



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



Wow! What an amazing Christmas dinner we are all enjoying at school today along side some festive packed lunches! A huge thank you to the kitchen staff for their delicious dinner and all of their hard work, not just today but throughout the year!

It was wonderful to also welcome into school for lunch, some of our hard working volunteers.





Thank you for finding the time in your busy schedule to visit us today Santa!





Pantomime!

This week children from across school visited the Pantomime at Bishop Auckland Town Hall. For some of our children this was their first ever visit to a Pantomime and it was everything they hoped it would be. We enjoyed the very Geordie telling of the story of Aladdin, with fun packed action, singing and dancing.

"THE BEST DAY EVER!!!"

"it was really good and really funny"

"it was good, I really liked it"

"Awesome! I want to go back again tomorrow"

"I really loved it when Wishy Washy fell over, it was so funny"

"I wished I could have caught one of the marshmallows that were hit into the crowd"

"It was really funny when they squirted us with the water guns!"

A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers for all their help ensuring that every child had the opportunity to take part in this magical Christmas tradition.





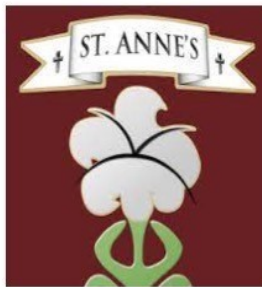
Football League

I would just like to say what a privilege it has been to watch these children play as a team for the last 5 weeks. I am so proud of their determination and giving it their all.

On Wednesday we played the top 5 school teams in the area in a league of 6. We finished an impressive 4th place overall.

I told the children before they played that they had done amazing to get this far and they just needed to go out and enjoy themselves, do their best and most importantly have fun.

Well done team St. Anne's



Our Charity team are busy helping to organise two events that are coming up soon in school. They were so excited to unwrap the box from the butterwick hospice to see what was inside.

On the morning of Monday 11th December KS2 (years 3-6) will be joining in with a sponsored Reindeer run to raise funds for the Butterwick hospice.

On the morning of Friday 15th December Early Years and Key Stage 1 (nursery, reception, year 1, year 2) will be taking part in a sponsored 'Turkey Trot' to raise funds for the Angel Trust charity.

We felt as a school that we would like to support both, hence why we have decided to split the two.

Every child will bring home a sponsor form. Could these please be returned to school with the money no later than Friday 15th December please in a sealed envelope so that we can send funds to the charities before the end of the school term.

The charity team will deliver reindeer and turkey masks to the appropriate classes. There will also be a bag of reindeer food for KS2 and a ticket from the Angel Trust to redeem a little gift from their shop once completed.

The charity team have decided that the children can wear Christmas accessories, such as a headband when taking part in their festive run. The children will also need to bring in wellies for these events.

We appreciate that Christmas can be a difficult time of year for some so there is no pressure to fill your sponsor form, every little helps.

Thank you so much for your continued support towards our school and local community. It is greatly appreciated.



Stars of the Week awarded on 1 December 2023

Reception Star of the Week	Franklin for being creative and making amazing models in the craft areas this week. Alex H for trying really hard and having a great week in phonics.
Year 1 Citizen Award	Caelan
Year 1 Maths Award	Reya
Year 1 English Award	Anira
Year 2 Citizen Award	Poppy
Year 2 Maths Award	Jacob
Year 2 English Award	Erin P



Stars of the Week awarded on 1 December 2023

Year 5 Citizen Award

Sam

Year 5 Maths Award

Grace

Year 5 English Award

Rosie



Stars of the Week awarded on 8 December 2023

Reception Star of the Week Nellie and Eli for showing great independence

Year 1 Citizen Award Tommie

Year 1 Maths Award Leon

Year 1 English Award Isaac

Year 2 Citizen Award Niamh C



Stars of the Week awarded on 8 December 2023

Year 3 Citizen Award	Isaac
Year 3 Maths Award	Leon
Year 3 English Award	Tommie
Year 4 Citizen Award	Kate
Year 4 Maths Award	Ava
Year 4 English Award	Harrison
Year 5 Citizen Award	Eddie
Year 5 Maths Award	Lexi
Year 5 English Award	Lotti



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

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.

**LAST TICKETS REMAINING—ANY TICKETS NOT COLLECTED WILL BE RELEASED
ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS FROM 3.30PM ON
MONDAY 11 DECEMBER**

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

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

<https://www.st-annes-pri.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/200/2023/11/Guide-to-Whatsapp.pdf>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/facebook-checklist.pdf>

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.



December	January	February
1 Christmas fair 2pm Main Hall	1 Holiday	1
2	2 Holiday	2
3	3	3
4 Christmas Post Box from today	4	4
5	5	5 Mental Health week
6 Pantomime	6	6
7 Pantomime	7	7 Safer Internet Day
8 Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner Tuck shop/hot chocolate	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10
11 Rudolph run Disco tickets on sale	11	11
12 Disco tickets on sale	12	12
13 KS1 nativity 9.30am & 1.30pm tickets available from 4 December	13	13
14 Christmas disco EYFS & KS1 Winter Wonderland	14	14
15 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	15	15
16	16	16
17	17	17
18 KS2 at church 2.00pm	18	18
19 Last day of term	19	19 Holiday
20 Holiday	20	20 Holiday
21 Holiday	21	21 Holiday
22 Holiday	22	22 Holiday
23	23	23 Holiday
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25 Holiday	25	25
26 Holiday	26	26 Fair Trade Fortnight
27 Holiday	27	27
28 Holiday	28	28
29 Holiday	29	29
30	30	
31	31	

