



# St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

# NEWSLETTER





# Chinese New Year in EYFS

This week in EYFS we have seen a hive of activity surrounding Chinese New Year.

On Friday we consolidated our learning by having a Chinese afternoon in the hall. We tasted foods and took part in a dragon dance, moving our bodies up and down to the beat of a drum and Chinese music.

Both Nursery and Reception have worked collaboratively in their rooms throughout the week to make their own dragon heads for the dance.

Earlier on in the week the children in Reception have enjoyed sharing their core book 'The Great Race.' They have acted this out and used their mathematical knowledge to order the characters.

The block play has been very busy during child initiated learning. The children have been building the Great Wall of China alongside Chinese temples. It was great to hear the mathematical language regarding the shape and size of the blocks that they needed. We discussed the 2D shape name of a rectangle thinking about its properties. We then learnt the 3D shape name cuboid. It was great to hear lots of new vocabulary from the children such as the 'parallel' wall that we needed to build.

In both rooms the role play areas have been transformed in to a Chinese restaurant with children taking orders and using their fine motor skills to pick up noodles using chop sticks.

In Nursery the children have been looking at the story 'Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas.' They have made references to the similarities in other traditional tales with the three main characters. The children have talked about 'congee' that the bears ate in the story and what this is.



**LEARNING  
ABOUT THE  
CHINESE  
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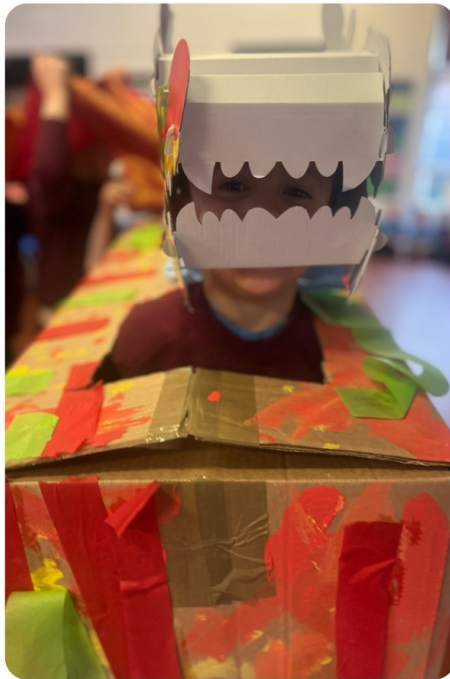


**THE GREAT RACE ... ORDERING THE ANIMALS**

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## Year 5 Hamsterley Forest Trip

Year 5 had an exciting day out to Hamsterley Forest on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The class took part in 3 different activities in the day.

1 – orienteering whilst finding some information on temperate and tropical rainforests.

2 – Being creative and making the layers of the forest from items in the forest itself.

3 – Making dens and working as teams.

As you can see from the pictures, the children had a fab time.

Miss Steadman, Miss English and Ang were very proud of the children with they way they behaved and how well they worked together!





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VOICE,  
NOT AN  
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**CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK**

5-11  
FEB  
2024

YOUR  
VOICE  
MATTERS

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**YOUR VOICE  
IS YOUR POWER.  
LET NO ONE  
SILENCE IT!**

February 2024

When do we use our voice?

Children's Mental Health Week

talk to friends - Joe.  
tell your cat you love them. Matthew  
at football to tell my team - Logan  
Say 'I love you.' to your family - Phoebe  
You can help others - Harry. F  
Shout for help - Leo.  
Speak on the telephone  
make sure friends are ok  
it is nice to talk to people  
to Sing - Bellamy.  
Phonics - Oliver.  
talking to my Mammy - Cecily.

1. Thinking Voice - Matthew  
2. Shouting Voice - Alex  
3. Whispering Voice - Eli  
4. talking Voice - Harry. M  
5. Singing Voice.

Who listens to you?

My Mum and Dad - Leo  
Mammy - Myles.  
My Sister - Ferne  
My Nana - Oughto.  
My dog. Bella.

My dog - Hunter.  
My Sister - Logan.

My Voice Matters!

YOUR VOICE PUTS AN INSTANT SMILE ON ANY FACE

Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder.

YOUR VOICE IS YOUR POWER. LET NO ONE SILENCE IT!

BE A Voice NOT AN Echo

because my voice matters!

YOUR VOICE IS MY FAVORITE SOUND

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

A large, pink, plush bunny-shaped bag filled with various items. The bunny has large black eyes, a small black nose, and pink cheeks. It is sitting on a dark, textured surface. The bag is filled with several items, including a box of Sunbeam's All-Seasons Waffle Mix, a box of Sunbeam's All-Seasons Waffle Mix, a box of Sunbeam's All-Seasons Waffle Mix, and a box of Sunbeam's All-Seasons Waffle Mix. The bag is secured with a black strap and a yellow ribbon.



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## Year 5 Installation Art

Over the past term, Year 5 have been learning all about different types of installation art. They looked at explosion art and making art from different objects in the classroom.

Over the past two weeks, the children had to design and create their own installation art. They had to come up with a moral for their art work and then create it out of recycled materials from home.

Miss Steadman has been super impressed with Year 5's attitudes towards their art work. Year 5 should be super impressed with the work that they have produced!





***Weekly class attendance.....5 February to 9 February 2024***

Reception	95%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	95.71%
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	99.33%
Year 6	98.28%

Watch this space for a new class attendance incentive coming after half term!

