



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



A huge well done to our tag rugby team who finished 3rd in the COUNTY FINALS this week at Consett Rugby Club, representing the Education Enterprise Partnership. We were immensely proud of these children for reaching the county finals, but to finish 3rd is incredible. Such a team effort.

Well done team St. Anne's!!





Year 5 Mayan Gods

Year 5 have been looking at Mayan God's and created their own Top Trump cards. Here are the children hard at work drawing the pictures and scoring the God's out of 100. The children found the pictures of the Gods and some of the rituals quite strange.





Exploring dens

EYFS have enjoyed building and hiding in dens this week.

One group of Nursery children noticed how the wind changed their den and the roof went really high, “in the sky” were their words. They found that one minute they could hide and the next with the wind picking up, they could be found. It was such a good way to explore the wind changing outdoors. They also giggled with delight and thought that it was magic!

Well done Nursery.

Year 5 Traffic Concerns

Year 5 have had lots of discussions this week about how to save the world. A big problem that came up, was the traffic outside of school between 2:30-3:50, so Year 5 decided to write letters to the local MP Sam Rushworth to explain what has happened, how it's affecting the school and some solutions to fix the problem!

Dear Mr Rushworth,

My name is Freddie and I am in Year 5 at St Anne's C of E Primary School. My purpose of writing to you is because, at the end of the day, between 2:30-3:50, there are too many cars parked outside of our school. This is a problem for many reasons.

My first reason is there are too many cars parked outside so that means there are lots of fossil fuels and fumes which is bad for the environment and it is bad for our lungs.

My second reason is people take these cars to shops further away which means more journeys. We are also close to other schools which means the roads are blocked.

Here is my solutions you could encourage people to walk, cycle, take an electric car, or you could take a scooter. We need to make more solar panels and windmills to make more electricity environment friendly.

I have high hopes to live back from your Freddie mail.

Dear Mr Rushworth,

My name is Ava and I am in Year 5 at St Anne's C of E primary school. My class has had a huge discussion about our problems. At the end of the day, between 2:30-3:50, there are too many cars parked outside of our school. This is a problem for many reasons.

My first reason is there are lots of gas fumes in the air and we play behind the fence that is next to the road. It isn't only bad for the environment it is bad for us because if we breathe it in it could get to our lungs and we could get very poorly and our lungs help us breathe and we can't get stuff in our lungs.

My second reason is if there happen to be an accident at school or school where that will have to involve an ambulance it won't be able to get parked some cars on the footpath.

However, as a class we have come up with solutions we would like to discuss with you. One of these is we can use public transport such as train, buses, and you could also do shared cars, cycles, walk. You could reduce by removing bike racks because it is more weight than you need so you don't go the wrong way and use more gas. I look forward to a response and how you can help us at a school.

Yours Ava Hardy


Dear Mr Rushworth,

My name is Evie-Mai and I am in Year 5 at St Anne's C of E Primary School. I am writing to you about how bad it is at the end of the day, between 2:30-3:50 there are so many cars parked around, that is in secondary school next so it's even worse. This is a problem for many reasons.

My first reason is, it is polluting our earth when we drive. Places it is causing more gas to pollute it. We could always walk to school or ride a bike.

My second reason is, parking. People park all around the place even in people's drive throughs and you think that's bad. People park like near the school it's cluttered and very bad for the climate.

From, Evie-Mai Hedges



Dear Mr Rushworth

My name is Henry clay and I am in year 5 at St Anne's C of E primary School. I am writing to you because, at the end of the day, between 2:30-3:50, there are too many cars parked outside of school and outside of everyone's school next to us. This is a problem for many reasons.

My first reason is if there is too much petrol in the air it is bad for the environment and the trees will breathe in the petrol and die and it's not just the trees it is us who breathe it in as well and it is bad for our lungs.

My second is the animals breathe the trees might die and they will have nowhere to live and they will breathe it in and die.

But me and my class made up some solutions. Solutions here is one of them. If you live close to someone and you are going to the same place pick them up instead of using too many cars.

I have high hopes that you will write back.

From Henry clay





This week in Reception.....

Reception have been 3D Shape detectors this week. We have hunted all around our outdoor area for 3D shapes, working in pairs and recording what we found. Well done Reception!



This week in Nursery.....

This week in Nursery the children have been extremely busy helping Mrs Hart and Mrs Tonge get ready for OPAL. The children helped dig the Mud Pit, which the older boys and girls have really enjoyed!

The Nursery boys and girls have also enjoyed looking for butterflies and insects. Mrs Hart bought some wildflowers for the children to plant and water. The children enjoyed helping and learning the life cycle of a plant and butterfly! We are hoping after the Easter holidays the seeds have started to grow!



