



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



Wow, what an amazing first week!

Our gorgeous new Reception children have enjoyed a wonderful week of making new friends, exploring their learning space and most importantly, having lots of fun!

We are super proud of each and every one of them. They are already showing kindness and care for each other and have been super brave with lots of new people and routines.

We are very excited to share in their journey here at St Anne's and look forward to the adventures ahead.





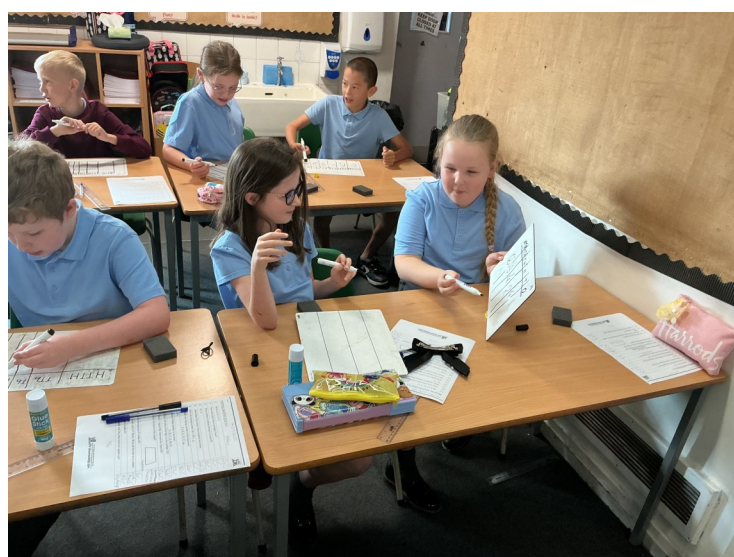
Robinwood September 2025

Our Year 6 class started the school year with their residential trip to Robinwood. It was fantastic to see the children take part in so many activities, pushing themselves outside of their comfort zones and seeing their confidence grow. Their behaviour was excellent and the staff who accompanied them, all commented on how proud they were of them. Well done Year 6!





Year 5 have had an excellent start to the year! They have worked very hard in all lessons. In maths, the children have been looking at place value. They had to roll the dice and create the biggest number and smallest number, whilst working against one another! A really great start to Year 5!





Weekly class attendance.....8 to 12 September

Reception 97.5%

Year 1 96.00%

Year 2 99.33%

Year 3 99.31%

Year 4 99.33%

Year 5 98.71%

Year 6 **100%**



Stars of the Week



Nursery	<i>Katie for helping her new friends settle into Nursery and always being kind</i>
Year 1	<i>Everyone in Year 1 for a fantastic start to the school year</i>
Year 2 Citizen	<i>Franklin</i>
Year 2 Maths	<i>Annielou</i>
Year 2 English	<i>Freddie</i>
Year 3 Citizen	<i>Amelia</i>
Year 3 Maths	<i>Louie</i>
Year 3 English	<i>Amara</i>
Year 4 Citizen	<i>Maddison</i>
Year 4 Maths	<i>Lucas</i>
Year 4 English	<i>Arabella</i>
Year 5 English	<i>Aiden</i>
Year 5 Maths	<i>Mack</i>
Year 5 Citizen	<i>Michaela</i>
Year 6 English	<i>Grace</i>
Year 6 Maths	<i>Robyn</i>
Year 6 Citizen	<i>Noah</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.

Polite reminder that no dogs should be brought onto school property including those being carried.

Thank you

Pupils Online Safety

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/6-7/badges/watching-videos/

Parents Online Wellbeing

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/



Reception Class September 2026 Open Day

Monday 29 September 2025
4.00—5.30pm

If you are considering applying to St Anne's for
your child for entry in September 2026 to our
Reception Class, we would love to welcome
you to visit St Anne's

During your visit, you can meet the team and
view our facilities, whilst your child plays





As a school, we are working with Durham County Council and the FISO Programme to provide support for families within our school community. As a result, we have been allocated a Financial Inclusion Support Officer, Julia Waterhouse, who can offer advice and support with any financial concerns. She can also offer full welfare benefit checks and assist with applying for welfare benefits, disability benefits and grants.

Accessing this provision is completely confidential. If you would like your details passing on, we can do this on your behalf. Alternatively, you can arrange an appointment by completing the online referral form: <https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/.../Request for...> You can also email FISO@durham.gov.uk or contact Julia on 07386659728.

Julia can also be available in school via a pre-bookable appointment if a face-to-face appointment is preferred.



Are you missing out on Universal Credit?

Universal Credit can be paid to working and non working families

There will no longer be an earnings threshold if working and claiming Universal Credit

ALL families in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals from September 2026

By claiming Free School Meals this could save you £490 per year per child

Contact your FISO for a FREE confidential welfare benefit check
FISO@durham.gov.uk

https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/en/service/Request_for_Financial_Inclusion_Support

Julia would like to make all parents and carers aware that the government are changing the eligibility criteria for free school meals in September 2026. This means that every family receiving Universal Credit will now qualify for free school meals. Even if you think you may not qualify for Universal Credit/Free School Meals it is always worth checking. Please contact Julia who will complete a quick, free and confidential welfare benefit check for you. FISO@durham.gov.uk



Starting School

**Will your child turn 5 between
1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027?**

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2026.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The easiest way to apply is online. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to apply for a place for year 3 in a junior school if you wish your child to attend there.

Applications open 1 September 2025 and close midnight 15 January 2026.

For more information please contact

School Places and Admissions Team

🌐 www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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