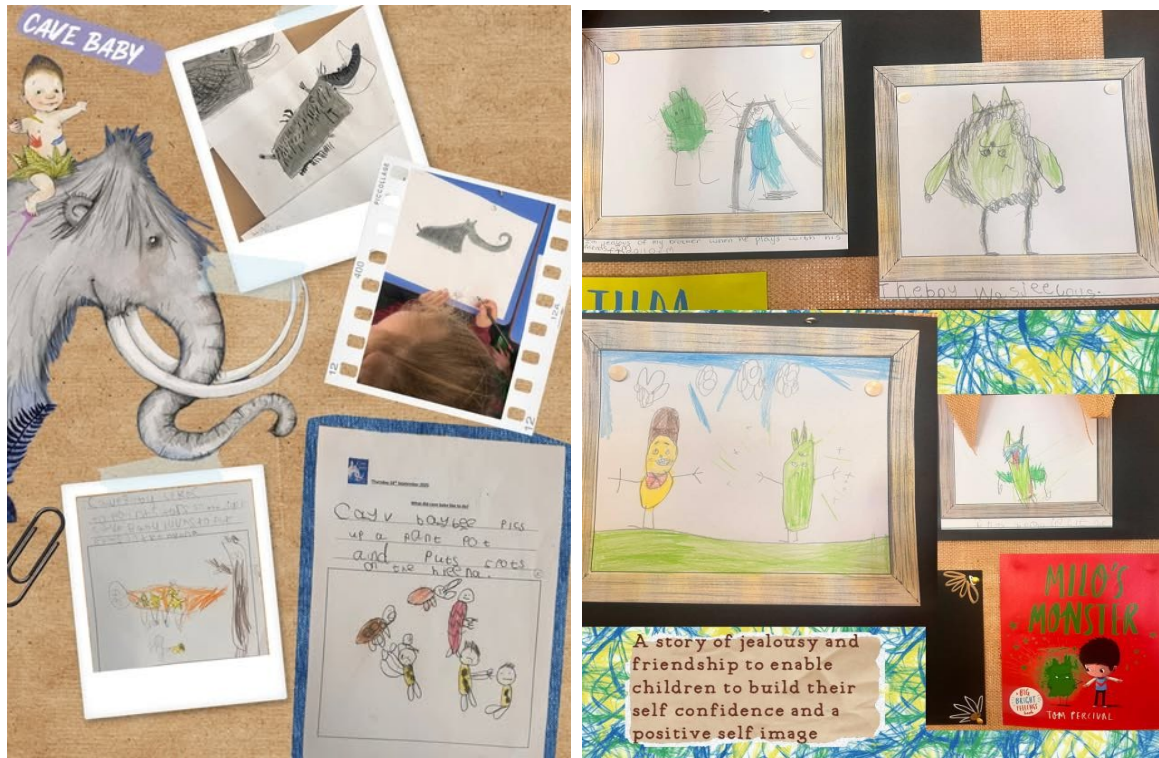




St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER





A Great Start to Year 1!

We've had such a wonderful start to the year in Year 1! Over the past two weeks, the children have settled in so well as we get to know our new classroom and routines. I've been so impressed with their positive attitudes, eagerness to learn, and their openness to trying new things.

In our first week, we've explored some wonderful books that focus on feelings and resilience. We've read Milo's Monster and Tilda Tries Again, both of which helped the children think about topics like jealousy, resilience, and giving new things a try. The conversations that have come from these stories have been so thoughtful and open, I'm really proud of how they've engaged with these topics.

In maths, we've been having fun sorting, grouping, and counting objects from larger numbers. The children have picked up these concepts quickly, and it's been a joy to watch them build their number skills.

In literacy, we started reading Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson, where we've been focusing on the characters and their feelings. The children have really enjoyed the story so far, and we're excited to continue exploring it in the coming weeks. To bring the story to life, we watched a tutorial from the illustrator Emily Gravett and then created some amazing Woolley mammoths using mixed media. It was so much fun, and the children's artwork is fantastic!

In geography, we've begun thinking about our school and how we get around it. The children have drawn maps of our classrooms to help them understand our new space better. It's been a fun way to start thinking about the world around them.

Overall, we've had a really positive start to Year 1, and I'm so proud of each and every one of the children. We're looking forward to all the exciting learning and fun ahead in the coming weeks!

Mrs. Tonge



Head Teacher: Mrs S Binks

Minds to learn hearts to care.



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Reading for pleasure

At St Anne's, we are very passionate about reading for pleasure.

Reading for pleasure is when children choose to read for enjoyment, not because it's assigned, and it offers significant benefits for academic success, well-being, and social skills.

We provide a wide selection of books, empower children to choose their own reading material, and read aloud to them regularly.

This week in Reception, one of our reading for pleasure books was *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, Judith Kerr. The children loved the story and were inspired to retell and act it out with a few simple enhancements in the home corner.

We encourage reading for pleasure at home and are always here to support our families.

To promote reading for pleasure at home, create a cosy reading space, establish a reading routine with your children, and lead by example by showing your own enjoyment of reading. Allow children to choose books that interest them, explore various formats like comics and audiobooks, and make reading a family activity by reading aloud and discussing stories together.

Visiting the local library and connecting books with other activities, such as movies or crafts, can also foster a love of reading.

Thank you for your continued support with reading and all aspects of the curriculum.

Thank you for the donation of new home corner furniture too. It looks fabulous!

