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Dear parents/Carers,

Our final Gospel Assembly of the half term was supported by Sonny, Ralph, Reissio and Levi – thank you!

The children listened attentively to the story of the Tortoise and the Hare before we moved onto to the story in Luke's Gospel about the persistent widow. We made connections between the stories as we reflected on the importance of never giving up.



Harvest

Today we were treated to a lovely service led by the children in Year 4. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Harvest is a time for reflection, gratitude, and thanksgiving. Traditionally, it marks the end of the growing season and a chance to give thanks for the food we have. In school, we use this opportunity to help children understand the importance of sharing with others, especially those in need. Thank you for your kind donations to our Harvest collection. These goods will be donated to Caritas and I'm sure that will be gratefully received.

Playground Leaders

Our Year 6 Play Leaders recently took part in an exciting training session led by the Head of Trafford Sports. During the session, the children learned how to organise and lead fun, inclusive games and activities for younger pupils during break and lunchtime. The training helped them develop important leadership, teamwork, and communication skills, preparing them to be excellent role models around school. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to making playtimes active and enjoyable for everyone.

School Photos

Yesterday, the children had their school photographs taken. You can view your child's images and place any orders using their individual QR code provided.

If you need any assistance with accessing the photos or placing an order, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

St. Ann's – A Parkrun School!

Well done to all the children who took part in the Junior Parkrun at Victoria Park on Sunday! Last week's run was led by Mrs McDermott, with several staff members there to support and cheer on all the fantastic runners.

The Junior Parkrun takes place every Sunday at 9am and is open to children of all ages. It's a great way to stay active, have fun, and enjoy a lovely community atmosphere. Parents are welcome to run alongside their children too!

You can register your child using the following link: [Junior Parkrun](#). However, registration is not essential. If you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs McDermott.

EYFS Open Day

We are excited to inform you that we will be holding an EYFS Open Day on Monday 10th November between 4pm and 5pm. If you, or anyone you know are looking for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2026, feel free to come along. The teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have.

News from home



Brogan competed in the TeamSport race league at the Warrington circuit on Monday evening. He competed against children from all over the country, ages ranging from 8-12 years old. Brogan raced incredibly well and managed to bring home a 2nd place trophy. Well done Brogan!

Exciting times

After the half-term break, we are delighted to officially welcome our new Headteacher, Mrs Gavin, to our St. Ann's family. Mrs Gavin has already had the pleasure of meeting the children during her recent visit, and she is very much looking forward to meeting parents on Monday 3rd November.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for the support you have given me during this period of transition. Your kindness and encouragement have meant a great deal.

I look forward to working closely with Mrs Gavin as I support her in continuing to lead our wonderful school forward.

A few reminders

Please be reminded to pre-order your child's lunches before they come back to school. We are also having a special Bonfire Night themed dinner on 5th November. If you would like your child to have this, please ensure you have placed your order.

MAINS

Bonfire Banger

Veggie Bonfire Banger

Baked Potato with choice of fillings (including banging BBQ chicken and winter warmer quorn korma)

SIDES

Whizz bang wedges

Sparkler sweetcorn

Firework slaw

Guy Fawkes Salad

Kindling Ketchup

DESSERT

Rocket lolly

Chocolate Catherine wheel

Fresh fruit

Our After School Sports and Clay Club places need to be reserved directly with PE and Sports Hub or Clay Creators.

If you would like to purchase your child's school photograph, the closing date to receive free delivery to school is Sunday 2nd November.

Half term

Finally, have a restful half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 3rd November at 9am.

After Half Term:

Monday 3 rd November	
Tuesday 4 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 5 th November	
Thursday 6 th November	

Friday 7th November

Remembrance Mass 9.15am
C8 swimming pm

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Whittaker