



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery



NEWSLETTER



This week Year 4 helped everyone to reflect on our class value 'Forgiveness.' in class we have observed and discussed the true value of forgiveness and how without it, we can turn into 'sour grapes.' We may not appreciate the good in the people, places and situations we experience! Here are year 4's illustrations of 'The Sour Grape' by Jory John and Pete Oswald to remind us to be kind, considerate, forgiving and 'grapeful!'

Fantastic Worship Year 4!!



Spotlight on Year 6.....

A small group of Year 6 children travelled to True Padel in Durham to compete against other schools. The increasingly popular sport is a combination of tennis and squash and is usually played in a doubles format.

The children continue to work hard on the areas they will be tested on in May during their SATS. Away from academic work each child produced a Special Person's Day Card with the help of Miss English. The children used water colours to paint some spring flowers on the front of their cards.

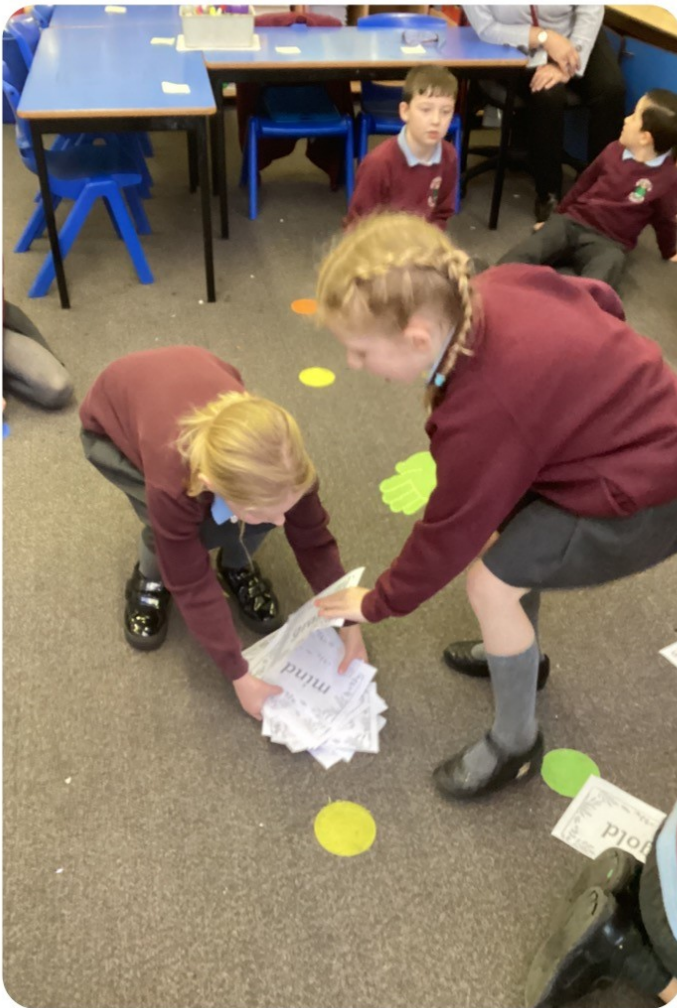
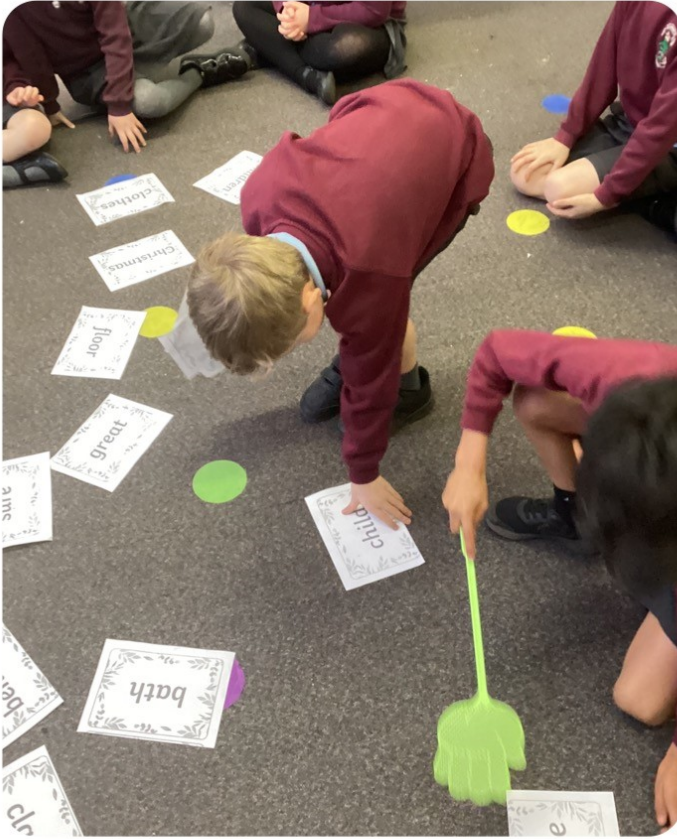
Year 6 Padel Event