Miss Taylor





Basketball Festival

This morning six children from Year 6 took part in a Basketball Festival at Bishop Barrington.

After facing some fierce competition, we won three of the five games we played.

The children conducted themselves impeccably and showed great team spirit with all the other participants.

Miss English is incredibly proud. Well done Year 6



Tag Rugby League

On Wednesday we competed in the tag rugby league with **Education Enterprise**. The team showed great sportsmanship and determination and they improved so much in just three matches. Well done. Same again next week



Weekly class attendance.....15 to 19 September

Reception	98.00%
Year 1	98.00%
Year 2	92.33%
Year 3	93.10%
Year 4	96.30%
Year 5	100.00%
Year 6	97.50%



Stars of the Week



Reception Citizen	<i>Alfred</i>
Reception Maths	<i>Theo</i>
Reception English	<i>Oscar</i>
Year 1 Citizen	<i>Darcy</i>
Year 1 Maths	<i>Aria</i>
Year 1 English	<i>Fiona</i>
Year 2 Citizen	<i>Reuben</i>
Year 2 Maths	<i>Myles</i>
Year 2 English	<i>Cecily</i>
Year 3 Citizen	<i>Harry</i>
Year 3 Maths	<i>Louie</i>
Year 3 English	<i>Rory</i>
Year 4 Citizen	<i>Daisy</i>
Year 4 Maths	<i>Millie</i>
Year 4 English	<i>Erin P</i>
Year 5 English	<i>Terry</i>
Year 5 Maths	<i>Anna</i>
Year 5 Citizen	<i>Esme</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

Sharing Pictures https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/6-7/badges/sharing-pictures/

Parents Online Wellbeing

Facebook <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/facebook-checklist.pdf>

September

Monday 22nd September - Year 3 Class Visit to Hardwick Park.

Thursday 25th September – Buddies/Macmillan Assembly and Coffee Morning

Reception and Year 6 parents are warmly invited to join us at **9:15am**.

Monday 29th September – Reception Opening Evening

For prospective new starters and their families.

October

Wednesday 1st October - Harvest Lunch

Friday 3rd October – Harvest Worship

Year 3 parents are invited to attend at **9:15am**.

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October - Half term break

November

Tuesday 4th November – Individual Photographs

All children will have their school photographs taken.

Wednesday 5th November – Book Fair

A wonderful opportunity to explore and purchase books.

Thursday 6th November – Book Fair

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Friday 7th November – Year 4 Class Worship

Year 4 parents are invited to attend at **9:15am**.

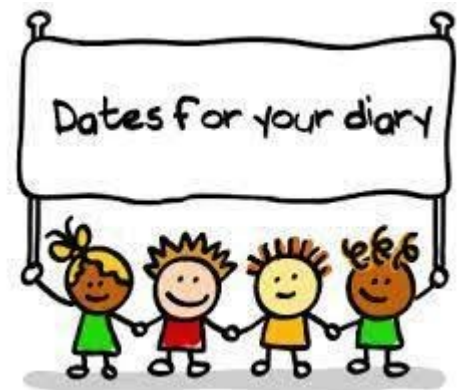
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Monday 10th - Thursday 13th November – Parents' Evening Week

Further details and booking information will be shared soon.

Friday 14th November - Children in Need



December

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre

A festive event for all – times to be confirmed.

Monday 8th December – Christmas Pantomime

A special treat for all children.

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11th December – Year 6 Singing at St Anne's Church

Performance begins at **10:00am** – Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 17th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity

Held in school – more details to follow.

Friday 19th December – KS2 Carol Service at St Andrew's Church

This will take place in the afternoon – a lovely way to end the term

We look forward to welcoming you to these events and thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



Food Collection

We would be grateful of any kind donations to our Harvest collection which will be donated to Woodhouse Close Church & Community Centre Foodbank.

Donations could include:

- Tinned foods
- Rice/pasta
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- UHT milk and fruit juices
- Tea/coffee
- Biscuits
- Cereals

Donations can be made at the School Entrance/Office

Thank you for your continued support



WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Thursday 25 September 2025

On Thursday 25 September, we will be hosting a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. The event will be for all students and staff and for a small donation they will be able to enjoy cakes, biscuits and refreshments. Also, anyone wishing to donate cakes – be it homemade or shop bought, would be greatly appreciated! If you are donating homemade cakes, please ensure there is a list of ingredients for students with allergies or intolerances.

Children and Parents attending the Buddies Worship that morning at 9.15am, will have their own separate coffee morning as part of the morning events.

Let's help Macmillan change lives. The money raised helps provide physical, financial and emotional support for cancer sufferers and their families.

We look forward to welcoming students and staff and raising money for such a good cause!





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





A festive poster for a Harvest Festival menu. The background is a light yellow sunburst. At the top and bottom are decorative banners with orange and red pennants. In the center, there are illustrations of harvest produce: wheat stalks, corn cobs, a red apple, a yellow onion, a green cabbage, and a carrot. The text is arranged in a central column, with the title 'HARVEST Festival' in large green letters, followed by a red banner with the word 'MENU' in white. Below this, the menu items are listed under three headings: 'Mains', 'Sides', and 'Dessert'. At the bottom, it says 'Fresh Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit and Yoghurt also Available'. The Chartwells Schools logo is at the very bottom center.

HARVEST *Festival*

MENU

Mains

Chicken Burger
Veggie Burger (V)

Sides

Chipped Potatoes
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw

Dessert

Chocolate Brownie

Fresh Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit
and Yoghurt also Available



Chartwells
Schools





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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