



# St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

# NEWSLETTER



**Year 3 Visit to River Gaunless**

On Wednesday, Year Three had a fantastic educational visit to the Auckland Castle and grounds. As part of our Geography work on rivers, we studied the River Gaunless which is a tributary to the River Wear. Jack and Phillip from the River Wear Trust met us and guided us throughout the day. We participated in a Kick test sample and studied the variety of river wildlife including Mayflies, freshwater shrimps, bullheads and leeches. Later we looked at the many different plants that can be found on a river banks including the harmful Himalayan Balsam. After an eagerly anticipated lunch, we enjoyed a walk through the park looking at the river features and we enjoyed seeing the sheep and lambs. Best of all we were allowed to play safely in Coundon Burn another tributary of the Wear. Eventually, exhausted yet full of learning, we returned to St Anne's. The children were well mannered, enthusiastic and resilient throughout the day. Well done everyone and a massive thank you to our parents for all of the extra clothing, packed lunches and support to enable our successful trip.







### Watch out Hollywood!

Watch out Hollywood - Year 5 are the new film makers in town!

Year 5 spent the afternoon on Wednesday becoming film makers. After learning about the different types of camera angles, the children got to go outside with the iPads and practise their new skills. In the next few weeks, the children will create their own mini movies, filming the content, creating voice overs and adding in music too. Well done Year 5, Miss Steadman is looking forward to seeing your video creations!





Year 1 are observing and tracking the growth of their sunflowers

It was very exciting to see the shoots appear in the soil. The children are using diaries to record their findings and will eventually bring home their sunflowers.

We are also looking closely at trees (our tree hunt was postponed until next week due to the weather conditions). We hope to explore the school grounds next week but in the mean time, if you are out and about you might help your child to identify the trees you pass.

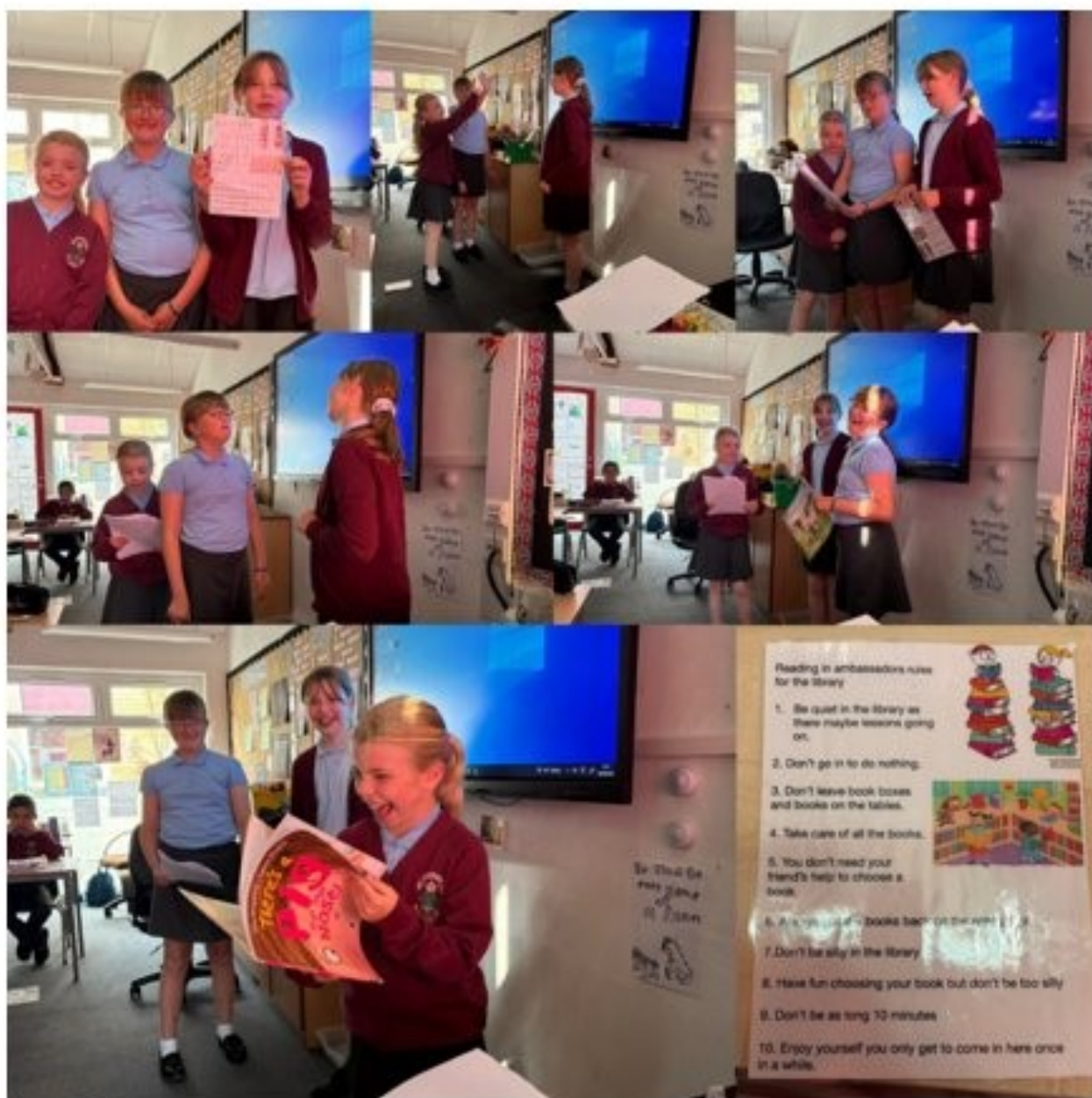
Deciduous trees - a tree that sheds annually.