On Tuesday, 3 of our year 6 pupils took part in Education Enterprise's first ever County Durham School Padel event at True Padel

18 primary and 18 secondary schools attended the event with a total of 110 children having the opportunity to play the fastest growing sport in the country.

Our children had a great time and were excellent role models for our school. Well done!





This week in Year 2 we have been practising reading and writing our common exception words. The children enjoyed playing Splat against an opponent. Children had to read the word correctly and then splat it! It was a fast game showcasing great reading skills!

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Beamish with Year 1

What a glorious day for a trip to Beamish, we couldn't have asked for better weather.

The day started with a walk through the 1900's Pit Village and a trip to school. We popped into one of the miners cottages and left via the Pit Office.

Then we headed up the bank and through the 1950's town to the Welfare Hall where we were treated to a fabulous workshop. A wide variety of toys were available to play with and explore. We chose our favourites to make a shop!

The weather was so beautiful we decided to eat outside! We thoroughly enjoyed the spring sunshine while we ate and chatted about the things we'd seen.

After lunch, we headed back through the town and called into the 1950's Toyshop.

Our journey through time continued to the Edwardian Town and we 'window shopped' our way until we arrived at the sweet shop! Inside, we saw sasaparilla being made by the shop workers and could almost taste the sweet smells that filled the shop. Then, we saw a pony taking his bath near the stables and had a look at The Sun Inn. The pub transported from our home town of Bishop Auckland.

We were about to set off to the coach when we were caught by a shocked policemen asking why we weren't at school! The children quickly explained they were on a history trip to investigate toys through time and he let us go with a toot on his whistle.

It really has been an excellent day!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their wonderful behaviour today. I have been extremely proud of them, especially, when the gentleman leading the workshop commented on their beautiful manners.

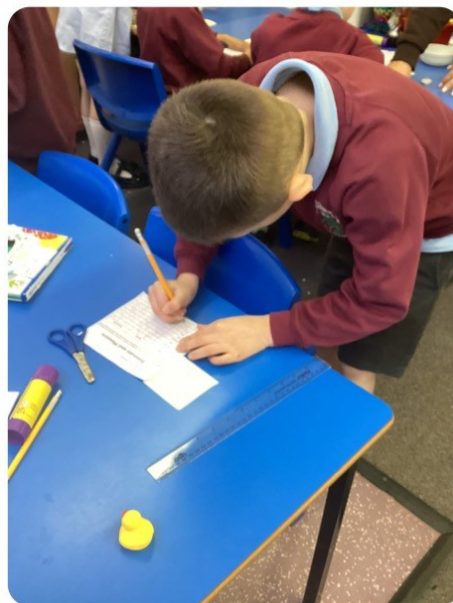
Well done Year 1, I can't wait for our next outing! Miss Taylor





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Year 2 have also been learning how to measure accurately using a ruler. The children enjoyed predicting and measuring everyday classroom objects.

