

30 January 2026

St Anne's CE Primary & Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



COURAGE - DEFINITION

THE ABILITY TO CONTROL YOUR FEAR IN DANGEROUS OR DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.

On Tuesday 27th January, Year 5 took part in a meaningful and engaging act of worship focused on the theme of courage. The children confidently retold and reflected on a range of powerful stories, including The Selfish Crocodile, David and Goliath, and Daniel in the Lions' Den, demonstrating a clear understanding of bravery, faith, and standing up for what is right. Every single member of Year 5 participated with enthusiasm and confidence, making Mrs Kilbride incredibly proud.

An excellent effort from Year 5 – well done to all!

This week in Year 3

As part of our ongoing musical journey with ukuleles, Year Three have been learning about different rhythms. This is us working as a team and using drumsticks. Mrs Coulls, from Durham Music Service was really impressed with our listening skills.

Well done Year Three!





Year 2 have had a very busy and exciting couple of weeks, filled with lots of hands-on learning and new experiences. The children have shown great enthusiasm across the curriculum and we are very proud of their efforts.

Last Friday marked Year 2's first Swap Shop and it was a huge success! The children brought items in from home to sell and used plastic money to practise buying and selling. This linked perfectly with our current maths learning on money, giving the children a practical opportunity to add amounts and give change. The children loved taking part and we are already looking forward to our next Swap Shop taking place next month.



In P.E, the children have been upskilling with Durham Foundation. Last week, they focussed on throwing and catching, developing their coordination and control. This week, the focus moved on to batting skills, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It has been wonderful to see their teamwork, resilience and growing confidence during these sessions.



In Science, we have been learning about materials. Last week we linked our learning to the story *The Smartest Giant in Town*, exploring the different items of clothing in the story and how they were used in creative ways. This helped the children think carefully about how materials can be useful for different purposes.

We then explored how some solid objects can be changed by different actions such as bending, twisting, stretching and squashing. The children investigated a range of materials, tested their properties and carefully recorded their results in a table, developing their scientific enquiry and observation skills. The children worked very well in small groups showing excellent turn taking and listening skills.



Stars of the week

Nursery	Lilah for being so enthusiastic when reading our book of the week "The Gingerbread Man"			
	Maths	English	Citizen	Values
Reception	Archer	Phoebe	Reuben	
Year 1	Ivy	Matilda	Luca	Harry
Year 2	Bella	Oughton	Louie	Freddie
Year 3	Caelan	Zoey	Beau	Alex
Year 4	Esme	Daisy	Thomas	Ava
Year 5	Jessica	Yvie	Annie	Nuala, Seb, Bohdi, Oscar, Anna, Mack, Esme & Isaac
Year 6	Amelie	Alexis	Thomas	Robyn

Attendance figures this week

Reception	100.00%
Year 1	98.67%
Year 2	96.00%
Year 3	90.69%
Year 4	92.00%
Year 5	99.35%
Year 6	99.29%

Dates for your diary

5 February PCSO visit - Online Safety

11 February Valentine Disco

13 February Valentine Lunch

*17 February Shrove Tuesday
pancakes dessert*

*17 February Year 5 Visit to
Hamsterly Forest*

20 February Tuck Shop

*23 - 27 February half term
holidays*

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.

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

Childcare Provision

Breakfast Club 8.00 - 8.45am (last entry 8.20am)

Monday Multisports (R-6) 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday Jujitsu (1-6) 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday TASC Football (2-6) 3.30-4.30pm

Wraparound

3.30 - 6.00pm (Monday to Thursday)

3.30 - 4.30pm (Friday)