

St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER

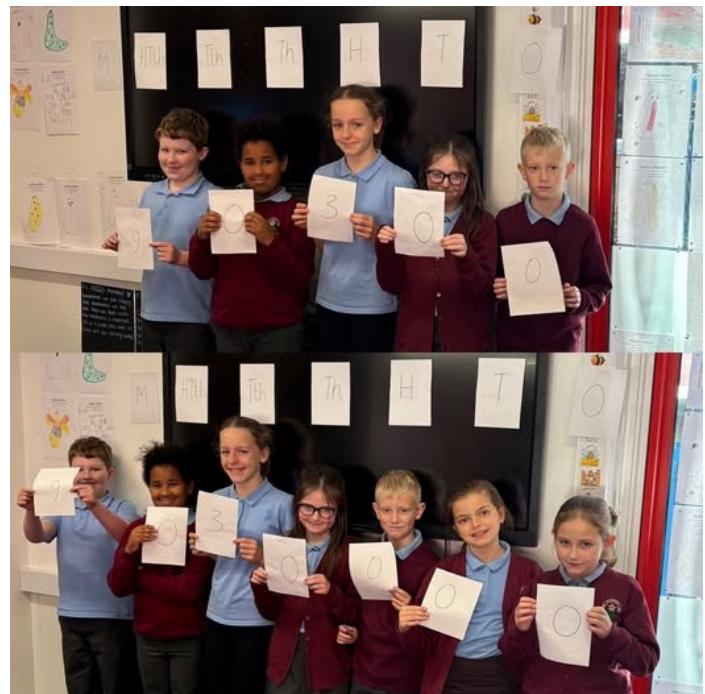


Anti-Bullying Week

The children have made an excellent effort last week with their colourful superhero outfits and wonderfully odd socks, proudly celebrating their individuality. Throughout the week, they have also spent time creating their own unique superheroes, thinking carefully about the special powers and strengths that make each one truly amazing. Miss Coates and Mrs Kilbride are extremely proud of all the children for their creativity, enthusiasm, and thoughtful contributions during Anti-Bullying Week, showing kindness, bravery, and a real commitment to standing up for one another.

Year 5 Maths

Year 5 have been working on multiplying by 10, 100, and 1000 this week! To help them grasp the concept, Mrs Kilbride turned the class into a human place value grid. Each child represented a different digit and stood in the correct place value column. When asked to multiply by 10, 100, or 1000, they physically moved to their new positions on the grid. Mrs Kilbride was very impressed with their effort and how quickly they mastered the skill.



Well done, Year 5!

Year 3 Visit to Hindu Temple & Hancock Museum, Newcastle

Last Friday Year Three had an extremely busy day visiting the ISKON Hindu Temple in Newcastle. It began with a raucous, journey past the Angel of the North and more importantly Amazon! Eager and excited, we arrived in Westgate ready to learn about one of the world's oldest religions. We met a lady called Kertida who greeted us and explained all about her place of worship. The children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed quizzing Kertida all about the key features of the Mandir (Hindu Temple). They were respectful and thoughtful when Kertida allowed us to witness her performing puja (Hind worship). However the greatest excitement was reserved for dressing up in traditional Indian dress (the country where Hinduism originated from) and even better another opportunity presented itself to be noisy and play Kertida's clay drums. After a quick journey to the Hancock Museum, it was time for a well-deserved lunch. We were then able to investigate the Stone Age to Iron Age exhibit, the fossils and dinosaur displays and finally the crystals from around the world. The children behaved beautifully throughout the visit. Finally, tired and fact-filled we returned to school.



Year 4 Visit to Binchester Roman Fort

Year Four stepped back in time on their visit to Binchester Roman Fort—and what a day it was! Spirits were high as we sang our way there on the coach, buzzing with excitement.