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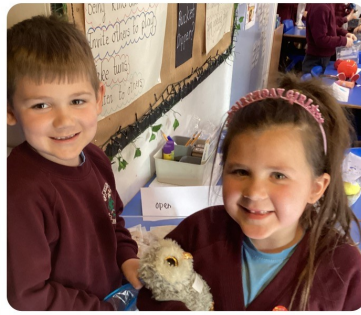




Year 3 Horrible Histories Visit

Year Three had a wonderful time on Friday morning at the Darlington Hippodrome. We thoroughly enjoyed the 3D theatre experience and learned lots of facts about the Awesome Egyptians.





YEAR 2 SWAP SHOP

Year 2 participated in Swap Shop again last week where they enjoyed buying and selling items with plastic money. It is wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic with their stalls.

Keep up the good work Year 2!





In Reception, we read 'My Mum' by Anthony Browne. We had a go at writing our own poems to describe our Mams.

Fantastic poems Reception!





Someone Special Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday for our Someone Special Afternoon. We hope you enjoyed spending time each other and congratulations to our bingo winners! The winning ticket of our Pamper Hamper was green ticket 752 which has been claimed. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, together we have raised an amazing £238

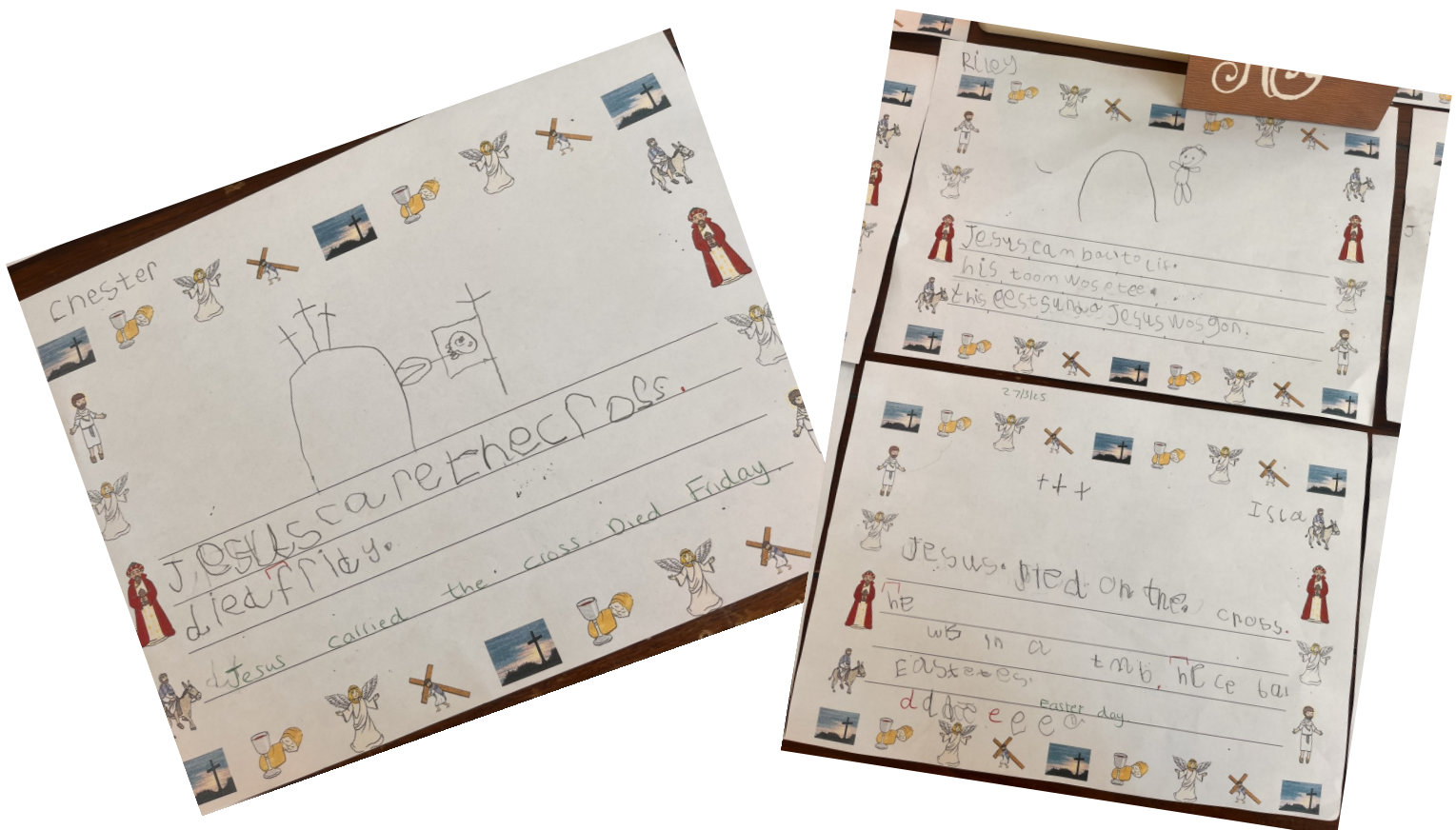




Reception have begun to share the Easter Story in class.

Mrs. Tonge has been very impressed with their independent writing.

Well done Reception Class!





Weekly class attendance.....24 to 28 March 2025

Reception	92.33%
Year 1	94.44%
Year 2	91.67%
Year 3	90.67%
Year 4	95.67%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	93.38%



Stars of the Week



Nursery	<i>Zac for having a great first week and for making new friends</i>
Reception	<i>Danny for retelling the Easter Story. Bailie for having great listening ears all week</i>
Year 1 Citizen	<i>Whole of Year 1 for their good manners and behaviour at Beamish</i>
Year 2 Citizen	<i>Isaac</i>
Year 2 Maths	<i>Beau</i>
Year 2 English	<i>Rex</i>
Year 3 Citizen	<i>All of Year 3 for brilliant behaviour on our two school outings this week</i>
Year 4 English	<i>Ella</i>
Year 4 Maths	<i>Eve</i>
Year 4 Citizen	<i>Theo and Nuala</i>





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

School Car Park Gates

We are concerned for the safety of our children crossing the staff car park when entering and leaving school, especially our smallest children in nursery. Therefore the main car park gates will return to being locked from 8.30am - 3.45pm each day. We understand that it can be problematic parking close to school, but we hope you understand that the safety of our children is of paramount importance. We would be grateful if you could let any other family members know who do the school drop off or pick ups.

