



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



Congratulations Year 5/6 Education Enterprise Football League

On Wednesday it was our final night of the year 5/6 Education Enterprise Football League at King James. These stars have been playing for the past three weeks and have only gone and WON their league, remaining unbeaten! We are so incredibly proud of their attitudes and how they represented our school!


Thank you to Mrs Tonge for taking the team each week. Also a huge thank you to Mr. Hodgson for being a top coach and being there every week to support the team!.... We are now through to the finals next week.



Thank you so much for all the kind donations for our Toy Appeal.
The toys were collected this morning from a very grateful Jane
from Woodhouse Close Church



A huge thank you to all the staff,
children and parents who have donated
toys for children in need this Christmas.
The gifts will make lots of children very
happy. Again thank you.



It's nearly time for our Christmas Fayre and we need donations and volunteers.

If you are having a pre-Christmas sort out we are looking for:

Raffle prizes

Tombola Prizes

Bottles (bubble bath, shampoo, wine etc for a bottle draw)

Christmas themed gifts to make hampers

If you can help in anyway we would be grateful. Do you work for a company who could donate a raffle prize?

We will be looking for volunteers on the day of the Fayre Friday 1st December a list will be in the school entrance.

Any queries please see Mrs Davidson or Vicky.

Many Thanks



Stars of the Week awarded on 24 November 2023

Reception Star of the Week Oliver for his enthusiasm towards learning.
Ezra for his imagination and retelling of stories during play

Year 1 Citizen Award Maneli

Year 1 Maths Award Tamera

Year 1 English Award Charlie

Year 2 Citizen Award Hudson

Year 2 Maths Award Ben

Year 2 English Award Cerys



Stars of the Week awarded on 24 November 2023

Year 3 Citizen Award Scarlett

Year 3 Maths Award Ella

Year 3 English Award Eve

Year 5 Citizen Award Eliza

Year 5 Maths Award James

Year 5 English Award Rose



There are a number of events happening on the lead up to Christmas. Please find below a summary:

Christmas Fayre Friday 1 December

Main Hall from 2.00pm

Christmas Post Box is returning and will be available for children to post their Christmas Cards from Monday 4 December. Please ensure that children's full name's and classes are written on the envelopes.

Christmas Pantomime Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 December

All children will be invited to attend the Bishop Auckland Town Hall Pantomime of Aladdin. Timings as follows:

6 December am – Nursery and Reception (children will have a slightly later lunch)

6 December pm – Year 1 and 2 (children will have a slightly early lunch)

7 December am – Year 3 and 4 (children will have a slightly later lunch)

7 December pm - Year 5 and 6 (children will have a slightly early lunch)

Cost per child is £6.50 and available to pay via Arbor. Transport costs will be covered by school.

Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Friday 8 December

If your child normally has a packed lunch, but would like to have the Christmas Lunch, please let the Office know no later than Friday 1 December.

Rudolph & Turkey Trot Run Monday 11 December

To support Butterwick Hospice and the Angel Trust
All children to take part throughout the day.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Wednesday 13 December

Tickets available week commencing Monday 4 December from the Main Office. Tickets limited to 2 per child. Show timings are 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Winter Wonderland Thursday 14 December

Further details to follow

School Disco Thursday 14 December

Tickets on sale Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 December from the Main Entrance. Tickets priced £3 per ticket.

KS2 Christmas Service Monday 18 December

No tickets required. Service held at St Andrew's Church, South Church service to start at 2.00pm.

If your child is not being collected from the Church, please let the Office know by Friday 8 December so that transport back to school can be arranged.

Tuesday 19 December

Last day of term



It's party time...!



Friends of St Anne's School Presents...

Christmas Disco 2023

Thursday 14 December

With Rob Proud Disco, Games & Dancing

Key Stage 1: 5.00pm--6.00pm

Key Stage 2: 6.15pm--7.15pm

£3.00 per ticket. Tickets on sale from the Main Entrance on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December

**NOTE TO PARENTS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL DISCO
TO SIGN UP AT MAIN ENTRANCE**

Please note: there will be an opportunity for the children to purchase refreshments and goodies from the Tuck Shop during the disco



Head Teacher: Mrs S Binks

Minds to learn hearts to care.



