



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



We just wanted to take a moment to say a huge WELL DONE to each and every one of you!

Over the past week, you have shown incredible resilience, determination and maturity as you tackled your SATs. We know how hard you've worked – not just during this week, but throughout the entire year – and we couldn't be prouder of you.

These tests were just a small snapshot of your journey, and they can never measure the creativity, kindness, humour and spirit that each of you brings to our school. What truly matters is your growth, your effort and the support you've shown one another along the way.

We've seen you challenge yourselves, lift each other up and keep going even when things were tough. That takes courage. That takes heart. And you've all shown plenty of both.

Now it's time to take a deep breath, smile and be proud of yourselves – because we certainly are!

Thank you for being the wonderful young people that you are. You have so much to look forward to in the coming weeks, and we can't wait to celebrate all that makes you special.

Well done from everyone at St Anne's!





Year 6 have celebrated the end of SATS week with the traditional water fight!

Lots of well deserved fun and laughter!!





Year 1 have started their science topic on plants

If you have any interesting plants/seeds/bulbs we can borrow/have to investigate we would be very grateful.

If you are interested in gardening or visit an allotment please invite your child to join you. We would love to see the photos or produce grown.



We've enjoyed the sunshine this week. We've enjoyed planting more wildflowers to help with insects which will help us with our topic next half term, mini beasts. We've also got some new starts in nursery who have settled well and made some lovely relationships with reception children.



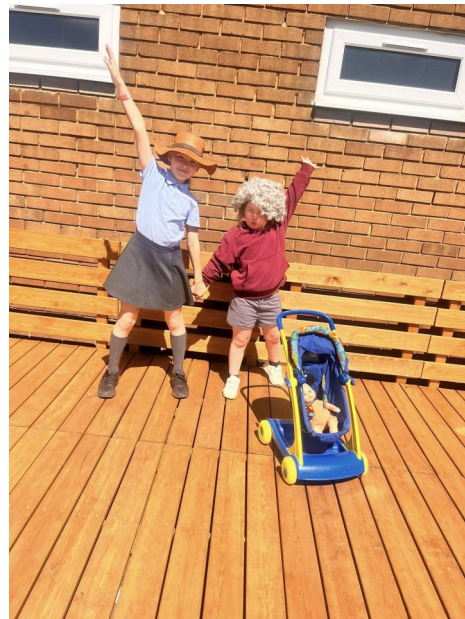


Our OPAL journey continues....

(Outdoor play and learning)

This is what lunch times look like at St. Anne's. Happy children with big smiles.

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations. Our children are really enjoying them and giving them a second lease of life.





A great night of cricket for St. Anne's on Wednesday, winning all of our games. They played so well as a team encouraging one another and have really developed their skills since week one. Well done!!



Parent Governor Vacancy (1)

Date Notice Circulated to Parents: Thursday 8 May 2025

We are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated Governing Body who take a supportive and strategic lead in the development of our school. We currently have 1 vacancy for a Parent Governor and would welcome applications from current parents/carers who fit the criteria below and would like to make a long-term, purposeful and positive contribution to our school.

All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election.

This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please complete a nomination form. Forms are available from either the school office or have been emailed home. The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by Friday 23 May 2025.

Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available no ballot will be necessary. Should a ballot be required each parent will be sent a voting form.

When the process has been finalised school will inform the parent body via our newsletter, website and text. School and Governor Support Services will write formally to all nominees confirming the outcome of the ballot.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at stannes@durhamlearning.net.



Opal Project

Huge thank you to all the staff, who came into school yesterday to work on making the outside resources so amazing. It was a very hot day, but their hard work has been greatly appreciated by the children, who have enjoyed playing with all of the new equipment today.

Can you help us on our Opal journey? (Outdoor play and learning) we are looking for:

- Barbies/ dolls/ dolls clothes and accessories
- Doll pushchairs/ prams/ carriers/ high chairs.
- Plastic structures such as farms, dolls houses and pirate ships etc.
- Plastic play figures and animals.
- Camping utensils (cups and plates) for our new mud kitchen)
- Megablocks.

Our dinner times the last two weeks have been lovely with more for the children to play with. We have seen such a positive impact on their well-being. Any additions from the list above will be greatly received. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Mrs. Tonge and Mrs. Hart.

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.





Weekly class attendance.....12 to 16 May 2025

Reception	94.33%
Year 1	96.00%
Year 2	94.00%
Year 3	96.00%
Year 4	94.67%
Year 5	92.59%
Year 6	98.89%



Stars of the Week



Nursery

Edie for being a superstar! Edie is always a superstar but this week Edie has been trying really hard with her writing. Well done Edie I am very proud of you!

Reception

Aria for fantastic phonics this week applying sounds in her writing around the classroom. Nellie for being a star all week, listening and joining in and trying really hard with her work.

Year 1 Citizen

Bella

Year 1 Maths

Leo

Year 1 English

Phoebe

Year 2 Citizen

Tamera

Year 2 Maths

Harry

Year 2 English

Rory

Year 3 Citizen

Arabella

Year 3 Maths

Johnson

Year 3 English

Felix

Year 4 Citizen

Scarlett

Year 4 Maths

Joe D

Year 4 English

Holly

Year 5 English

Amelie

Year 5 Maths

Kate

Year 5 Citizen

Tommy





Managing your Family Budget



- Would you like support in managing your family budget?
- Would you like to learn about shopping strategies, meal planning and preparing budget friendly meals to get the best value for your money?



Scan the QR Code and book onto the session

St Annes Primary School
Tuesday 3rd June
14:00 till 15:30

£20 Food Voucher for all attendees

Online Safety

Supporting parents to keep young people stay safe online



Are you aware of, and do you understand what your child is accessing online?

Are they safe on the games they play or the App's they use?

Attend one of our **online sessions** and we can help you to support your child by looking at: -

- Social Media / Gaming Sites
- Internet scams, fake profiles, AI
- Password security and storage
- how the internet can affect mental wellbeing



To register your interest, please **scan the QR Code** to view available sessions.

Sessions will be hosted on Microsoft Teams

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For any enquiries, please email multiply@durham.gov.uk



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



May	June	July	August
1 School Closed Polling Station	1	1 Sports Day	1 Holiday
2 Y2 class worship	2	2	2
3	3 2-3.30pm Parent Budget Session	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 Reception/Year 6 Beach Trip (details to follow)	8 Holiday
9 Nursery & Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm (details to follow)	9 Y1 phonics screening	9 Music concert	9
10	10 Year 6 Leavers Service Durham Cathedral (details to follow)	10 Year 6 Transition Days	10
11	11	11 Year 6 Transition Days Nursery graduation	11 Holiday
12 KS2 SATs	12	12	12 Holiday
13 KS2 SATs	13 Someone Special Day (pm)	13	13 Holiday
14 KS2 SATs	14	14 Reports to parents	14 Holiday
15 KS2 SATs	15	15 School Performance (further details to follow)	15 Holiday
16	16	16 School Performance (further details to follow)	16
17	17	17	17
18	18 PD Day	18 Y6 Leavers Tuck Shop	18 Holiday
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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
29 Holiday	29	29 Holiday	29 Holiday
30 Holiday	30 Year 5 King James	30 Holiday	30
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