Decorate an egg competition

Each child across school is invited to decorate an egg at home for our Easter competition. Could we please ask that all eggs are in school ready to be judged on Thursday 10 April. We are looking forward to seeing the children's creative entries!



Please don't forget to ask for your tokens and help us raise funds for our school library

Stronger Starts.

St Anne's CE Primary School calls out for votes to get a share of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund

St Anne's is bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. Stronger Starts provides grant awards of up to £1,500 to local community projects, with a particular focus on children and young people. Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive grant awards and Tesco customers can vote for the group they think should take away the top award in their local Tesco store. St Anne's is one of the groups on the shortlist in Bishop Auckland.

We would use any funding available to "To refurbish our school library so that all children, staff, volunteers and visitors across school can enjoy reading for pleasure"

Voting is open in all Tesco stores from April to the end of June 2025. Customers will cast their vote using a blue token given to them at the check-out each time they shop. Tesco's Stronger Starts – previously known as Tesco Community Grants - has already provided over £117 million to more than 67,000 projects across Britain. This £5m Stronger Starts grant programme, delivered in partnership with Groundwork UK, helps schools and children's groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people's physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and sports equipment for after school clubs.

Claire de Silva, Tesco UK Head of Communities and Local Media, said: "Helping schools and children's groups access the food and resources they need is vitally important in getting children a stronger start in life. Children with enough food have more energy, better concentration, and ultimately achieve more too."

Graham Duxbury, Groundwork's UK Chief Executive, said: "As a community charity, we have seen first-hand how schools and other groups supporting young people have been playing a much bigger role in ensuring children are getting a healthy start to the day and getting access to spaces and services to support physical activity and mental health. Family budgets are tight and school budgets are tight, but it's so important that children stay fed, fit and focused, so we're delighted to be able to prioritise these activities alongside Tesco with the Stronger Starts programme."