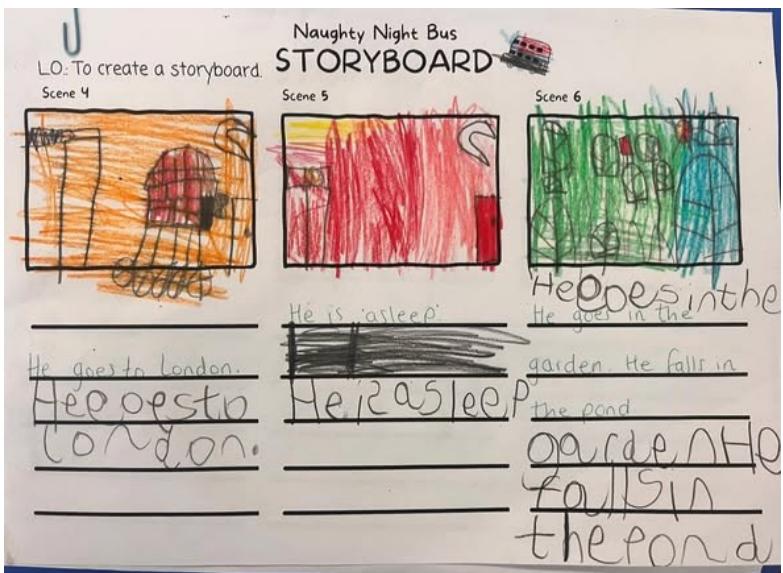
Our adventure began with a guided tour of the fort, where we explored fascinating artefacts like pottery and animal bones, all discovered beneath the ground. We were amazed to see a geophysical scan of the site, revealing hidden Roman structures still buried below. Walking along a real Roman road—complete with a clever drainage system—helped us imagine life nearly 2,000 years ago.

Inside the Roman baths, we learned how people would relax and socialise in steamy, communal spaces. Then came the Challenge Room, where we dressed as Roman soldiers, created intricate mosaic art, carefully excavated pottery with toothbrushes, and examined ancient artefacts up close. We even sang our Roman numerals song from maths to show off our knowledge!

After lunch, we visited a live archaeological dig where another bathhouse is being uncovered. We were full of questions and awe—it's taken six years so far, and experts estimate it will take ten more years and £8 million to reveal the full story beneath the soil.

To finish our day, we became Roman potters! Starting with a clay “Malteser,” we shaped, pinched, and decorated our own pots to take home.

It was a day full of discovery, creativity, and curiosity. Miss Coates says she wouldn’t be surprised if a few future archaeologists were inspired that day!



Year 1 newsletter spotlight Week:

A Journey of Adventure and Discovery!

What an exciting week it has been in Year 1! Our children have been working incredibly hard, and we're thrilled to share some of the wonderful things they've been up to.

In English, we've been absolutely loving our text for the last two weeks 'Naughty Bus.' This mischievous little bus has been spotted all around school, going on some wild adventures and getting up to all sorts of mischief. The children have enjoyed following its journey and have been busy creating their own storyboards, illustrating the bus's playful travels. As we continue to develop our writing skills, we are focusing on making our sentences longer, adding more detail. The children are learning to really think about how they can add extra information to their writing to make their stories even more exciting. The results have been fantastic, with so many creative and thoughtful pieces of work!

In Science, we've continued to explore materials, becoming "Material Detectives"! The children have been hunting high and low for different objects made from various materials around our classroom. This hands on learning has been linked to our history lessons about toys from the past. The children had so much fun comparing old toys (what they looked like, what they were made from, and how they worked) with modern toys. We held a special "Toy Day" on Thursday, where the children brought in their favorite toys to share. This led to some lively discussions and investigations as we explored how toys have changed over time.

Year 1 has had an amazing week filled with learning, creativity, and plenty of fun! We are so proud of how hard the children have been working, and it's been wonderful to see them so engaged and excited about all their new discoveries.

Well done year 1!







A huge thank you for your kind donations to our Toy Appeal 2025 in support of Woodhouse Close Community Centre. The donations were collected this morning and will be distributed to local families this Christmas

In support of Save the Children, we are holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 10 December 2025. Donations to this wonderful charity can be made via our Just Giving Page below:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fun.../>

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Should your child have any jumpers that they have outgrown, we would welcome any donations by Friday 5 December. These donations will be available to anyone looking for a jumper, on Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 December outside the School Office.





Weekly class attendance..... 17 to 21 November 2025

Reception 93.33%

Year 1 **97.67%**

Year 2 95.67%

Year 3 93.51%

Year 4 89.30%

Year 5 92.58%

Year 6 92.49%





Stars of the Week



Nursery	<i>Clara for developing her confidence in Nursery and always following our Nursery rules</i>
Reception English	<i>Theo P</i>
Reception Citizen	<i>Luke</i>
Reception Maths	<i>Edie</i>
Year 1 Citizen	<i>Ollie</i>
Year 1 Maths	<i>Eloise</i>
Year 1 English	<i>Teddy</i>
Year 2 Citizen	<i>Zara</i>
Year 2 Maths	<i>Harry</i>
Year 2 English	<i>Matthew</i>
Year 3 Citizen	<i>Tommie</i>
Year 3 Maths	<i>Isaac</i>
Year 3 English	<i>Amelia</i>
Year 4 Citizen	<i>Archie</i>
Year 4 Maths	<i>Lottie</i>
Year 4 English	<i>Esme & Daisy</i>
Year 5 Citizen	<i>Poppy</i>
Year 5 Maths	<i>George</i>
Year 5 English	<i>Zach</i>



To our families of EYFS & KS1

We are so excited to invite you to
St Anne's CE Primary School
production of

the Twinkly Nativ^Yity

Here's everything you need to know
about our nativity performance!

