



NEWSLETTER



Year 2 Christingles

Year 2 had a very special visit from Reverend Brett to learn about the symbolism of Christingles for our RE topic on the importance of, " How and why light is important at Christmas". The children asked great questions and created beautiful Christingles to take home with a little safety reminder, they were to look at and not light. Mrs Butler





As Advent begins, so does the start of Christmas at St Anne's. The twinkling of lights and patter of tiny elf feet are making the classrooms feel festive

Our St. Anne's Christmas tree is shining bright in St. Anne's church. If you are visiting Christmas Town over the next few days please pop in to the church to take a look. Each class have made their own decoration to represent the theme of 'Joy.'





Year 4 Science Visit to St John's

Dressed in lab coats and safety goggles, we stepped into the world of science and were introduced to the fascinating equipment found in a laboratory. Our enquiry focused on acids in everyday kitchen products—those sharp, sour tastes we sometimes notice in food.

Using a pestle and mortar, we ground red cabbage in water and were amazed to see the liquid turn blue. This became our very own indicator, helping us detect acids. We tested familiar household items such as lemon juice, toothpaste, vinegar, and baking soda. To our excitement, the indicator changed colour—turning pink or red when acids were present. We discovered that lemon juice and vinegar are acidic, while others were not.

The day was filled with curiosity, discovery, and hands-on learning. We are extremely grateful to the staff at **St John's Catholic School & Sixth Form College** for welcoming us and sharing the wonder of science, inspiring us to think more scientifically.

Year 1's Trip to Beamish

What a fantastic day we've had! It truly was a day of two halves. As part of our history topic, the children learned all about toys from the past. They visited the toy shop, explored historical toys, and took part in a hands-on workshop. The children were full of enthusiasm and curiosity.

The other half of our day was filled with Christmas magic. We visited Father Christmas in his grotto, wandered through the Elf Village (tiptoeing carefully so we didn't disturb the elves!), and soaked up all the festive fun Beamish has to offer.

We travelled around in style on the trams and old-fashioned buses. The conductor even commented on how beautifully behaved the children were , a real credit to St. Anne's!

Thank you Year 1, we've had a truly memorable and action-packed day!





The bell still rings for those who truly believe

Wednesday was filled with joy, laughter and plenty of dancing in EYFS.

Wrapped up cosy in their Christmas pyjamas, the children collected their bells and tickets and hopped aboard the Polar Express for a magical journey around school.

Back in the classroom/nursery, giant tracks guided the Polar Express on adventures to the North Pole, delivering special letters to Santa along the way. The children enjoyed writing their lists and cutting and sticking their wish list items.

In the afternoon, the children gathered cushions and cosy blankets from around the room and snuggled up to watch the film. They enjoyed hot chocolate and a biscuit as a festive treat before heading home.

What a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

Thank you to the kind family who sent us Polar Express cupcakes to enjoy.





Early Years Visit to the Winter Wonderland

A super fun and festive morning spent at **Auckland Youth and Community Centre** enjoying our annual Winter Wonderland.

The children enjoyed a giant snowball fight followed by Christmas crafts, letters to Santa and festive biscuit decorating.

They visited a magical light trail and topped off the morning with a visit from Santa himself. The children sang carols with Santa and chatted with him about their Christmas wishes.

This event is brilliantly organised and always a big hit with our children. The children behaved beautifully and their manners were fabulous and even noted by Santa's elves.

As a staff, we are always immensely proud to take our children out into the local community and represent our wonderful school.

Merry Christmas and a big thank you to Santa and his elves at Auckland Youth and Community Centre.





Christmas has arrived in Nursery!

We have had a fantastic week celebrating, from our fabulous Polar Express day, to our Winter Wonderland trip, this week has been a busy one.

On Wednesday Nursery and Reception enjoyed a Polar Express themed day, wearing PJ's, drinking hot chocolate, watching the film and even going on a train ride through the school!

Thursday was our trip to Winter Wonderland! We had an amazing time, with a huge snowball fight, crafts, and meeting the Jolly man himself!

Throughout the week we have also been making lots of lovely festive crafts, including reindeer food for the Christmas Fayre!

We look forward to another lovely week next week as the year draws to a close!



Year 4 Visit to Sandringham Care Home

Our wonderful Year 4 pupils visited Sandringham Care Home to share the true spirit of Christmas. Before going, we talked about how giving isn't just about presents, it's about offering time, kindness and love to others.

The children sang beautifully and entertained the residents with pride and respect. They were an absolute credit to St Anne's and brought smiles and festive cheer to everyone.

A heartfelt thank you to the amazing staff at Sandringham Care Home for welcoming us so warmly.

Together, we sprinkled a little Christmas magic into the community.



St Annes CE Primary School Reads!



In November 2025, students have read...

314 Books
1,511,039 Words
for 14 minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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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.

