

### St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

# NEWSLETTER





#### **Champions!**

What an incredible finish to the Girls Football League with **Education Enterprise**. Out of 16 schools, St. Anne's proudly walked away as champions, securing a fantastic 1st place at the home of **Bishop Auckland FC**.

These girls have shown outstanding commitment every week, working hard for each other, displaying brilliant teamwork, and showing true sportsmanship to all the schools involved. Their togetherness and determination have made them an absolute pleasure to support throughout the competition.

We've enjoyed three fantastic nights of football, and it's been amazing to witness such talent across our local schools. There are certainly some rising stars among them!
Well done girls, you've done St. Anne's proud.

Mrs. Tonge

































#### Year 5 Visit to the Faith Museum

Year 5 had a lovely day out visiting the Faith Museum and Bishop Auckland Castle! The children learnt all about the Anglo-Saxons and became archaeologist looking at some of the artefacts. In the afternoon the children got to have a go at creating Anglo Saxon art by printing and also learnt how to use a quill and ink to write their names!

Overall an excellent fun day!

Well done Year 5































On Tuesday morning, Year 1 attended the Education Enterprise Kurling and Boccia festival at Bishop Auckland College. They had a great morning learning lots of new skills and showed fantastic teamwork. The morning ran great with a carousel of activities on offer for the children. They were helped on their way by sports leaders from the college. Well done Year 1!































#### **Year 5 Doodle Friday**

Every Friday, Year 5 have challenge in the morning called This Doodle Friday. week, the children had their to use imaginations and turn a moon into something else. Miss Steadman was very impressed with the drawings that the children came up with.



































## What a busy and exciting week we've had in Year One!

We began the week exploring directions in geography, learning how to describe routes using left and right. We put this new knowledge into action on Tuesday when we travelled to Bishop Auckland College for the Kurling and Boccia Festival. The children had a fantastic time developing new skills and showing great teamwork.

On Wednesday, we used our experience to create maps of our local area, drawing and explaining the route we took to the college. In art, we continued to build on our skills by experimenting with different types of lines, controlling pressure, and beginning to incorporate shapes into our work. The children produced some wonderful pieces!

I'm so impressed with their creativity, focus and love of art!

Well done, Year One!

Mrs. Tonge



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school?





























Year 5 have been working on ball skills over the past seven weeks. The children started off learning how to play handball, where they went to St John's for a handball festival. The children then used their skills for bench ball. As you can see in the pictures, the children were very competitive but enjoyed playing! Well done, Year 5, you have shown excellent teamwork and ball skills!















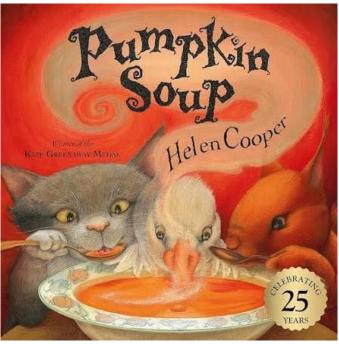












#### It's all about pumpkins in Reception this week!

A huge thank you for all the wonderful donations of pumpkins and squashes — the children have loved investigating, exploring, and playing with them.

Language development is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum. We promote a language -rich environment through hands-on exploration, meaningful interactions, and engaging storytelling.

It was been wonderful to hear the children using story language in their play and exploring new vocabulary to describe the range of pumpkins and squashes in the classroom.

The children have enjoyed Drawing Club with the core text Pumpkin Soup, Helen Cooper. The story explores themes of friendship, sharing, resolving conflict and above all the importance of teamwork.

The Giving Children the Best Start in Life document has some great tips for promoting early language skills.





























