

A monthly newsletter brought to you by Mr Sheldon Logue, Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to my latest newsletter. It showcases the holistic education at St Anne's. I hope that you enjoy reading.

## THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

The RE team, supported by staff across the school, have been incredibly busy throughout the Lenten month of March. With so much taking place, this newsletter focuses on just two of the fantastic events from this month, while our next edition will provide a broader overview of all our Lent activities.

### Year 8 Castlerigg Trip

52 Year 8 students from St Anne's, along with Mr Williams, Mr Boughey, Miss Coyne, Miss Airey and Miss Howes, enjoyed a fantastic weekend retreat at Castlerigg Manor in the Lake District this month. Set amongst stunning scenery, the retreat gave students the chance to grow in faith, strengthen friendships and reflect on what matters most.

The weekend began with prayer and team-building activities, helping students settle in. Throughout the retreat, students explored the role of the Holy Spirit through engaging sessions and discussions, encouraging them to think about how faith can guide their daily lives.

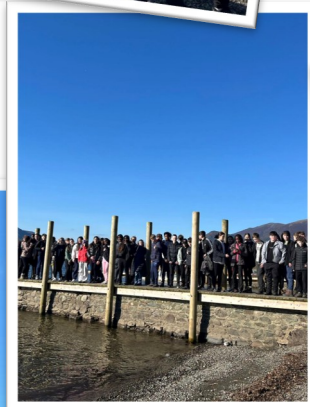
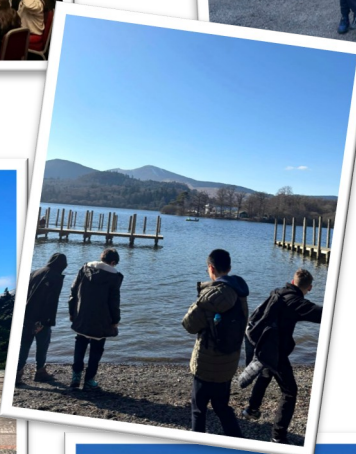
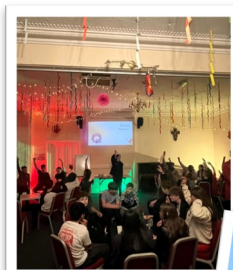
Saturday included morning prayer, the ever-popular "Bible Basketball" game, and a walk into Keswick town centre. Students also took part in a session called "Ignition," focusing on how the Holy Spirit inspires courage and kindness. Creative activities such as making candles and rosaries gave students meaningful keepsakes, before the day concluded with a special Mass and a fun evening of music and karaoke.

On Sunday, students shared positive affirmations and reflected on the importance of gratitude, before ending the weekend together in prayer.



Mr Williams said: *"It was fantastic to see our students grow in confidence, faith and friendship over the course of the weekend."* One student added: *"The weekend was amazing and is something I will remember for the rest of my life."*

The retreat was a truly memorable experience, filled with joy, reflection and spiritual growth. We look forward to inviting 50 new Year 8s next academic year – details will follow.



## St. Anne's Easter Fair

St Anne's recently hosted a fantastic whole-school Easter Fair, bringing together students, staff and the wider community for an afternoon full of fun, creativity and charity.

A key highlight of the event was the opportunity for students to showcase and sell Business and Enterprise projects created during their SACRED enrichment. Each form brought something unique: 9S offered thoughtful Bible verses matched to different moods, providing uplifting messages for those who needed them; 9R sold beautifully made candles and wax melts; 9C prepared delicious chocolate boxes; and 8C designed and sold personalised mugs. It was wonderful to see students taking pride in their work while raising money for a meaningful cause.

Alongside the student stalls, a range of external vendors added to the vibrant atmosphere, selling sweets, posters and other treats. We were also privileged to welcome a representative from The Christie, who spoke to students and visitors about the incredible work of the charity we are supporting.

There was plenty of entertainment for everyone to enjoy, including an ice cream van and a variety of inflatables such as an assault course, axe throwing and a 12ft slide; these proved especially popular throughout the afternoon.

The event was a huge success, with both staff and students thoroughly enjoying the experience. We are delighted to share that we raised £1023 for The Christie.

We look forward to building on this success and making next year's Easter Fair even bigger and better!



## BUILDING CAPACITY AT ST ANNE'S

As St Anne's continues to grow, we are delighted to welcome new members to our staff community. On Friday 20th March, we held a New Staff Induction Day for three colleagues who will be joining our Literacy, English, and SEND departments. We are pleased to have appointed two Literacy Coordinators and a Deputy SENDCo; each an experienced English teacher who will bring valuable expertise to our team.

