



St Anne's CE Lydgate

Weekly Newsletter : 02.10.2026

Message from Mr Learmont

Happy Friday to you all! I hope your week has been rewarding.

Year 3 had a great time enhancing their Stone Age learning at Running Hill Pits this week. I think Mrs Azam and Mr Casey's favourite part was the children's response as they entered the 'Stone Age' quarry for the first time! That really is what it's all about - awe and wonder! Wonderful spirituality opportunities!

KS1 and Rec enjoyed a workshop for their poetry day acknowledgement yesterday, led by Little Voices Saddleworth and the Holme Valley. Watch this space for further opportunities that may present as a result of this engagement...

Please continue reading the following pages of this week's newsletter for an important info share re Lovers Lane and imminent road works. It would be advised to actually park away from the school during this time and leave an extra couple of minutes to arrive at school on time. Those that know - know...

We have some students joining us next week for varying programmes of study and we look forward to them being able to add further possibilities to our provision! Have a great weekend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER



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Scholastic Book Fair - Mon to Thurs
Flu immunisations

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Y4 & 5 Bonfire & Firework Safety
Talk - GMFRS

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Year 1 Portland Basin

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Reception Vision Screening

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Year 2 local walk

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Reception Bible Service at church

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Year 4 Sculpture Workshop

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Break up today

NOVEMBER

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Return to school
African Drumming Workshop

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Reception Virtual Parent Meetings

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Year 1 Virtual Parent Meetings

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Year 2 Virtual Parent Meetings

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Year 2 Eureka!

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Year 5 Virtual Parent Meetings

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Year 4 Virtual Parent Meetings

Please also refer to our website calendar for all future events

Reminders



Our Book Fair will be running from 3.30pm on Monday 5th to
Thursday 8th October in our school hall.

All books purchased will contribute to free books for school.

Thank you in advance of your support.



Attendance: 97%

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 99%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 97%

Lates: 3 😞

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

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



Primary School Applications 2027-28

Closing Date: 15th January 2027 at 5.00pm

Please follow the link below to apply via Oldham Council:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201167/apply_for_a_primary_school_place



ROADWORKS

United Utilities are scheduled to start work on Monday 5th October on Summershades Lane. They will be moving onto Lovers Lane (for approximately 4 weeks) during the course of the planned works, and there will be traffic lights in place. We have been assured that Lovers Lane won't be fully closed. United Utilities have confirmed that the traffic will be heavier, due to the traffic lights.

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