## Weekly class attendance...... 13 to 17 October 2025

Reception 95.67%

Year 1 91.33%

Year 2 97.08%

Year 3 95.52%

Year 4 97.67%

Year 5 97.42%

Year 6 96.79%

























## Stars of the Week



**Nursery** Kit for always being an active participant in learning!

**Reception Citizen** *Phoebe* 

**Reception Maths** Theo P

**Reception English** Archer

**Year 1 Citizen** *Liana* 

**Year 1 Maths** Finn

Year 1 English Danny

**Year 2 Citizen** Oliver

**Year 2 Maths** Oughton

Year 2 English Louie

**Year 3 Citizen** Anira

**Year 3 Maths** Isaac

Year 3 English Reya

**Year 4 Citizen** *Elise* 

**Year 4 Maths** Rufus

Year 4 English Emily

Year 5 English Joe

**Year 5 Maths** Bohdi

Year 5 Citizen Nuala

Year 6 English Evie

**Year 6 Maths** Miles

Year 6 Citizen Alex































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



#### Friday 24 October

Selection of chocolate and treats. 40p per item (one item per child only)

Where possible please send in correct amount in a named envelope





























#### **Tuesday 4 November 2025**

Individuals and children with siblings within school, will have their photographs taken during the school day

For families wishing to have photographs taken with children outside of St Anne's, you will have the opportunity to have yours taken 8.00-8.45am in the School Library. You will be able to enter school via the Main Entrance during this time

Breakfast Club will operate as normal that morning, based in the Year 5 & 6 classrooms





























#### October

Friday 24th October Tuck Shop Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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 10<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 13th November – Parents' Evening

Further details and booking information will be shared soon.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thursday 18th December- KS2 Carol Service at St Andrew's Church \*\*new date\*\*

This will take place in the afternoon

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.



















