



# St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

# NEWSLETTER



On Tuesday, we had an exciting visit from Rock Steady Music! The children participated in a whole school workshop then went on to create Key Stage bands. We certainly have some talented children at St Anne's!



## Year 2 PE

Year 2 started their new exciting PE topic of orienteering. In our first session, we used maps and symbols to create a range of faces showing emotions. We then had to work out how to cross the river using our orienteering objects.















***Weekly class attendance.....26 February to 1 March 2024***

Reception	93.7%
Year 1	94.81%
Year 2	92.46%
Year 3	94.67%
Year 4	94.81%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>97.33%</b>
Year 6	96.9%



**Class photographs will be taken  
on Wednesday 6 March**

# Stars of the Week awarded on 1 March 2024

Nursery Star of the Week	Finn for being enthusiastic towards the Tiger who came to tea and for saying great facts during discussion time
Reception Star of the Week	Emily for her independent writing about Owl Babies
Year 1 Citizen Award	Isabel
Year 1 Maths Award	Hollie
Year 1 English Award	Grace-Olivia



# Stars of the Week awarded on 1 March 2024

Year 3 Citizen Award      Anna and Poppy

Year 3 Maths Award      Isaac

Year 3 English Award      Aiden and Joseph

Year 5 Citizen Award      Poppy

All of Year 5 for their excellent behaviour and attitudes when hosting the Play Leaders Festival for Reception Class

Year 5 Maths Award      Grayson

Year 5 English Award      Abbie

Year 6 Citizen Award      Oliver

Year 6 Maths Award      Clayton

Year 6 English Award      Emilie





## Someone Special Day – Friday 8 March 2024

To celebrate the special people in our children's lives, we would like to invite one special guest to join the children for a coffee afternoon and prize-winning bingo. We will be holding two sessions; 1.15-2.15pm and 2.30-3.30pm. **Due to restrictions in our Main Hall we must limit to one guest per child.** Tickets are available via your child's Arbor account (please click on quick actions, then School Shop) and will be on a first come first served basis.

Tickets are free and include your bingo tickets plus refreshments including tea, coffee, juice and biscuits. On sale will be tickets for a Someone Special Raffle.

We look forward to welcoming you into school.





We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Book Fair again this year. We plan to offer you the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with your children on:

Wednesday 13 March 3.30-4.30pm Main Hall

Thursday 14 March 3.30-4.30pm Main Hall

Monday 18 March 3.30 – 4.30pm Main Hall

Children will also have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during the school day during that week.

Books can be purchased in person during the Book Fair (cash or payments can be made online using QR code) or online. You can also use your World Book Day ticket, to receive £1 off your total purchase per child.

We are also running a competition in which 5 lucky children have the opportunity to win a £5.00 gift voucher to spend at the Book Fair. To enter, we would like them to design a book mark. Entries must be received no later than Friday 8 March.

By using the Book Fair, you will provide funds back into school, to purchase much needed reading material for our school library. Your continued support in making St Anne's such a magical school, is as always, much appreciated.



## Safeguarding Training/information for Parents

[StopItNow](#) – Preventing harmful sexual behaviour in children - Stop It Now provides a guide for **parents, carers** and professionals to help everyone do their part in keeping children safe, they also run a free confidential help-line. [Preventing harmful sexual behaviour in children - Stop It Now](#)

## 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

## Dietary Information

Could we please ask that any child with a dietary intolerance or allergy, that you collect from the Office a specialist form. This form **must** be completed for children, regardless if they take packed lunch or school meals. Forms already completed, do not need to be resubmitted. If your child has a dietary preference or aversion, that information should be passed onto the Office. For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Office. Thank you

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







## **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 can't 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.

February
1
2 Tuck shop/hot chocolate Year 3 Visit to St Anne's Church
3
4
5 Mental Health week
6 Year 5 Hamsterley Forest
7 Safer Internet Day
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9 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
10
11
12
13 Pancake Day
14 Valentine Lunch Valentine Disco
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16 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
17
18
19 Holiday
20 Holiday
21 Holiday
22 Holiday
23 Holiday
24
25
26 Fair Trade Fortnight
27 Reception Phonics Talk
28
29 Year 4 Parent Information Evening 3.45 & 5.00pm

March	April
1 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	1 Holiday
2	2 Holiday
3	3 Holiday
4 Parents evening NO after school club	4 Holiday
5 Parents evening NO after school club	5 Holiday
6 Parents evening Class Photographs NO film club	6
7 Parents evening World Book Day NO SATS boosters	7
8 Parents evening Special Person Day— coffee afternoon & bingo Tuck shop/hot chocolate	8 Holiday
9	9 Holiday
10	10 Holiday
11	11 Holiday
12	12 Holiday
13 Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm	13
14 Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm	14
15 Red Nose Day Tuck shop/hot chocolate	15
16	16
17	17
18 Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm	18
19	19 Tuck shop
20	20
21	21
22 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	22
23	23
24	24
25	25 Y4 Class Worship
26	26 Earth Day Tuck shop
27 Reception Phonics Talk 3.30pm	27
28 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	28
29 Holiday	29
30	30
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May	June	July	August
1	1	1	1 Holiday
2 PD Day	2	2	2 Holiday
3 Tuck shop	3 Robinwood	3	3
4	4 Robinwood	4	4
5	5 Robinwood	5 Tuck shop	5 Holiday
6 Bank Holiday	6	6	6 Holiday
7	7 Tuck shop	7	7 Holiday
8	8	8	8 Holiday
9	9	9 Music concert	9 Holiday
10 Tuck shop	10	10	10
11	11	11	11
12	12	12 Tuck shop	12 Holiday
13 KS2 SATS week	13	13	13 Holiday
14	14 Special Person Day Tuck shop	14	14 Holiday
15	15	15 Reports to Parents	15 Holiday
16	16	16	16 Holiday
17 Tuck shop	17	17 Performance	17
18	18	18 Performance	18
19	19	19 Nursery graduation Tuck shop	19 Holiday
20	20 Sports Day	20	20 Holiday
21	21 World Music Day Tuck shop	21	21 Holiday
22	22	22 Y6 leavers	22 Holiday
23 Y5 Class Worship	23	23	23 Holiday
24 Tuck shop	24 Pride week	24 Holiday	24
25	25	25 Holiday	25
26	26	26 Holiday	26 Holiday
27 Holiday	27	27	27 Holiday
28 Holiday	28 PD Day	28	28 Holiday
29 Holiday	29	29 Holiday	29 Holiday
30 Holiday	30	30 Holiday	30 Holiday
31 Holiday		31 Holiday	31



## 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	<b>Wednesday 3 January 2024</b>
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.