The Induction Day was a wonderful opportunity to introduce our new staff to the values, mission, and vibrant community that make St Anne's so special. The programme included sessions on Safeguarding, the St Anne's Way, Teaching and Learning, and Catholic Life and Mission. Our new staff also met with their departmental teams to ensure a smooth transition into their roles. Through this, we hope they feel welcomed, confident, and fully aligned with the ethos and spirit of St Anne's.

We look forward to introducing you to them in the next few newsletters.

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## YEAR 10 VISIT MMU

On 11th March, 30 Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to visit **Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU)**, where they experienced a glimpse of what university life can be like. Walking through the campus, exploring facilities, and hearing about different courses helped students see how their hard work at school can open doors to future opportunities. The visit encouraged everyone to think bigger about their goals and reminded them that, with curiosity, determination, and effort, they can achieve great things. It was an inspiring day that helped bring future ambitions a little closer.



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## NETWORK RAIL WORKSHOP

Year 8 had an incredible and engaging session recently with Network Rail North West & Central, made possible through the support of The Talent Foundry. The workshop gave students a unique opportunity to step into the role of designers and engineers, where they were challenged to create their own innovative train station concepts.

They thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience, exploring ideas around what makes a station not only exciting and modern, but welcoming and accessible for everyone. From thinking about passenger needs to incorporating creative features, the session sparked imagination, teamwork, and problem-solving skills across the group. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and creativity as students brought their ideas to life.



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

On 5th March 2026, St Anne's came alive with stories and imagination as we celebrated World Book Day. Staff fully embraced the spirit of the day by dressing as their favourite literary characters. From the wonderfully eerie Addams Family comic strip to characters from *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott and *Holes* by Louis Sachar, the costumes brought beloved books to life across the school. Our English department also celebrated Women Throughout Literature, while a few classic favourites made appearances too – including Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes and even Frankenstein and his monster!

Students in Key Stage 3 took part in a special Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) activity. At the beginning of each lesson on the day in question, teachers shared a section from a short story, giving students the chance to pause, listen and enjoy the power of storytelling throughout the day.

There have also been exciting opportunities for students to showcase their own creativity. Students have been invited to submit 500-word short stories to the Stockport County annual writing competition, and many have joined in with our fun "Catch Yourself Reading" challenge, celebrating those moments when students get lost in a good book.

It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm for reading across the school community, reminding us all of the joy and inspiration that books can bring.



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## UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

We are very excited that we have a group of Year 7 and 8 student who will be representing St Anne's in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge at the end of April. We wish them the best of luck as they tackle this national, problem-solving competition and look forward to sharing their experience with you in a later newsletter!

## ATTENDANCE

### Attendance Champions - 7N

A big well done to 7N, our Year 7 transition form, who achieved Attendance Form of the Week at the beginning of the month! This is a fantastic achievement, especially so early in their secondary school journey. Their excellent attendance shows real commitment, responsibility, and a positive attitude towards learning.

Starting a new school can be a big step, but 7N have embraced the transition brilliantly. By arriving to school every day, on time and ready to learn, they are setting a great example for others and making the most of every opportunity in the classroom.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in helping students maintain such strong attendance. Keep up the great work, 7N – we're very proud of you!



### 100% Attendance

Well done to Prince in Year 11, who has **achieved 5 consecutive years** of 100% attendance! This amazing feat is a testament to the commitment of both Prince and his parents.

We would also like to congratulate the following students who have also maintained 100% attendance since joining St Anne's:

**Year 8:** Rohan O, Evelyn B, Ben C, Isabel F, Izzy H, Dominion I, Hannah N, Cephas O

**Year 9:** Nero B, Roisin M, Natalia T

**Year 10:** Kezia W

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## SCHOOL AWARDS

The Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) is a nationally-recognised award aimed at enhancing the partnership between schools and parents/carers. It encourages schools to work closely with families to improve students' progress, attendance, and behaviour. We are currently striving to achieve this award to improve and strengthen our relationships with parents and maximise the potential of students' learning outcomes.



The LPPA award is based on research showing that supporting and engaging parents have a significant positive impact on children's achievement, behaviour and attendance. We would welcome your views as we continue to strengthen our practice; your feedback is incredibly important to us.

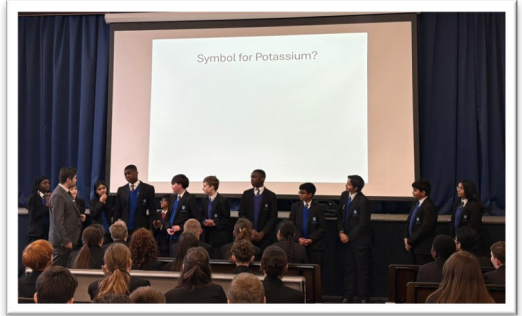
Our LPPA coordinators are Mr Murphy and Mrs Corser. If you would like to offer support, share ideas, or ask any questions about the LPPA, please get in touch — we would love to hear from you.

