

19 June 2026

St Anne's CE Primary & Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



This week in Year 6

Year 6 spent Thursday morning using skills from Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) to complete a television inspired challenge.

The White Rose Maths group has teamed up with Channel 4 show Taskmaster to provide Year 6 children with some tasks which will put to the test all of the skills they have learned this year.

The first task involved using A4 paper and sticky tape to build the tallest freestanding tower possible. Children experimented with wide bases, folding techniques, cylinders and columns to create the tallest tower.

The hands on approach allowed children to discuss ideas and adopt different approaches working as a team. There were two joint winners who managed to create towers which were both 2.8 metres exactly.

Throughout the rest of the week we returned to the swimming pool to practice life saving skills. Children were taught to "float to live" if they experienced difficulty in open water. The children were also instructed in a safe way to deploy a life ring to help others who may be in difficulty in the water.

This week in Nursery

Last week the children in nursery have been learning all about summer. We read the story "When Summer Comes" and spoke about the changes in the season and how to be safe in the sunshine, although it's not very summery at the moment. The children wanted to make a fruit smoothie as the children described it as "refreshing." The children drew their favourite fruits and then voted which fruits we should have in the smoothie. They then made Mrs Hart a shopping list, reminding her not to forget! We had lots of fun and as you can see, it went down a treat!

The children have enjoyed exploring the outdoors making 'summer potions' in the water area and rolling the painted cars down a ramp to making marks!

On Thursday, the children had a special treat with Pirate Rob taking part in a bubble festival!





Stars of the week

| | Maths | English | Citizen | Values |
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| Year 1 | Evie | Matilda | Harry | Everyone |
| Year 2 | George | Cecily | Bellamy | Logan |
| Year 3 | Vinnie | Maneli | Isaac | Lennox |
| Year 4 | Lottie | Arabella | Ben | Rueben |
| Year 5 | Annie | Ethan | Zach | Isaac |

Attendance figures this week

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| Reception | 97.50% |
| Year 1 | 92.24% |
| Year 2 | 99.17% |
| Year 3 | 95.54% |
| Year 4 | 95.71% |
| Year 5 | 94.76% |
| Year 6 | 93.98% |

Dates for your diary

22 June Year 6 Rounders
24 June Year 5 St John's & Reception & Year 6 Buddies Beach Trip
25 June Year 1 Hoptown 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 Durham Brass & 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)*