

12 June 2026

St Anne's CE Primary & Nursery School

NEWSLETTER

This week in Year 2

Year 2 had the pleasure of visiting Preston Park Museum this week. We took part in a fabulous mini beast workshop to support our Science topic.

We also had a lovely look around the museum! We did not let the weather deter us, everyone had a fabulous day! Thank you so much to the lovely helpers who came along with us too, it is much appreciated.



This week in Year 3

On Wednesday, Year Three had a fantastic educational visit to Auckland Castle and its grounds. As part of our Geography work on rivers, we studied the River Gaunless, which is a tributary of the River Wear. Jack and Hannah from the River Wear Trust met us and guided us throughout the day.

We impressed Jack by explaining that the Vikings named the river "Gaunless," meaning "useless," because it was too narrow for their longboats to sail along. We also learned that "Auck" is an old English word for an oak tree, so Bishop Auckland literally means "the Bishop's Oakland."

Soon after, we took part in a kick-sample test, where we studied a variety of river wildlife, including mayflies, freshwater shrimps, bullheads, and leeches. We then had a chance to try our own kick sampling, and Anira even caught her very own bullhead fish! After a delicious and satisfying lunch, we were ready to continue our learning journey.

Later, we set off on a treasure hunt along the river. In the warm afternoon sunshine, we spotted evidence of river pollution, including rust from old ironworks linked to our mining heritage, and we discussed sewage overflow. Jack explained that after heavy flooding, items such as tissue paper have sometimes been found in the river.

As we continued our walk, we explored the different plants growing along the riverbank. Some were beautiful and helpful, like the trees, while others, such as Himalayan balsam, are harmful to the environment. Along the way, we discovered the Bishop's Deer House, where we were surprised to find sweets waiting for us!

Best of all, we were allowed to safely play in Coundon Burn, another tributary of the River Wear. We climbed in and enjoyed exploring the water together. Eventually, tired but full of new knowledge, we returned to St Anne's.

It had been a truly great day of learning.



YEAR THREE SPORTS FESTIVALS

Last Tuesday (2/9/26) and this Tuesday have been extremely busy and fun for our Year Three pupils. We have attended a Tennis and Cricket Festivals.

We have developed our walking resilience, sports skills and sportsmanship with some fantastic young leaders. Year Three were brilliantly behaved travelling to and from each venue and were super sportspeople whilst at each festival.

We are so proud of you. Well done.



Stars of the week

Nursery	Billy for trying his best and working hard			
	Maths	English	Citizen	Values
Reception	Robyn	Jude	Archer	Sam
Year 1	Liana	All	Eloise	Indie
Year 2	Louie	Rueben	Matthew	Leo
Year 3	Charlotte	Amelia	All	Alex
Year 4	All	Emily	Lucas	Daisy
Year 5	Theo	Max	Jessica	Lucas S
Year 6	Thomas	Mollie	Kai	Tyler

Attendance figures this week

Reception	99.00%
Year 1	96.90%
Year 2	98.57%
Year 3	96.43%
Year 4	92.00%
Year 5	97.42%
Year 6	98.52%

Dates for your diary

15 June Fire Brigade Assembly
16 June KS2 Frisbee Festival & Girls Football County Finals
17 June PD Day – school closed for children
18 June Bubble Fest 1–3pm
19 June Fathers Day Worships 1.30pm & 2.30pm
22 June Year 6 Rounders
24 June Year 5 St John's & Reception & Year 6 Buddies Beach Trip
25 June Year 1 Hopetown Visit
26 June Author Visit – Lesley Johnson
29 June Year 5 King James
30 June Year 5 Bishop Barrington & Year 4 Durham Cathedral Visit
1 July Sports Day
3 July Rocksteady Concert 2pm
6 July Prayer Space Day
7 July Music Concert
8 July Year 6 King James & Reception Intake Welcome Meeting 4pm
9 July Year 6 King James, St John's, Bishop Barrington transition days
10 July Year 6 King James, St John's, Bishop Barrington transition days
Nursery Graduation (pm) & Reception intake transition morning
13 July Reports to parents
14 July Pirates of the Curry Bean 9.30am & 1.45pm
15 July Pirates of the Curry Bean 1.45pm
16 July Tuck Shop
17 July Year 6 Leavers & Class of 26 lunch
Finish for the Summer 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.

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)