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities, particularly those helping to provide food and giving children the support, they need for a good start in life. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online.

To find out more visit tescoplc.com/strongerstarts



Bishop Auckland Parish Photography Competition

Free
entry

Theme:
Living Hope



18+/independent
entries scan here

Four Age categories:

- Primary School and younger
- Key Stage 3
- Key Stages 4&5 or equivalent, up to 18 years old and in education
- 18+ years old.

First prize in each
category of £35
one4all vouchers.

Quick rules: Take a photo that you think fits the theme of "Living Hope". **If there are people in the photo, they must not be able to be identified.** You don't have to have people in your photo. Photos must be suitable to display to a wide range of people, including children. Photos will be displayed in St Anne's Church and on social media during the Bishop Auckland Food Festival and beyond. Please respect other people and their property. Submit your photo through your school, college art, design or photography department or your community group. More info from your school/college. Photos may be computer edited as long as editing is done by those submitting the photo.



Closing date
April 2nd



The competition is organised by Bishop Auckland Parish. We would like to thank Bishop Auckland Town Council in supporting this competition and donating voucher prizes.



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Advert for a Co-opted Governor

January 2025



Are you interested in making a difference?

Co-opted Governor Required at St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

Do you have good business/finance skills? Do you have knowledge of HR, health and Safety, IT development or managing premises? Do you want to make a difference to your school community? If so, being a Co-opted governor at St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery could be just the role for you.

St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery is a thriving school with a wonderfully friendly, caring and dedicated staff and an enthusiastic and supportive governing body.

We all work together to ensure that every child in our care is happy and safe and to offer them every opportunity to learn and to succeed during their time with us.

Co-opted governors can make the link between the world of work and education and constructively support the success of their local school. You don't have to be an expert in education and we welcome interest from all walks of life to bring different perspectives and views.

These roles are a rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to the lives of local young people.

If you are interested in our children's future, have energy and enthusiasm, and want to help with the direct the school's future, please send an expression of interest to the school office marked for the attention of the Headteacher, either by letter or email stannes@durhamlearning.net



March	April
1	1
2	2
3	3
4 Class Photos Shrove Tuesday	4
5	5
6 World Book Day & special lunch	6
7 Reception Vision Screening	7
8	8
9	9 Easter Lunch
10 Parent Evening Week	10 Decorate an egg competition
11 Parent Evening Week	11 Tuck shop
12 Parent Evening Week	12
13 Parent Evening Week Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm	13
14 Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm	14 Holiday
15	15 Holiday
16	16 Holiday
17 Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm	17 Holiday
18	18 Holiday
19	19
20	20
21 Red Nose Day—80s Theme & Lunch	21 Holiday
22	22 Holiday
23	23 Holiday
24	24 Holiday
25	25 Holiday
26 Year 1 Visit to Beamish (see email for details)	26
27 Y4 class worship	27
28 Year 3 Darlington Hippodrome Visit (am) (see email for details) Someone Special Afternoon (please see email)	28
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May	June	July	August
1 School Closed Polling Station	1	1 Sports Day	1 Holiday
2 Y2 class worship	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4 Holiday
5 Bank Holiday	5	5	5 Holiday
6	6	6	6 Holiday
7	7	7	7 Holiday
8	8	8	8 Holiday
9	9 Y1 phonics screening	9 Music concert	9
10	10 Year 6 Leavers Service Durham Cathedral (details to follow)	10	10
11	11	11 Nursery graduation	11 Holiday
12 KS2 SATs week	12	12	12 Holiday
13	13 Someone Special Day	13	13 Holiday
14	14	14 Reports to parents	14 Holiday
15	15	15	15 Holiday
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18	18 PD Day	18 Y6 Leavers Tuck Shop	18 Holiday
19	19	19	19 Holiday
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23 Tuck Shop	23	23 Holiday	23
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26 Holiday	26 Y1 class worship	26	26 Holiday
27 Holiday	27 Summer Fayre (pm)	27	27 Holiday
28 Holiday	28	28 Holiday	28 Holiday
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