DATE: Wednesday 17 December

TIME: 9.30am & 2.00pm

ANY EXTRA INFO: 2 tickets per child
tickets available from Office from 17.11.25

Please bring your **loudest** round of applause
and your **biggest** standing-ovation shoes...

We're gonna bring some
twinkle
to your **toes!**





KS2 Carol Service

Thursday 18 December 2025

St Andrew's Church

1.30pm

Everyone welcome

*Children will be able to leave after performance. Children not collected from the Church will return to school for collection – please let the Office know if your child is to return to school



Wednesday 10 December 2025

Christmas Lunch

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Quorn Roast (V)

SIDES

Roast Potatoes
Carrots
Peas or Brussel Sprouts
Sausage
Stuffing and Gravy

DESSERTS

Vanilla Christmas Shortbread
College Pudding

*Menus may be subject to change

Chartwells



Christmas Fayre

Friday 5 December 2025

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





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

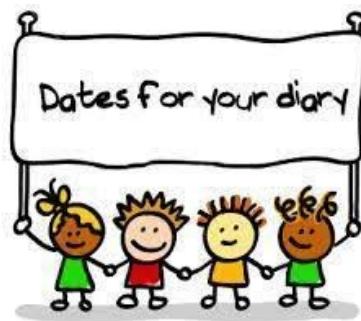
Medication

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





November	December
1	1 Gymnastics Show (children invited by email)
2	2
3	3 Year 1 Visit to Beamish Year 4 Singing Care Home 1-2pm
4	4 Nursery & Reception Visit to Winter Wonderland
5	5 Christmas fayre (pm)
6	6
7	7
8	8 Pantomime (EYFS & KS1—am) (KS2 pm)
9	9 Snow Fest (TBC)
10 Anti-bullying week	10 Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch Nursery & Reception visit to St Anne's Church
11 Parent evenings start	11 Year 6 Christmas Songs at St Anne's Church 10am
12	12 Year 6 The Big Sing Rocksteady Concert 2pm (details to follow) Year 1 & 2 Visit to Winter Wonderland
13	13
14 Children in Need lunch Year 3 Visit to Hindu Temple & Hancock Museum	14
15	15
16	16
17	17 EYFS/KS1 nativity (details to follow)
18 Year 4 Visit to Binchester Roman Fort	18 KS2 Carol Service—St Andrew's Church 1.30pm
19 Toy Appeal Deadline	19
20	20
21 Year 6 visit to Bishop Auckland Town Hall (selected students have been emailed)	21
22	22 Holiday
23	23 Holiday
24 parliament week	24 Holiday
25	25 Holiday
26	26 Holiday
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29	29 Holiday
30	30 Holiday
	31 Holiday





January	February
1 Holiday	1
2 Holiday	2
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19 Reception—Grab a Grown Up 9.30-10.45am	19
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27 Y5 worship	27 Holiday
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AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 1 ST ANNE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES		OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	
		Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans 	THEME DAY Chicken Katsu with Wholegrain Rice  BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy  Quorn Roast with Potatoes and Gravy 	Minced Beef and Dumplings with Mashed Potato  Chinese Vegetable Noodles 	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips  Veggie Burger with Chips 
		Spicy Pasta Bake 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 
		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Cheese and Tuna Panini Melt 	Sandwich Selection	Sandwich Selection	Cheese Panini Melt 
ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD						
	VEG	Sweetcorn Salad Bar 	Garden Peas Big Bowl Salad 	Cabbage Sweetcorn 	Green Beans Carrots 	Baked Beans Garden Peas 
	DESSERT	Vanilla Crunch	Oatie Cookie with Fruit 	Cornflake Tart 	Apple Crumble with Custard 	Chocolate Ice Cream 
AVAILABLE DAILY						
Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water						
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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES		OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	
		Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy 	Chicken Korma with Wholegrain Rice 	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips 
		Veggie Sausage in a Bun with Potato Wedges 	Cheese and Onion Pie Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Quorn Roast with Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese 	Quorn Dippers with Chips 
		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 
		Sandwich Selection	Cheese and Tuna Panini Melt 	Sandwich Selection	Cheese Panini Melt 	Sandwich Selection
ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD						
	VEG	Sweetcorn Coleslaw 	Garden Peas Carrots 	Green Beans Cabbage 	Big Bowl Salad Sweetcorn 	Baked Beans Garden Peas 
	DESSERT	Crispy Crackle Bar	Chocolate Cookie with Fruit 	Flapjack with Custard 	Lemon Cake 	Strawberry Ice Cream 
AVAILABLE DAILY						
Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water						
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WEEK 3

