



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



Times Tables Champions!!

A group of marvellous mathematicians have been crowned Times Tables Champions, following a closely contested competition.

All this week Year 4 and Year 5 children have been battling against each other in a TT Rockstars "Battle of the Bands" competition. The idea was to foster some friendly rivalry between the two classes and in doing so improve their accuracy and speed of times tables recall.

After a being neck and neck all week Year 4 have been crowned the Battle of the Bands Champions 2024, narrowly beating Year 5 by 2,542 points to 2,458.

Congratulations to Year 4!

22nd January - 26th January 2024				Completed
	Year 4 2023	2542	Year 5 2023	2458
Info	Class Results	Pupil Results	Certificates	
	Class Average Correct	Class Total Correct		
1	Year 4 2023			2,542
2	Year 5 2023			2,458





Year 5 had lots of fun this week in art creating everyday art with objects from the classroom.

Can you figure out the shapes?



Rail Safety Team Visit

KS2 had the pleasure of hosting Jess from Rail Safety into their classrooms. Jess taught all four classes about the importance of being safe around rail tracks. The children were able to take part in a quiz at the beginning and end of the sessions to see if they learnt anything new. Each child received a bookmark explaining the 5 safety rules as well as a sticker.

Jess will be back in on the 31st January for KS1, Reception and Nursery, for more rail safety fun!





Nursery - Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

This week, our core story of the week was 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' The children have loved the story which has led to great discussions! On Tuesday, the children enjoyed taking part in a science experiment. This brought curiosity to the group discussions and some great predications. We used 3 gummy bears in jars with water. The children predicted that "the water was going to change colour", "they will disappear", "they are going to sink to the bottom of the jar!", "explode!" We had to wait 3 nights before we checked on them. Today, the children couldn't wait to see what had happened, they were full of excitement! The gummy bears had changed colour and turned cloudy! the children again had great conversations about this and want to try it again at home!

Boxes of fun in Nursery

We have also had great fun with the HUGE boxes that were donated to Nursery. At first, we did 'Squiggle whilst you Wiggle' on the boxes to help improve their gross motor skills. After, we taped the boxes together and made a "big, big, big tunnel" for the children to go through! It has been a great interest in Nursery and they have spent all week going through the tunnel like spies!



We are delighted to announce that both Miss Banks and Miss McHale have both welcomed baby girls.

We look forward to meeting them soon!

Cricket after school club

Mondays

3.30-4.30pm

Places still available—bookable via Arbor

£3.00 per session

Following the children completing their reading questionnaires, we would be grateful if you could please spare a few minutes to complete our parent questionnaire at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnyv4Kzw5pscRq65WK2Rmp1Xm8QmT41JCi6Q-WYUxqhOP2IA/viewform>

Thank you for your support



Stars of the Week awarded on 26 January 2024

Nursery Star of the Week	Isla for good listening, sharing good ideas about “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?” and for being an overall STAR!
Reception Star of the Week	Nathan for fantastic phonics
Year 1 Citizen Award	Theodore
Year 1 Maths Award	Tommie
Year 1 English Award	Isaac
Year 2 Citizen Award	Rueben
Year 2 Maths Award	Johnson
Year 2 English Award	Esme



Stars of the Week awarded on 26 January 2024

Year 3 Citizen Award	Ella
Year 3 Maths Award	Esme
Year 3 English Award	Zach & Terry
Year 4 Citizen Award	Kate
Year 4 Maths Award	Sammy
Year 4 English Award	Astrid
Year 5 Citizen Award	Grace
Year 5 Maths Award	Jonathan
Year 5 English Award	Lennox
Year 6 Citizen Award	Emily Bl, Matilda & Tia
Year 6 Maths Award	Bronson & Maggie
Year 6 English Award	Tommy





Safeguarding Training/information for Parents

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

Road Safety

Could we please ask that extra care is given when parking outside of school. We have had reports from other motorists of some near misses and concerns raised over the safety of our children. We kindly ask that you consider other motorists as well as our neighbours. Thank you for your support

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.

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.

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.

January	February
1 Holiday	1
2 Holiday	2 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
3	3
4	4
5 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	5 Mental Health week
6	6 Year 5 Hamsterley Forest
7	7 Safer Internet Day
8	8
9	9 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
10	10
11	11
12 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	12
13	13 Pancake Day
14	14 Valentine Lunch Valentine Disco
15	15
16	16 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
17	17
18	18
19 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	19 Holiday
20	20 Holiday
21	21 Holiday
22	22 Holiday
23	23 Holiday
24	24
25 Reception & KS1 Rail Education Day	25
26 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	26 Fair Trade Fortnight
27	27
28	28
29	29
30	
31 KS2 Rail Education Day	





