



St Anne's CE Lydgate

Weekly Newsletter : 16.10.2026



Message from Mr Learmont

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Last Friday's Black History Month focus was excellent and the children engaged so enthusiastically with their learning and presentations. I have shared a few photos below.

Year 1 had a great day out at Portland Basin in Ashton this week to support their History curriculum. I was told that it went brilliantly and the children really enjoyed themselves.

This Sunday at St Anne's Church is the special service for our new Reception pupils and families. We welcome them formally and each child will receive a bible from the church. Everyone is invited of course, especially Reception parents. We would love to see as many there as possible for this special occasion.

Our **Virtual Parent Meetings** will go live on Arbor on Monday 19th October at 12 noon. Meetings will take place via Google Meets, between 10am & 12 noon and 1pm & 5pm. Please refer to our Upcoming Events (opposite) for specific class dates. Instructions on how to access your parent meeting will be shared at a later date.

Thank you very much to Laura Smith for providing our Happiness Heroes with special 'vests' to wear at breaktimes. Huge thanks also to Barry Williams for creating a wonderful Happiness Heroes bench for the children to use. It looks superb and was an instant hit!

Only one week to go before half term! Have a great weekend everyone! :)

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 18 Reception Bible Service at church
- 23 Year 4 Sculpture Workshop
- PTA Rainbow Raffle draw
- Break up today

NOVEMBER

- 2 Return to school
- 5 African Drumming Workshop
- 5 Individual School Photographs
- 8.30am pre-school siblings
- 9 Reception Virtual Parent Meetings
- 10 Year 1 Virtual Parent Meetings
- 10 Year 2 Local Walk
- 12 Year 2 Virtual Parent Meetings
- 13 Year 2 Eureka!
- 16 Year 5 Virtual Parent Meetings
- 17 Year 4 Virtual Parent Meetings
- 17 Prospective Parent Tour-Reception 2027
- 17 Around the world theme day - Miquill
- 18 Year 3 Virtual Parent Meetings
- 18 Prospective Parent Tour-Reception 2027
- 19 Year 6 Virtual Parent Meetings
- 19 Dress down day for tombola donation
- 19 Prospective Parent Tour-Reception 2027
- 20 Year 6 Takeover Day
- 27 PTA Disco - 6.30pm

Please also refer to our website calendar for all future events

Reminders



Secondary School Applications 2027-28

Closing Date: 31st October 2026 at 5.00pm

Please follow the link below to apply via Oldham Council:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201168/apply_for_a_secondary_school_place

Attendance: 99%

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 100%

Year 6: 97%

Lates: 9

This half term's worship focus is:
All things are possible with God

British Value:
Democracy

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'All things are possible with God' Mark 10:27







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If you, or anyone you know, would like to book a place on one of our Open Days in November, please follow the link below:

<https://www.stannescelydgate.oldham.sch.uk/Reception-2027-28-School-Tour-Dates/>



2027-28 holidays are now on our website.

Please remember to book holidays outside of term time.

Please refer to our website for further information:

<https://www.stannescelydgate.oldham.sch.uk/Attendance/>

FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHECKER

Could your child be entitled to free school meals and/or pupil premium?

Please do not presume they are not!

From the start of the 2026-27 academic year, Free School Meal eligibility is expanding. There will now be two categories of benefits-based FSM:

Targeted FSM - for households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. This is unchanged from the existing threshold and continues to attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding.

Expanded FSM - a new category for households receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400. These pupils receive free meals but do not attract pupil premium or other disadvantage funding.

Please kindly follow or copy the link below to check and/or update your child's entitlement:

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

Parent FAQs: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/info-parent.html>

PLEASE NOTE: You may lose your FSM entitlement if you do not re-verify either with the LA or via a school portal. (You can even do both for added security). School can check on your behalf if we have your National Insurance Number and Date of Birth.

Please feel free to email the office.

Attendance



At Forward As One it is our ambition to have every child in school every day and therefore a robust and effective attendance strategy is implemented in every school.

Attendance is everybody's responsibility and Forward As One's school senior leaderships teams strive to build a culture where all staff are clear on their roles and responsibilities and therefore can be held to account. To enable all staff to fulfil their role, clear systems and procedures are implemented and are understood by all and applied consistently.

Forward As One's approach focuses on preventative measures and swift intervention. This allows leaders to plan for contextual challenges, alongside educating parents on the impact of absence from school both academically and socially.

The key principle underpinning the approach of early intervention is to develop partnerships with parents to understand the barriers and work with families to remove them.



Maximise your potential – attend school everyday

Pupils' achievement in line with attendance percentages / Pupils across FA1 at this level of attendance have historically achieved

Significantly above national average progress
Above national average progress
National average progress
Below national average progress
Significantly below national average progress
Very significantly below national average progress