We have become aware of a recent increase in incidents involving groups of children communicating via WhatsApp, where disputes have occurred and, in some isolated cases, inappropriate language has been used.

Please be aware that WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 16 years old. This age restriction is in place to help keep children safe, as messaging platforms are not always monitored and can expose young users to content or conversations that are not age-appropriate.

At school, we regularly teach e-safety and support children in understanding how to stay safe online, including the importance of respectful communication and seeking help when something doesn't feel right. We would encourage parents to continue these conversations at home and to monitor their child's online activity closely.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote a safe and respectful environment for all our children – both in school and online.

Good Luck Year 6!

Finally, we want to send our very best wishes to our wonderful Year 6 children as they prepare for their SATs next week. We know how hard they've worked and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. While it's important to try your best in everything you do, it's just as important to remember that your achievements over the years go far beyond a test. From sporting successes to acts of kindness, from brilliant creativity to being fantastic role-models for younger pupils – you have already achieved so much.

Congratulations to you all – dig deep, stay positive and show everyone what you're capable of, whatever the challenge!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mr Farrell

CLASSROOM NEWS

Class R have loved their Minibeast topic this half term. We have observed and learnt about the life cycles of frogs, butterflies and honey bees. We are very lucky to have our own tadpoles to care for in class. We have also been on many minibeast hunts in Forest School. This morning, we enjoyed making our own bees, tasting honey sandwiches and playing a pollination game.



Class 2 have been very busy so far this term. We have been developing our sculpting skills in art looking at how to create patterns and texture with clay. We have begun looking at life cycles in science and were very excited this week when 4 of our caterpillars turned into chrysalids. The children have been writing creation myths in English and were very excited to have their work brought to life with the use of AI.



In Art in class one we are continuing to look at colours and patterns. Our class book is Leaf and we have been searching for leaves to print with for our art work, we are also writing about leaves in our English work. In computing we are looking at programming and learning have been making instructions on how to use a beebot for other children to follow.



E Safety: Protecting Ourselves Online

Finstas, Fake Accounts, and Social Media Pressure

Many children feel pressure to be on social media before they are old enough. Even if they don't have accounts themselves, they may be aware of trends and influencers through friends or older siblings.

■ What Are "Finstas" and Fake Accounts? Some children create secret or second accounts ("Finstas") to share different content with a smaller group of friends. These accounts can lead to hidden online interactions and increase risks like cyberbullying or exposure to harmful content.

🚫 Why It's a Concern

- Younger children may be tempted to create social media accounts using a fake age.
 - They may feel pressure to look or act a certain way online.
- Some use hidden accounts to post things they wouldn't want parents or teachers to see.

💡 How Parents Can Help

- Talk openly about social media and why age limits exist.
 - Encourage honesty—children should feel safe discussing online experiences with you.
 - Help them build digital confidence by promoting real-life friendships and activities.
- Visit Internet Matters for advice on managing social media pressure.

If anyone can donate any raffle prizes for the upcoming Quiz night it would be really appreciated.

There is still time to book your place, Friday 16th May.



ST ANNE'S PRIMARY PTA

Raffle on the night & prizes to be won!
BRING CASH

£3 ENTRY PER PERSON (teams of up to 6 people)

FRIDAY 16TH MAY
7.30PM FOR 8PM START
School hall

QUIZ NIGHT

Put your knowledge to the test at our ADULTS ONLY Quiz Night! Bring some friends, snacks and a bottle for a fun evening...with a prize for the winning team.

TO BOOK A TABLE EMAIL YOUR TEAM NAME TO:
pta.stannes.gmc@gmail.com
Pay cash on night for all entries
Walk-ins welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May - Year 6 SATS Week

Friday 16th May - Reception Class Trip

Friday 16th May - PTA Quiz Night

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd - Walk to School Week

Wednesday 21st May - Class 5 Trip

Friday 23rd May - Big Breakfast

Monday 26th - Fri 30th May - HALF TERM