Evergreen - a tree that retains its leaves/needles throughout the year.

Thank you for the photos I have received so far of the beautiful gardens and planting experiences at home.

We also shared the story 'The Giving Tree' a story that provoked a lot of emotions





### Stop! - That is a Reading Ambassador Rule

Year 5 were treated to a presentation by some of the Reading Ambassadors - Lola, Alice and Evie-Mai. This included reminding the children how to behave in the library. The three girls created mini scenario's, which they acted out. An example was when Lola was reading her book and finding it hilarious, laughing out loud. Alice and Evie-Mai reminded Lola of the rules by saying "STOP - This is a reading ambassador rule, you can have fun in the library choosing your own books, however do not be too loud and distracting to others." An excellent job reminding the class of what to do in the library and how to respect the books!



# St Annes CE Primary School Reads!



In May 2025, students have read...

**231** Books  
**1,275,705** Words  
for **10** minutes/day!  
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE  
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## CAN YOU HELP?



**We need raffle and tombola prizes!**

We are looking for donations of raffle and tombola prizes for our Community Event on Tuesday 1 July. Donations will be gratefully received at the School Office up to Tuesday 24 June.

Thank you for your continued support



Head Teacher: Mrs S Binks

Minds to learn hearts to care.





# Someone Special Afternoon

**Friday 13 June 2025**

**2.00pm**

Tea/coffee/juice and hot dogs

One special person per child

Event is weather permitting

Someone Special Raffle £1 per strip





We warmly invite all members of our school and local community to join us for a special summer picnic in memory of our much-loved teacher, colleague and friend, Mr Owen Browell.

This gathering will take place on the school field following Sports Day on Tuesday 1st July and is open to everyone who wishes to come together to celebrate Owen's life and the incredible legacy he leaves behind.

Bring a blanket, your favourite picnic food and wear red to represent his much-loved football team, Arsenal.

School gates will open at 3:45pm. There will be cake stalls, raffles and plenty more to enjoy so remember to bring some pennies.

Monies raised from the children's sponsored run will go to the Brain Tumour Charity - a charity close to the heart of Mr Browell's family.

Let's fill the field with laughter, stories and smiles that Owen would have wanted.

Please spread the word—all are welcome.





# I'M AN 11-YR-OLD

## Get Me Out Of Here!

by Andrew Oxspring, Nick Haworth,  
Mark & Lisa Hilton



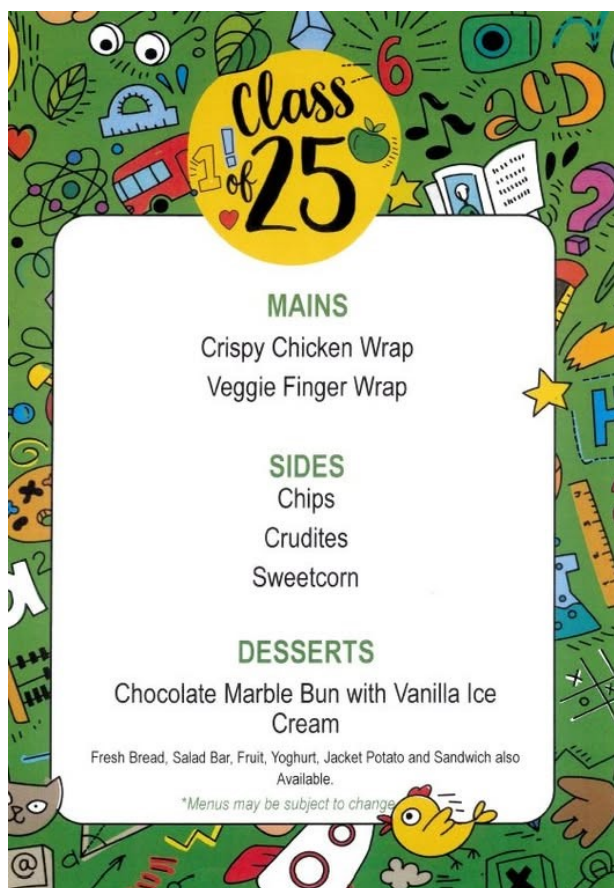
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## Managing your Family Budget