If you would like more information about the award, this can be found on our website under [Our Parents/Awards](#).



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

We celebrated British Science Week during March and during this week, we held the Science annual British Science Week Periodic Table Quiz, and once again were pleasantly shocked at the hard work and effort that students put into revising their periodic table, mass and atomic numbers. Year groups managed to pass all the KS3, KS4, and A-level questions, and some students even correctly answered degree level questions on the periodic table! The winners from each year group have received chocolates for their forms, a badge of honour to identify them throughout the school year as champions of their year group, as well as a £10 Amazon gift card to spend as they choose. It was an exciting quiz and the students did really well; we look forward to next year's entries.



As part of Science week, the Mathematics department decided to celebrate the importance of Mathematics as a common language in Science by hosting Maths quizzes in all year group assemblies. The competition was fierce and the Mathematics ability of some of our students was truly astounding! The following students won a £10 gift voucher, a box of chocolates for their form and a coveted Maths badge; Chevellea J (Yr 11), Caethan B-W (Yr 10), Andre O (Yr 9), Divine I (Yr 8) and F Moran (Yr 7).



### Year 10 Assembly

Year 10 took part in an exciting science assembly featuring a quiz all about the **periodic table**. Students from every form battled through several challenging rounds, answering tricky questions and showing off their scientific knowledge.

The competition was intense, but in the end there could only be one winner. [Congratulations](#) to **Eve A**, who emerged victorious and proved herself to be a true Year 10 scientist!



And of course it wouldn't be Science week without the annual hatching of the spring chickens!

St Anne's launched British Science Week 2026, working alongside the Living Eggs company, and hatched ten chicks with a live stream of the hatching. We then raised an additional £45 pounds for the Christie Charity as students came to hold and stroke the chicks during their lunch time and break times. They brought light to the school and the chicks have now been housed by one of the students at St Anne's who will ensure they live a long and happy life!



## SPORT AT ST ANNE'S

It has been another incredibly busy and successful month of extracurricular sport, with students across all year groups representing the school with pride and enthusiasm.

### Football

Boys' Football: Year 7 and 8 football fixtures at Hazel Grove High School provided a fantastic opportunity for students who have not yet represented the school team to gain valuable match experience. It was a brilliant day, giving more students the chance to enjoy competitive sport and showcase their abilities.



We are so proud of our Year 8 football team who beat Cheadle Hulme Private School on penalties earlier this month, which saw them through to the cup final. The boys showed fantastic resilience and determination to overcome a very strong Cheadle side. James N was outstanding, keeping us in the game with some excellent saves and then producing a crucial penalty save at the end. However, it wasn't meant to be. Despite coming up against a very strong Reddish side and finishing as runners-up, the team should be incredibly proud of their journey and performance. Reaching the final is a testament to their hard work and commitment. With a league semi-final on the horizon, the focus now shifts to bouncing back and pushing for another big result.



### Girls' Football:

Our Under 13 and Under 15 girls travelled to Hazel Grove High School for their fixtures, where they performed brilliantly despite challenging cold and wet conditions. Their resilience, teamwork and positive attitude were a real credit to the school.



### Basketball

The Under 14 boys basketball team brought their season to a strong close with an excellent win against Werneth. It was a great way to finish, highlighting the progress and commitment the team have shown throughout the year.



### Ultimate Frisbee

Year 7 and 8 boys had the opportunity to take part in Ultimate Frisbee for the first time, and the response was fantastic. The attitude, effort and willingness to try something new were outstanding, and as a result, we are now looking into bringing in an external coach to further develop this activity.



### Netball

Our Year 7 girls were in action against Harrytown in a fantastic netball fixture. It was brilliant to see such a strong turnout, with so many girls getting involved and representing the school. The attitude, effort and team spirit on display made it a really enjoyable day all round.



## SPORT continued

### Rugby

Our partnership with Burnage Rugby Club continues to go from strength to strength, with their ongoing extracurricular coaching sessions proving extremely popular. Participation numbers have been excellent, and we are excited to be arranging upcoming fixtures against their teams, with further details to follow shortly.



### GCSE

Finally, our Year 11 students completed their GCSE PE practical moderation. The level of performance on display was outstanding and fully justified the strong marks awarded this year. The students' hard work and dedication have been excellent - well done to all involved.