ST ANNE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges <small>OR</small> 	Homemade Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans <small>OR</small> 	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy <small>OR</small> 	Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta <small>OR</small> 	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips <small>OR</small> 
	OPTION 2	Macaroni Cheese <small>OR</small> 	Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice <small>OR</small> 	Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy <small>OR</small> 	Meatless Ball Sub with Potato Wedges <small>OR</small> 	Quorn Dippers with Chips <small>OR</small> 
	OPTION 3	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small> 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small> 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small> 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small> 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small> 
	OPTION 4	Sandwich Selection	Cheese and Tuna Panini Melt	Sandwich Selection	Cheese Panini Melt 	Sandwich Selection
ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD						
VEG	Big Bowl Salad Sweetcorn 	Salad Bar Garden Peas 	Carrots Cabbage 	Big Bowl Salad Sweetcorn 	Baked Beans Garden Peas 	
DESSERT	Chocolate Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit 	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake with Custard 	Lemon Cookie with Fruit 	Vanilla Ice Cream 	
AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water						
 Vegetarian  Wholegrain  Nutritionist's choice  Oily fish  Fruity!  Vegan Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.						

Autumn / Winter 2025/2026 Menu Cycle

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



AUTUMN/WINTER NURSERY 2025 MENU

WEEK 1

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	OPTION 2	Spicy Pasta Bake 	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 	Quorn Roast with Potatoes and Gravy 	Chinese Vegetable Noodles 	Veggie Burger with Chips 
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	OPTION 4	Sandwich Selection 	Cheese and Tuna Panini Melt 	Sandwich Selection 	Cheese Panini Melt 	Sandwich Selection 
ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD						
VEG		Sweetcorn Salad Bar 	Garden Peas Big Bowl Salad 	Cabbage Sweetcorn 	Green Beans Carrots 	Baked Beans Garden Peas 
DESSERT		Vanilla Crunch 	Oatie Cookie with Fruit 	Cornflake Tart 	Apple Crumble with Custard 	Chocolate Ice Cream 
AVAILABLE DAILY						
Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water						
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WEEK 2

ST ANNE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Chicken Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy 	Chicken Korma with Wholegrain Rice 	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips 
	OPTION 2		Cheese and Onion Pie Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Quorn Roast with Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese 	Quorn Dippers with Chips 
	OPTION 3	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 
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DESSERT		Crispy Crackle Bar 	Chocolate Cookie with Fruit 	Flapjack with Custard 	Lemon Cake 	Strawberry Ice Cream 
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Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water						
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BIG
Bullying Intervention Group



Local Offer



Investing in Children



Eco-Schools



360°
Degree Safe



SAFER
ONLINE



RESPECTING
OTHERS



garden
organic



International
School Award



Safeguarding
Schools Project



Healthy School



FAIRTRADE



SILVER
2015-16



Quality
Science
Mark
GOLD

AUTUMN/WINTER NURSERY 2025 MENU

WEEK 3
ST ANNE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOT DISHES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Homemade Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans 	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta 	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips
OPTION 2	Macaroni Cheese 	Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 	Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Meatless Ball Sub with Potato Wedges 	Quorn Dippers with Chips
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DESSERT	Chocolate Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit 	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake with Custard 	Lemon Cookie with Fruit 	Vanilla Ice Cream

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water

Vegetarian **Wholegrain** **Nutritionist's choice** **Oily fish** **Fruity!** **Vegan**

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Julia Waterhouse
Financial Inclusion Support Officer
Free help and advice to families

Benefits Advice and Support: Universal Credit, Disability Benefits, Council Tax, Carers Allowance

Help with Debt

Budgeting

Welfare Benefit Appeals and Tribunals

Durham County Council

Email: FISO@durham.gov.uk
Telephone: 07386 659 728

Signposting for Emotional Support, Mental Health and Wellbeing

Signposting for Employment and Training

Fuel Support and Grants

Education Entitlements: Free School Meals, Uniforms, EMA

Social Inclusion Team

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