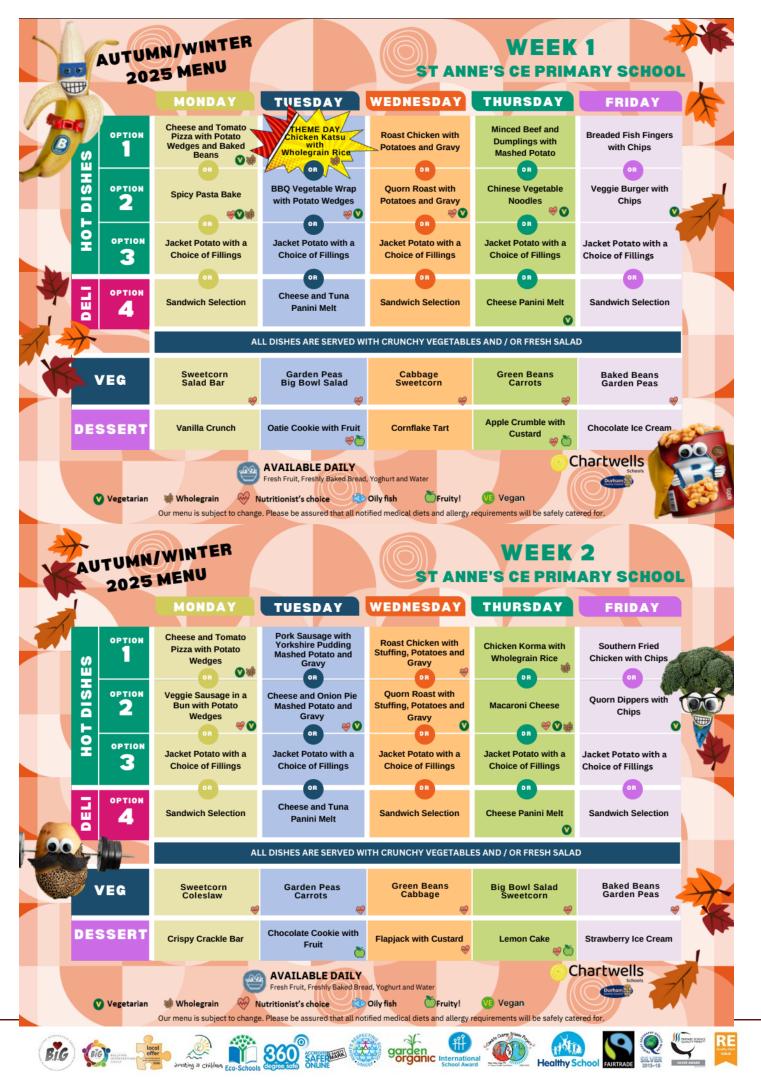


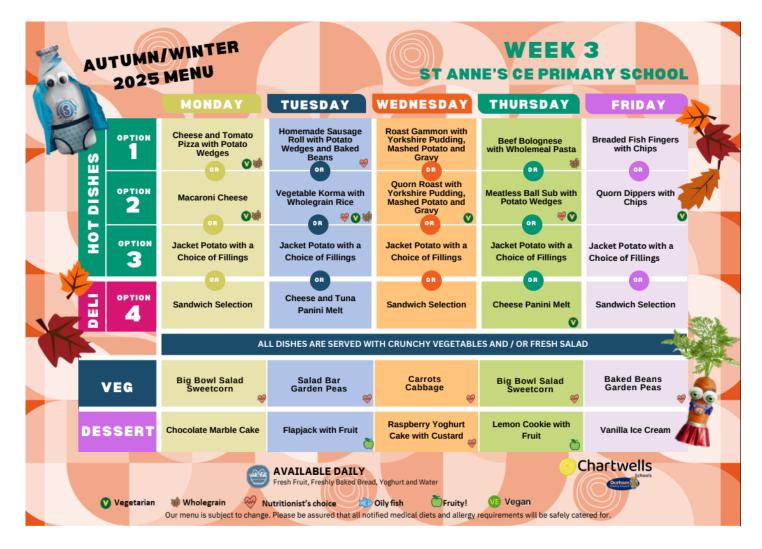












#### Autumn / Winter 2025/2026 Menu Cycle

WK Commencing	Menu WK	Notes
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Week 1	
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Week 2	
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Week 3	
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Week 1	
1st December 2025	Week 2	
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Week 3	
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Week 1	
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025		Christmas Holidays
29 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	-	Christmas Holidays
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Week 2	
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Week 3	
19th January 2026	Week 1	
26th January 2026	Week 2	
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026	Week 3	
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Week 1	
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Week 2	
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	-	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	Week 3	
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Week 1	
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Week 2	
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Week 3	
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Week 1	
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	-	Easter Holidays
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	-	Easter Holidays