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## SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

### Safeguarding and mental health support over the holidays:

We all have mental health, so it's important to understand when you may need to get some help or support with how you are feeling, or to know when you may be experiencing a more serious problem. It is quite normal to feel worried, anxious or upset when things don't go as you hope or planned. School holidays can heighten these emotions so it's important to know what support there is, especially when school is closed.

**Kooth.com** – is a free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling services for young people aged 11-18 years, to support with mental health.

**Samaritans** are available 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Call 0116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**BEAT youthline** – offers online chat and telephone support to young people struggling with an eating disorder. The help line is 0808 801 0711.

**HOPELINEUK** – Is for young people experiencing suicidal thoughts. Call 0800068 4141, 9am – midnight 365 days a year.

**SHOUT** – provides free confidential 24/7 message support for anyone who is struggling to cope and anyone in crisis. Text SHOUT to 85258.

**Childline** provides confidential telephone counselling service for any child under 19 years old. The 24 hour help line is 0800 1111.

**Childline.org.uk/get-supported/1-2-1-counsellor-chat** with an online counsellor.

### Support for parents of young people with mental health concerns:

**Samaritians** - Call 0116 123      Free to call 24 hours a day

**Childline** – Call 0800 1111      Free to call 24 hours a day

**Teen Body Image and Self-esteem** – A practical guide for parents

**Young Minds parent Helpline** – Call 0808 802 5544

### In an emergency:

If your child requires urgent medical help, call 999 or take them to the nearest A&E.



## SPARX ACHIEVEMENTS

### Sparx Maths

Well done to the following students who are top of the Sparx Maths Leaderboard in their year group this month:

Position	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Nanda A	Dominion I	Giles G	Aimee D	Bailey P
2	Florence M	Puneeth V	Kananis D	Aryadip S	Kian S
3	Kiran S	Rayhan A	Daniel E	Erin W / Hollie O	Max I

As a reminder, this Sparx Maths homework is set on Wednesdays and due in the following Wednesday.

### Sparx Reader

Congratulations also go to the following students who are top of the Sparx Reader Leaderboard in their year group this month:

Position	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1	Nanda A	Dominion I	Nathan B
2	Maya A	Aahil I	Lord A-D
3	Francesca B	Kevin B	Allistair N

As a reminder, this Sparx Reader homework is set on Thursdays and due in by the following Thursday.

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## PARENTS' EVENINGS

We have welcomed parents and carers of Year 9 and Year 8 students this month during two parents' evenings; Options Evening for Year 9 and Parents' Evening for Year 8.

We were delighted to see such an incredible turnout for this year's Year 9 Options Evening on 10th March - at one point, the hall was so full you could hardly get through the doors! It was fantastic to welcome so many parents and students as they came together to explore the exciting choices ahead. The atmosphere was buzzing with enthusiasm, thoughtful conversations, and a real sense of anticipation as students began planning this important next step in their educational journey. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success.



We were pleased to welcome so many families to our Year 8 Parents' Evening on 26th March, which provided a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to meet with teachers and discuss students' progress. The evening was filled with positive and purposeful conversations, celebrating achievements while also identifying next steps to support continued success. It was encouraging to see such strong engagement and partnership between home and school, helping to ensure every student is supported to reach their full potential. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a productive event.



## YEAR 11 PROM

Staff have been asked to nominate a Year 11 student each month to be in a draw to win a free ticket to the year 11 Prom in the summer. Students are nominated for going that 'extra mile'; consistently working hard or demonstrating our SACRED values etc.

Nominated by three different teachers, **Ruby W** is February's winner, and they said this about Ruby: *"Ruby is an absolute joy to have around school. She goes above and beyond in everything she does, from giving up her lunchtimes and after-school time for extra-curricular activities, to leading netball sessions for both GCSE PE and KS3 students. She gives so much of her own time to help others, and she does it all with a positive attitude. She's the first to ask if there's anything more she can do to help, and she genuinely means it. Ruby is polite, kind, and respectful to everyone she meets. She works incredibly hard in every lesson and puts 100% effort into everything she does. She's always focused, engaged, and willing to push herself to do her very best. She'll always stop to help someone else, even before thinking about herself. She brings out the best in others and sets such a brilliant example through her attitude and effort. Ruby is one of those students who makes a real difference, both in lessons and around school, and she truly deserves this recognition for all her hard work and dedication."*



Winners will continue to be announced each month until May.

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## AND FINALLY...

I wish you a happy and Holy Easter.

Have a great break, ready for my favourite term of the year - the summer term!

*Sheldon Logue*

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