- 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**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**14:00 till 15:30**

**£20 Food Voucher for all attendees**



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### ***Weekly class attendance.....2 to 6 June 2025***

Reception	<b>99.32%</b>
Year 1	95.33%
Year 2	95.33%
Year 3	90.67%
Year 4	96.00%
Year 5	97.86%
Year 6	95.56%







# Stars of the Week



<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Robyn is trying very hard with her phonics and writing</i>
<b>Reception</b>	<i>Bailie and Harry for trying their best and working hard all week</i>
<b>Year 2 Citizen</b>	<i>Eliza</i>
<b>Year 2 Maths</b>	<i>Maneli</i>
<b>Year 2 English</b>	<i>Beau</i>
<b>Year 3 Citizen</b>	<i>All for amazing behaviour whilst completing their fieldwork at the River Gaunless visit on Wednesday.</i>
<b>Year 3 English</b>	<i>Emily</i>
<b>Year 4 Citizen</b>	<i>Eve</i>
<b>Year 4 Maths</b>	<i>Everyone in Year 4</i>
<b>Year 4 English</b>	<i>Nuala</i>
<b>Year 5 English</b>	<i>Charlie</i>
<b>Year 5 Maths</b>	<i>Evie-Mai</i>
<b>Year 5 Citizen</b>	<i>Alice</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

## Medication

Please ensure that all medication, including over the counter medication is taken to the School Office each day and the appropriate form is completed. No medication should be placed in your child's bag or lunch box. This will ensure that the medication is managed correctly and is not accessed by another child.

## 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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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](https://tescoplc.com/strongerstarts)



## Important Dates – Summer Term

### Week Beginning Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June

Multiplication and Times Table Check – Year 4 Only

### Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June

Phonics Screening – Year 1

### Tuesday 10th June

Year 6 Durham Cathedral Service (*Please note: This is a pupil-only event. No parents.*)

### Wednesday 11th June

- Netball League Begins After School (*More information to follow for those involved.*)

Cricket Festival – All Year 4- AM only.

### Friday 13th June

**Special Person Afternoon** – 2:00pm (*One special person per child is invited to attend- Weather Permitting*)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

- **King James – No Wasted Week** – *For children who are going to King James next year.*

**School Closed for PD Day**

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Whole School Bubble Fest**

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Grab a Grown Up – Reception** – 2-3:30pm  
(*One parent per Reception child*)



**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**Year 5 at St Johns**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Year 5 at Bishop Barrington**

**Wednesday 25th June**  
**Year 1 trip to the Locomotion**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Year 1 Class Worship – 9:15 am** (*Parents of year one children invited*)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Year 6 Special Trip – More details to follow – During school hours**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Year 5 at King James**

**Tuesday 1st July**

- **Sports Day- Weather Permitting**
  - EYFS & KS1: 9:15am – approximately 11:00am
  - KS2: 1:30pm – Home time
- **Community Event in Memory of Mr Browell – 3:45- 5:00pm – Weather Permitting** (*Please refer to details in the attached letter.*)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**New Reception Induction Meeting- 4:00pm**

**King James – No Wasted Week – For children who are going to King James next year.**

**Friday 4th July**

**Rock Steady Music Concert – 2:00pm**

**Tuesday 8th July**

**Reception and Year 6 Beach Trip** (*During school hours.*)

**Wednesday 9th July**

**Music Concert – 1:30pm** (*Further details to follow regarding participants.*)

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## **Thursday 10th July**

Year 6 Transition Day

## **Friday 11th July**

Transition Day – AM Children move up to their new class to meet their new teachers!

Nursery Graduation – 2:00pm (four guests per nursery child)

Year 6 Transition Day

## **Tuesday 15th July**

Whole School Performance – 9:30am

Whole School Performance – 1:45pm

## **Wednesday 16th July**

Whole School Performance – 1:45pm (Front row seats in this performance will be reserved for Year 6 Parents)

## **Friday 18th July**

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 9:15am (Parents invited.)

School will close at 12:00 for the electrical re-wire