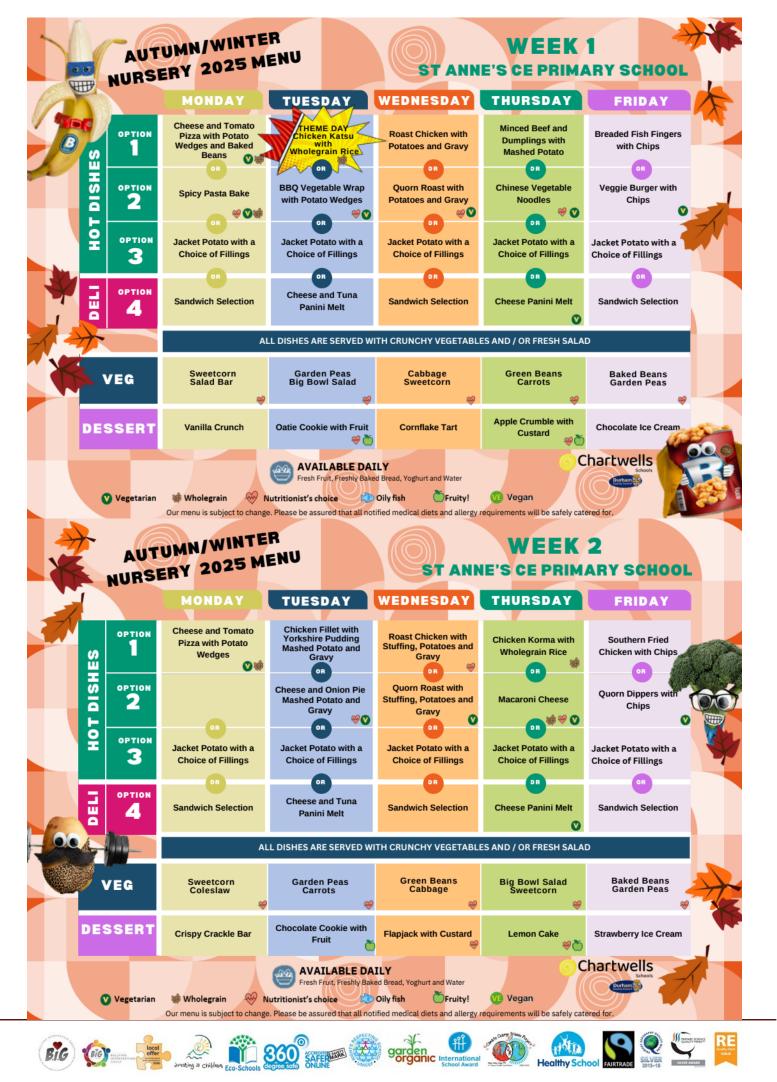


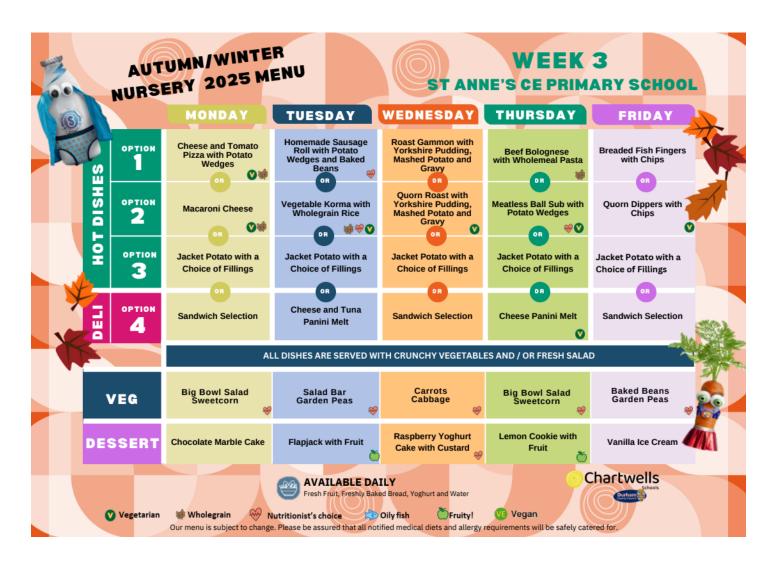




































# Children in Need

#### MENU

#### Mains

Southern Fried Chicken Wrap Fish Fingers Quorn Dippers Cheese & Baked Bean Panini

#### Sides

Chipped Potatoes **Baked Beans** Garden Peas

#### Dessert

Chocolate Cookie & Ice Cream

Fresh Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit and Yoghurt also Available



Chartwells





























## CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL 2025

This year we are collecting Christmas gifts/new unwrapped toys for children from birth to aged 18, in support of Woodhouse Close Church.

We would be grateful of any donations by 19 November 2025 to the School Office.

Thank you for your support





























It is nearly time for our Christmas Fayre and we are looking for kind donations and if any volunteers are available to help us.

If you are having a pre-Christmas sort out we are looking for:

## Raffle prizes Tombola prizes

Bottles (can include bubble bath, shampoo, wine etc for a bottle draw)

Christmas themed gifts and food/drinks to make hampers

If you can help in anyway we would be so grateful. Do you work for a company who could donate a raffle prize?

We will be looking for volunteers on the day of the fayre and a list will be on the board outside the Office.

Any queries please see Mrs Davidson or Vicky Many thanks





























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: <a href="https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/.../">https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/.../</a> 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.



























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



























## 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

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