



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER

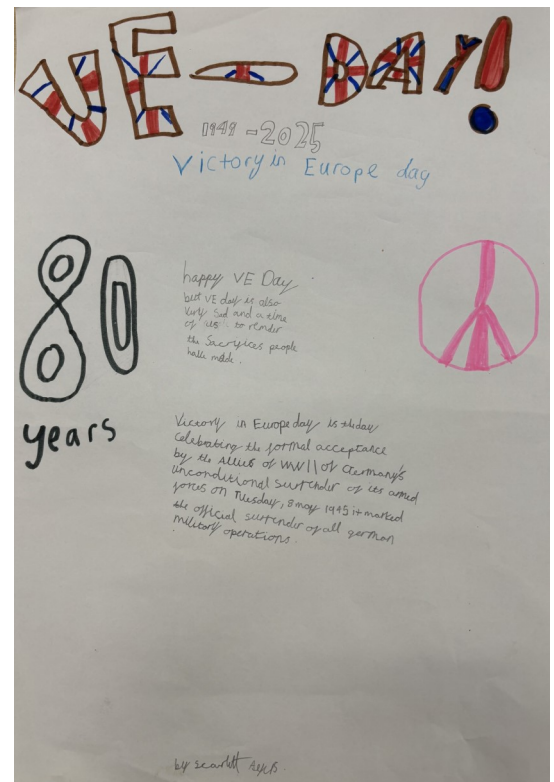


This week, Year 4 have been acting as historians to understand the themes of our new class text: *The Lion and Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes. The book tells the story of Lenny, a young boy who lived in London when World War II broke out.

We have looked at artefacts and replicas from World War II, to investigate what life was like at the time, especially for children whose fathers were at war and those who were evacuated to the countryside.

Year 4 have taken part in drama activities to explore the thoughts and feelings of the characters within the story. We have also, refined skills for using similes and metaphors, to write letters to Lenny's father.

As Thursday was VE Day, the class have considered the soldiers who fought in WW2 to be as brave as a lion, or powerful like a unicorn! To express our gratitude and understanding for those who lived and fought for our country, we created our own artwork, depicting a lion or a unicorn, rising from the flames and destruction caused by war. A wonderful tribute to 80 years!





Leadership and Wellbeing Day - Education Enterprise

Last Friday, four Year 5 children had the chance to attend a leadership and wellbeing day ran by Education Enterprise at the hub at Barnard Castle.

They had a fabulous day in the sun.

When they got there they were split into 4 groups, socialising, making connections & developing their leadership / teamwork skills.

They had a go at:

- Canoeing
- Jacobs Ladder
- Archery and
- Crate Stacking

Well done for representing our school so well. We are very proud of you!





Hall Hill Farm

EYFS have had a fantastic day at Hall Hill Farm in the sunshine. We have fed lots of animals and found out lots of interesting facts. We were really proud of the questions that our children asked. Their behaviour was amazing throughout the day and they were complimented from both of the farm helpers as we went around the activities. Well done EYFS!



Durham Cricket Foundation



We were very fortunate to have James join us from the Durham Cricket Foundation. James delivered cricket taster sessions to Reception class all the way up to year 6. We have had a gorgeous day in the sun learning lots of new skills. It was great to see so many happy faces who were keen to join in and ask James lots of questions. James has given the children leaflets with information for their local cricket club and how they can get involved, simply scan the QR code.

All stars cricket is aimed at children aged 5-8 and dynamos cricket is aimed at children aged 8-11. These sessions begin on Friday 9th May at Bishop Auckland Cricket Club.

Bishop Auckland CC AllStars

All Stars (5-8yrs) & Dynamos (8-11yrs) cricket returns to Bishop Auckland CC for the 2024 cricket season. If you have children interested in cricket then this is the place to start. No equipment needed and smiles on faces guaranteed

Use the links below to book your place:

All Stars

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/.../33842d5b-75f1-4dc3-b597...>

Dynamos

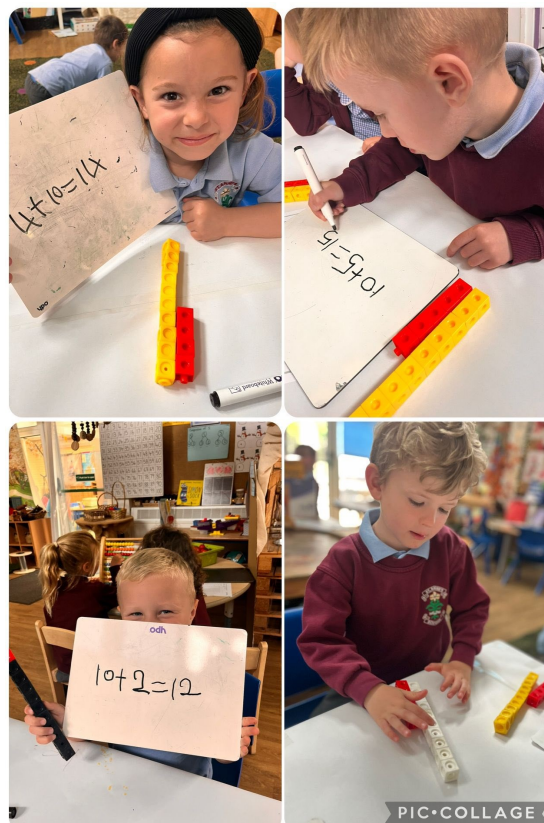
<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/.../6c28be44-b3b0-4fc4-be28...>



Reception Class News

This week in maths we have been looking at numbers to 20.

We have used cubes and ten frames to build the numbers in a practical way, showing the 10 and 1's. We have had a go at writing a number sentence to represent this.



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.....5 to 9 May 2025

Reception	92.38%
Year 1	89.17%
Year 2	92.50%
Year 3	87.92%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	95.83%
Year 6	97.92%



Stars of the Week



Reception

All of Reception Class for their fantastic behaviour on our school trip

Year 2 Citizen *Louie*

Year 2 Maths *Zoey*

Year 2 English *Caelan*

Year 4 Citizen *Joe*

Year 4 Maths *Mack*

Year 4 English *Ella O*

Year 5 English *Freddie*

Year 5 Maths *Astrid*

Year 5 Citizen *Alexis*





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
19	19	19	19 Holiday
20	20	20	20 Holiday
21	21	21 Holiday	21 Holiday
22	22	22 Holiday	22 Holiday
23 Tuck Shop	23	23 Holiday	23
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25	25	25 Holiday	25 Holiday
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
31		31 Holiday	31