OPAL Project

We are really enjoying our lunchtimes in the sun at the moment.

We are beginning to introduce more areas for OPAL. (outdoor play and learning)
It has been great to see children from Nursery all the way up to Year 6 enjoying the play equipment.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to introduce further items to play with over lunch times. Please could you try and make sure that your child has a pair of wellies or waterproof shoes that will remain on the welly racks outdoors.



Week 3 now done of the year 3/4 football league.

Really proud of the team! 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 defeat.

1 more week to go! Well done team St. Anne's.



Year 6 Girls Football World Cup

What a morning of football for these girls at St John's Catholic School & Sixth Form College. The girls played fantastic, winning all 5 of their league games, scoring 19 and only conceding 2 goals. This saw them win the group stages of the tournament. The girls then faced a strong Green Lane school in the quarter final and narrowly missed out on a place in the semi finals.

It was fantastic to see 21 local primary schools competing this morning and the superb talent on show! Thank you Education Enterprise.

An amazing team effort from our girls and they were a pleasure to take this morning. All of the girls worked hard for each other. Well done team St. Anne's.

Mrs. Tonge

Wednesday 9 April

Easter

Menu

Roast Chicken
or
Roast Quorn

Roast Potatoes
Carrots and Broccoli
Stuffing and Gravy

Chocolate Cookie
Crumble Cupcake
Fruit
Yoghurt



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So much more than Fantastic Food



Head Teacher: Mrs S Binks

Minds to learn hearts to care.



Weekly class attendance.....31 March to 4 April 2025

Reception	95.33%
Year 1	95.33%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	97.67%
Year 5	95.56%
Year 6	96.67%



Stars of the Week



Nursery	<i>Esmae for being a little superstar! Esmae has really settled into Nursery and shows an enthusiastic attitude towards her learning</i>
Reception	<i>Cicely & Evie for their teamwork with their dance routine in PE</i>
Year 1 Citizen	<i>Emily</i>
Year 1 Maths	<i>Phoebe</i>
Year 1 English	<i>Reuben</i>
Year 3 Citizen	<i>Millie</i>
Year 3 English	<i>Harper</i>
Year 3 Maths	<i>Johnson</i>
Year 5 English	<i>Thomas</i>
Year 5 Maths	<i>Evie</i>
Year 5 Citizen	<i>Lola</i>





Can you help us on our OPAL journey?

To enhance our 'wheeled zone' we are on the look out for pushchairs and prams to be donated to school. These could be play ones but ideally we are looking for real life child size ones. Maybe yourself or a family member may have an old one in a garage that is no longer used. Our children would love to give them some love and put them to good use.



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



April	May
1	1 School Closed Polling Station
2	2 Y2 class worship
3	3
4 2pm Rock Steady Concert	4
5	5 Bank Holiday
6	6
7	7
8	8
9 Easter Lunch	9
10 Decorate an egg competition	10
11 Tuck shop	11
12	12 KS2 SATs week
13	13
14 Holiday	14
15 Holiday	15
16 Holiday	16
17 Holiday	17
18 Holiday	18
19	19
20	20
21 Holiday	21
22 Holiday	22
23 Holiday	23 Tuck Shop
24 Holiday	24
25 Holiday	25
26	26 Holiday
27	27 Holiday
28	28 Holiday
29	29 Holiday
30	30 Holiday
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June	July	August
1	1 Sports Day	1 Holiday
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4 Holiday
5	5	5 Holiday
6	6	6 Holiday
7	7	7 Holiday
8	8 Reception/Year 6 Beach Trip (details to follow)	8 Holiday
9 Y1 phonics screening	9 Music concert	9
10 Year 6 Leavers Service Durham Cathedral (details to follow)	10 Year 6 Transition Days	10
11	11 Year 6 Transition Days Nursery graduation	11 Holiday
12	12	12 Holiday
13 Someone Special Day (pm)	13	13 Holiday
14	14 Reports to parents	14 Holiday
15	15 School Performance (further details to follow)	15 Holiday
16	16 School Performance (further details to follow)	16
17	17	17
18 PD Day	18 Y6 Leavers Tuck Shop	18 Holiday
19	19	19 Holiday
20	20	20 Holiday
21	21 Holiday	21 Holiday
22	22 Holiday	22 Holiday
23	23 Holiday	23
24	24 Holiday	24
25	25 Holiday	25 Holiday
26 Y1 class worship	26	26 Holiday
27 Summer Fayre (pm)	27	27 Holiday
28	28 Holiday	28 Holiday
29	29 Holiday	29 Holiday
30 Year 5 King James	30 Holiday	30
	31 Holiday	31