Congratulations to Mr Hogg and his partner on the birth of their baby boy this week. We look forward to meeting him very soon!

# Stars of the Week awarded on 9 February 2024

Nursery Star of the Week	Joey for contributing in group time
Reception Star of the Week	Phoebe for having a really good week and being a fantastic chef in the Chinese Restaurant
Year 1 Citizen Award	Tommie
Year 1 Maths Award	Isaac
Year 1 English Award	Isabel





# Stars of the Week awarded on 9 February 2024

Year 3 Citizen Award Zachary

Year 3 Maths Award Theo

Year 3 English Award Max

Year 4 Citizen Award Ava

Year 4 Maths Award Henry

Year 4 English Award Freddie

Year 5 Citizen Award All of Year 5 for their behaviour at Hamsterley Forest

Year 5 Maths Award Oliver

Year 5 English Award Eliza

Year 6 Citizen Award Clayton & Richard

Year 6 Maths Award Yasmin

Year 6 English Award Ava & Frankie





## Safeguarding Training/information for Parents

<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/tiktok-checklist-2021.pdf>

## 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.

January	February
1 Holiday	1
2 Holiday	2 Tuck shop/hot chocolate Year 3 Visit to St Anne's Church
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	<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

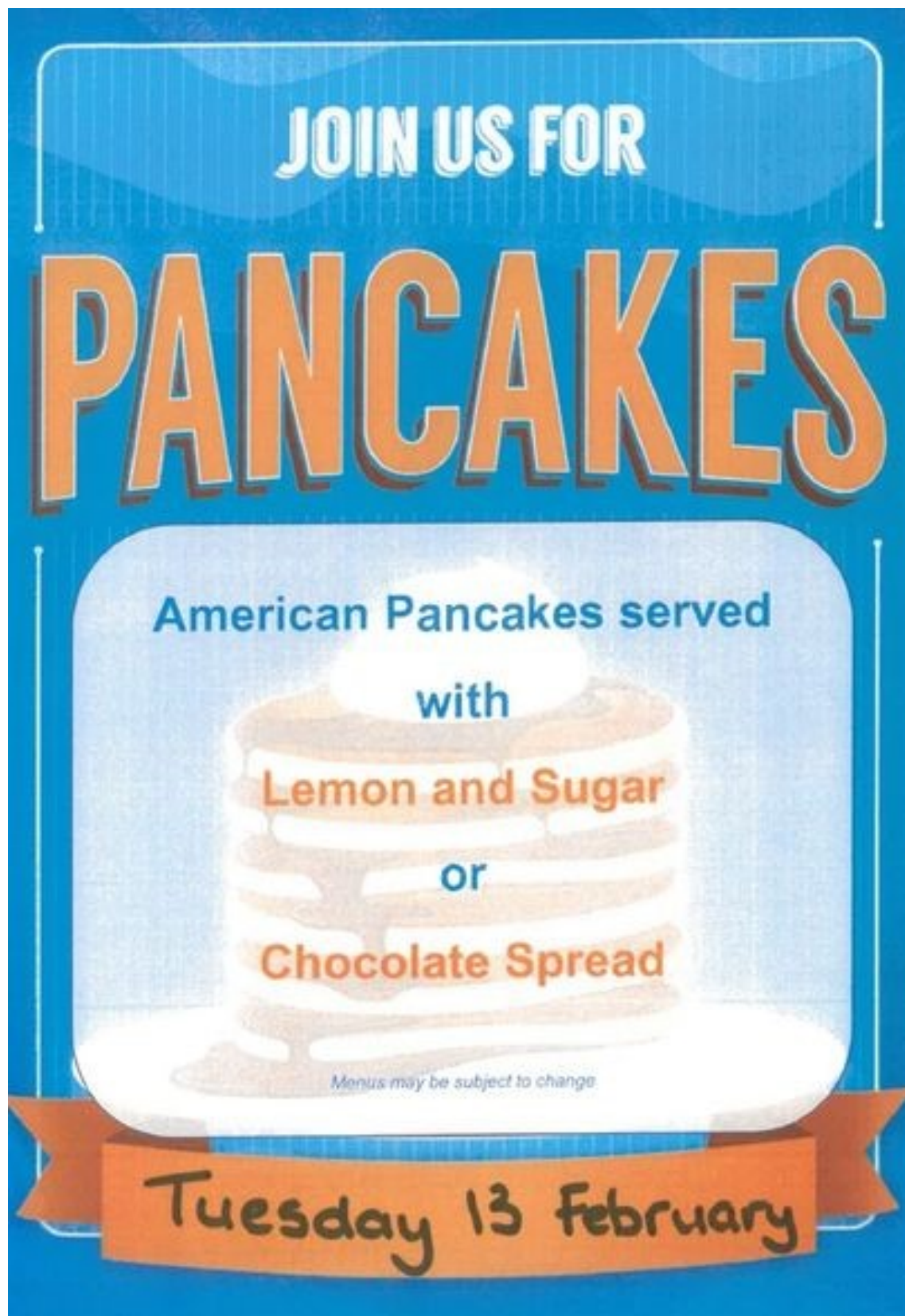
Friday 17 November 2023

Friday 24 May 2024

Friday 28 June 2024

On these dates school will be closed for all children.





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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