Thank you for your continued support





Raffle prize list

Number	Prize	Winning Ticket	Claimed
1	Scentsy gift set	CS 785314 673	
2	Hogwarts Cushion	AD 957880 745	
3	Pamper hamper	CS 785314 536	
4	Dior nail set	CS 485147 805	
5	Star Wars Scentsy	AD 961814 663	
6	Scentsy gift set	CS 485147 811	
7	Harry Potter cushion	CS 785314 677	
8	Pamper set	AD 961814 641	

9	Scentsy gift set	CS 485147 650	CS 485147 592
10	Marvel hamper	CS 485147 538	CS 785314 216
11	Rudolph Scentsy Set	CS 785314 305	CS 485147 563
12	Harry Potter cushion	CS 785314 57	CS 485147 765
13	Jewellery gift set	AD 961814 691	CS 785314 565
14	Pamper hamper	AD 957880 863	CS 785314 185
15	Pamper hamper	AD 961814 631	AD 961814 667
16	Children's treat hamper	CS 785314 520	CS 785314 501
17	Children's treat hamper	CS 785314 665	AD 961814 625
18	Roald Dahl gift set	CS 785314 96	CS 785314 563

19	Candle	CS 485147 365
20	Pottery set	CS 485147 205
21	Stationery hamper	CS 485147 625
22	Puzzle hamper	CS 785314 615
23	Elizabeth Arden set	CS 485147 302
24	Pamper set	CS 485147 597
25	Ringtons set	AD 961814 970
26	Pamper set	AD 957880 720
27	Kids treat set	AD 957880 722
28	Kids treat set	CS 785314 540

39	Auckland Project Voucher	CS 485147 485
40	Hamper	AD 957880 918
41	Hamper	CS 785314 649

Christmas Fayre 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined us this afternoon at our Christmas Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many of you and we hope you love the items the children have made in class.

Congratulations to our raffle winners - please see winning numbers below. To claim your prize, please bring your winning ticket to the Office from Monday.

Congratulations to Henry in Year 4 who won the Poké-mon! It is waiting in class for you.

Thank you to all the staff and children for their hard work in making our Christmas Fayre so special. Special noted thank you to Mrs Davidson and Vicky.

Thank you again for your continued support





THANK YOU

YOUR **POPPY** SUPPORTS THE ARMED FORCES
COMMUNITY PAST AND PRESENT

Thank you for supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised:

£ 237.48

To find out more about how your donation helps,
visit rbl.org.uk





We have lots of activities planned on the lead up to the Christmas break.
Please find below more details:

December

1st Gymnastics Show (children invited by email)

2nd Year 4 Visit to St John's

3rd Year 1 Visit to Beamish & Year 4 Singing Care Home 1-2pm

4th Nursery & Reception Visit to Winter Wonderland

5th Christmas Fayre 1.30pm, School Main Hall

8th Pantomime (EYFS & KS1 am) (KS2 pm)

9th Snow Fest (details coming soon)

10th Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Nursery, Reception & Year 5 visit to St Anne's Church

11th Year 6 Christmas Songs at St Anne's Church 10.00am

12th Year 6 The Big Sing; Rocksteady Concert 2.00pm &

Year 1 & 2 Visit to Winter Wonderland

17th EYFS/KS1 Twinkly Nativity 9.30am & 2.00pm

(tickets available from Office—spare tickets available from 10th)

18th KS2 Carol Service—St Andrew's Church 1.30pm

& EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party (party clothes/non-uniform)

19th Special visit from Santa

& KS2 Christmas Party (party clothes/non-uniform)

School closes for the Christmas Break 3.30pm





Weekly class attendance.....

1 to 5 December 2025

Reception 95.33%

Year 1 **99.67%**

Year 2 94.67%

Year 3 95.52%

Year 4 98.12%

Year 5 97.10%

Year 6 96.84%





Stars of the Week



Nursery

Zac for growing in confidence and lovely singing in Nativity practice

Reception Citizen

All of Reception for representing school with excellent behaviour and wonderful manners

Year 1 Citizen

Whole of Year 1

Year 1 Maths

Ivy

Year 1 English

Chester

Year 2 English

Harry F and Alex H

Year 2 Maths

Annielou

Year 2 Citizen

Logan

Year 2 Values

Oliver

Year 3 Citizen

Eliza

Year 3 Maths

Hannah

Year 3 English

Robin

Year 4 Citizen

Maddy

Year 4 Maths

Niamh

Year 4 English

Oliver



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

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Little Light Lantern Walk

13th December 2025 3.30 - 4pm
Newgate Centre



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22nd November to 21st December 2025

BOOK YOUR VISIT TO SEE SANTA

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st-annes-primary

Book at www.christmasatnewgate.co.uk

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A small illustration of a Christmas tree with a yellow star on top, surrounded by snow and small gifts.

A small illustration of Santa Claus carrying a large sack of gifts, walking through snow.



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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



JOY

4-7 Dec - Christmas Tree Festival
in St Anne's

14 Dec - Nine Lessons and Carols
3pm in St Andrew's

20 Dec - Carols in the Market Place
6pm outside St Anne's

21 Dec - Panto-Nativity
11am in St Anne's

24 Dec - Christingle
4pm in St Andrew's

24 Dec - Midnight Mass
11:15pm in St Andrew's

25 Dec - Christmas Celebration
10am in St Anne's

All welcome to our regular services in St Anne's on
Thursday at 10am and Sunday at 11am
and in St Andrew's on Sunday at 9am



Bishop Auckland Parish
St Andrew's + St Anne's



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School Award

London Olympic Schools Project

Healthy School

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SILVER
AWARD

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Quality Mark
Gold



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



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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WEEK 2

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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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Chartwells Schools					



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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

