



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



We were incredibly proud of all our KS2 children who performed their annual Carol Service at St Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon. They sang beautifully and really shone! A special well done to all our solo singers, readers and year 6 who led the performance.

A huge thank you to Rev'd Matt, Rev'd Brett and Allison, who have been a great support to our children and staff in the build up to Christmas. A special thank you to Mrs Laidler for coordinating the beautiful service.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the children! Bringing the community together is what Christmas is all about! Merry Christmas!



Early Years and KS1 Nativity

We are so extremely proud of our youngest children in school performing not once but twice today for their families and such big audiences.

Their confidence and their wonderful singing and dancing blew us away! Thank you for continuing to support our children. It meant so much to them to see so many happy faces smiling back at them. We really hope you enjoyed the show.



Butterwick Hospice Reindeer Run

This morning it was our turn to hand over our sponsor money to the Butterwick Hospice Care for our Reindeer Run. We did have an amazing £867 written out but with some extra sponsors this morning, Key Stage 2 raised a fabulous **£910!!**

Thank you once again to our amazing families for your continued support not only to our school but to the local community.



Winter Wonderland

Nursery and Reception had the most magical morning visiting Winter Wonderland at the Auckland Youth and Community Centre. We decorated biscuits, had a hot chocolate, made decorations, wrote letters to Santa and got to visit him too! We finished our visit with a quick snowball fight before getting back on the exciting 'double decker' bus to return to school! A big thank you to the amazing staff for making our visit a very special one and giving our children some fantastic Christmas memories.

EYFS Christmas party 2023



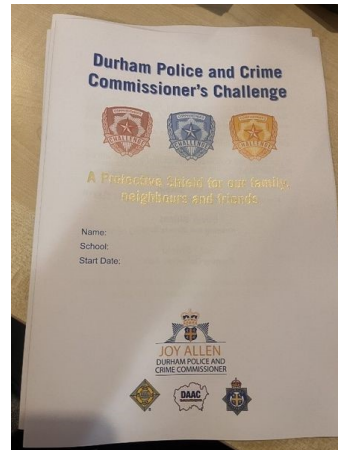


We have just been to deliver the sponsor money from EYFS and KS1 families to the Angel Trust. Altogether from the Turkey Trot there was an amazing **£1245** raised!! Thank you all so much for your continued support.





If you are visiting Bishop Auckland Town Centre
pop into The Newgate Centre and have a look at
the fantastic artwork produced by our children



Year 5 Durham Agency Against Crime Visit

Year 5 had the pleasure of hosting Emily Snowball, who works for the DAAC (Durham Agency Against Crime). Emily introduced the PCC Challenge, which is the Police and Crime Commissioners Challenge. Each child received a booklet, full of different challenges to do. They have to aim for their bronze, silver and gold award and if all 3 are collected then Emily will be back to award the children with some prizes.

Year 5 were particularly excited when they received a special UV pen to mark their valuable items.

HALF TERM HERO!

We are focussing on kindness and compassion across school and have therefore decided to have Half Term Heroes.

It can be a parent, a pupil, a member of staff or a school volunteer that has gone above and beyond to show their care and support for the St Anne's Community.

This half term we have decided to award this title to a group of wonderful volunteers. Those people who give their time and energy to making St Anne's the best it can be for staff and children.

Mr Hodgson has dedicated lots of his time to coach our football team to success. He has spent many wet and windy evenings inspiring our children and supporting staff.

Our fabulous readers and school visit support team.

Mrs Gilmour

Mrs Greenwell

Mrs Quinn

Mrs Steadman

Mrs English

Mrs Miller

Mrs Howard

Mrs Miller

Mrs Proud

Mrs Stones

And

The Tuck Shop Team!

Mrs Miller

Mrs Proud

Mrs Stones



We would like to thank you for your continued support, dedication and commitment to St Anne's. You truly are our half term heroes!

Stars of the Week awarded on 15 December 2023

Reception Star of the Week Everyone for their confidence in their Nativity performance.

Year 1 Citizen Award Harry

Year 1 Maths Award Braydon

Year 1 English Award Greyson

Year 5 Citizen Award Imogen

Year 5 Maths Award Alex

Year 5 English Award James



Stars of the Week awarded on 19 December 2023

Year 2 Citizen Award

Millah

Alex C

All of Year 2 for being amazing!

Year 6 Citizen Award

All of Year 6 in particular the readers and soloists from the Carol Service





Safeguarding Training/information for Parents

National Crime Agency's CEOP Education Programme provides information for the children's workforce and parents and carers on protecting children and young people from online child sexual abuse. [CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

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.



January	February
1 Holiday	1
2 Holiday	2
3	3
4	4
5	5 Mental Health week
6	6
7	7 Safer Internet Day
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