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

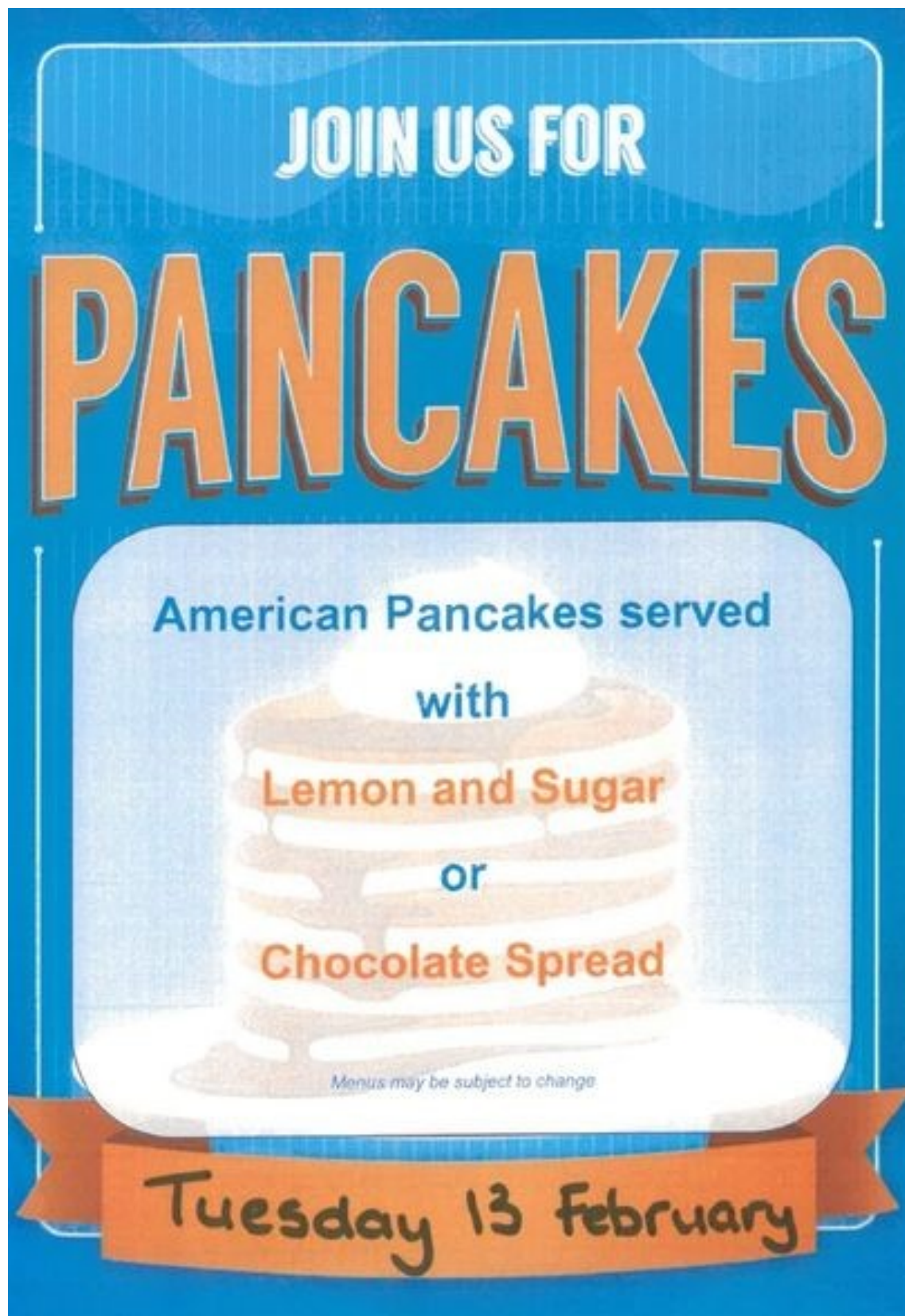
Friday 17 November 2023

Friday 24 May 2024

Friday 28 June 2024

On these dates school will be closed for all children.





On Tuesday 13 February children will enjoy pancakes as their dessert with their school lunch and a special Valentine themed menu on Wednesday 14 February



Happy Valentine's Day

Menu

Romantic Roast Dinner

Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Cupid's Cottage Pie

Vegetarian Cottage Pie

Just Me and You Jackets

Jacket Potato

Cutie Cabbage

Catch My Eye Carrots

Sweetie Pie

Cornflake Tart with Custard



It's party time...!



Valentine Disco 2024

Wednesday 14 February

With Rob Proud Disco, Games & Dancing

EYFS & Key Stage 1: 4.30pm--5.30pm

Key Stage 2: 5.45pm--6.45pm

£3.00 per ticket including juice. Available at the Main Entrance on Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 February

**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



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There are some items we can't take for safety or quality reasons.

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