Safeguarding Training/information for Parents

As part of our Safeguarding Training Planner, please find below a link for Parent training/information from NSPCC on Online Wellbeing

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

Medication in school

Polite reminder that children should not have medication in their bags. All medication must be handed to the Office and the relevant form completed.

Breakfast Club

Could we please remind everyone attending breakfast club that the last entry is **8.30am**.

Names on clothing

We regularly have items of clothing which are lost around school. To help us identify who the clothing belongs to and return items to their rightful owners, could we please ask that all items of clothing are labelled with either your child's name or initials.

Smart watches

A number of our children were bought Smart watches for Christmas. Whilst these are wonderful gifts, they can only be worn in school if they do not have a camera and/or games facilities.

Mobile phones

Reminder that children who bring mobile phones to school, should hand them to the Office, switched off. They can be collected from the Office at the end of the day.

Leaving children at gate

Polite reminder that children should be encouraged to walk onto the yard each morning on their own. The main gate and the yard are supervised by members of staff.

Polite reminder that children who have vomited or have had diarrhoea should remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. This is to ensure your child is fully fit before returning to school and also to help stop the spread of illness to children and staff. Thank you





Parking

Could we please ask you to consider our neighbours when parking your car outside of school. On a number of occasions ,drive ways have been blocked.

Absence reporting

Polite reminder that all absences and medical appointments should be reported to the Office by telephone on 01388 603359 each day.

Medical appointments

We have a large number of children leaving school early each day for medical appointments. Whilst we understand the difficulties in booking appointments, could we please ask that wherever possible appointments are made outside of school hours to limit disruption to your child's education. We will also be asking for evidence of medical appointments. This can be an appointment card, text etc.

Holiday requests

Polite reminder that all holiday requests must be made in advance, with forms available from the Office. Please be aware that only in exceptional circumstances will your request will be approved.

Earrings

Could we please remind you that earrings should be removed for PE lessons and where they cant be removed, they should be taped.

Reading books

We have a number of reading books being returned from home damaged or not being returned at all. Could we please ask that care is taken with any books taken home. Any lost or damaged books will be charged at £2.00 per book, to your child's Arbor account.



School holidays for the 2023/24 academic year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	Monday 4 September 2023
Autumn half-term 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023
Christmas 2023	Tuesday 19 December 2023	Wednesday 3 January 2024
Spring half-term 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	Monday 15 April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3 May 2024	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer half-term 2024	Friday 24 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Wednesday 4 September 2024

PD dates for 2023/24 are:

Monday 4 September 2023

Tuesday 5 September 2023

Friday 17 November 2023

Friday 24 May 2024

Friday 28 June 2024

On these dates school will be closed for all children.



November	December	January	February
1 Holiday	1 Christmas fair 2pm Main Hall	1 Holiday	1
2 Holiday	2	2 Holiday	2
3 Holiday	3	3	3
4	4 Christmas Post Box from today	4	4
5	5	5	5 Mental Health week
6 Parents evening	6 Pantomime	6	6
7 Parents evening Photographs	7 Pantomime	7	7 Safer Internet Day
8 Parents evening	8 Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner Tuck shop/hot chocolate	8	8
9 Parents evening	9	9	9
10	10	10	10
11	11 Rudolph run Disco tickets on sale	11	11
12	12 Disco tickets on sale	12	12
13 Anti-bullying week—wear odd socks	13 KS1 nativity 9.30am & 1.30pm tickets available from 4 December	13	13
14 Year 1 Class Worship 9.15am Diabetes Day	14 Christmas disco KS1 Winter Wonderland	14	14
15 Road Safety	15 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	15	15
16 Children in Need	16	16	16
17 PD Day—school closed	17	17	17
18	18 KS2 at church 2.00pm	18	18
19	19 Last day of term	19	19 Holiday
20	20 Holiday	20	20 Holiday
21	21 Holiday	21	21 Holiday
22	22 Holiday	22	22 Holiday
23	23	23	23 Holiday
24 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	24	24	24
25	25 Holiday	25	25
26	26 Holiday	26	26 Fair Trade Fortnight
27	27 Holiday	27	27
28	28 Holiday	28	28
29	29 Holiday	29	29
30 Y2 Class Worship	30	30	
	31	31	

