

St Anne's C of E (A) Primary News



"Developing the whole child, spiritually, mentally and physically in a caring Christian Environment through close links to the Church and Community"

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

KS2 has been slightly quieter this week, as Class 5 spent 3 days on residential in Hathersage. They certainly returned with smiles on their faces. My thanks extend to Mrs Camish, Miss Howarth and Mrs Smith for accompanying the trip.

A word about 'parent chat platforms'.....we recognise that we live in a digital age and parent platforms can be helpful and supportive when we are all so busy. However, if there is an individual issue that relates to your child, please use school communication channels. In the first instance, this would be the class teacher, followed by a member of the leadership team and then the headteacher. Please use the main office number to leave a message for a teacher and they will ring back when not in the classroom or use the class email as a point of contact

Parking

We know we have a large proportion of children who travel to school by car and parking can be tricky! Once again, we are asking that you do not park on the 'yellow zigzag' lines on Devonshire Street or block resident driveways – this can create a dangerous situation for our children.

The Church own the car park and it is at the committee's discretion and in the spirit of the 'St Anne's community' that St Anne's parents can use this at drop off and pick up. Please park in the designated bays only.

Your local library

The local library offer first language and dual language books too. Extensive EAL (English as an Additional Language) research shows that children who are proficient in reading in their first language, make accelerated progress in EAL. Take a look – visit your local library and register.

The Big Ambition – Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision- makers to make

sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

https://youtu.be/WKxrjYeSg_w - More information

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

Encouraging new families to join St Anne's School.

Do you know a family with a child who is due to start school in September 2024? Please encourage them to come and have a visit. We would love to show them around. Applications to the Local Authority close on the **15th January 2024.**

After School Club

Activities 27/11/23 Theme: Reaching home/Journeys

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pictures of Journeys we've been on	Making trumpets	Art activities	Physical activities	Make an advent calendar

As well as board games, craft, time to read with an adult and to be with friends!

Cookery club

This week, Year 4 made pitta pizza. They had to choose and prepare their toppings before baking their pizza. The smell was delicious.



Sporting news:

Last Friday, 12 children competed in an orienteering event. St Anne's finished 11/15 with the quickest pair being Harper and Anya coming 38/86 pairs – well done to all.

Jingle Jog - On Thursday Y3 enjoyed their Bassetlaw School Games Jingle Jog at Sherwood Pines.



FOSAS

Thank you for your donations so far.....just **ONE** week to go before the FOSAS fair on Thursday 30th November at 2.30pm in the School Hall. There will be an opportunity to meet the special 'visitor' who is taking time out of his Christmas preparations to come to our fair. There is a super hamper raffle with some gorgeous Christmas treats too!

All donations for the tombola, bottle stall, toys, cuddly toys, books and items for the raffle would be appreciated and need to be in school by end of school on Wednesday please.

Notts Help Yourself

Notts Help Yourself is a website for families and organisations across Nottinghamshire – it's a "one stop shop" for information, advice and guidance on a wide range of issues such as childcare, parenting, child development, relationships advice, health and wellbeing and cost of living support.

Notts Help Yourself is maintained by the Families Information Service within Nottinghamshire County Council (see [Families information service | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)), so is a trusted source of local information for families – being more reliable than using Google, as the information is checked and updated by subject authors. Take a look at the accompanying leaflet.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Reception have been thinking about 'people who help us', building on from their visit from Worksop Fire Brigade last Friday. The children know that in an emergency they can ring 999 to ask for help from the Police, the Fire Brigade, the Ambulance Service or the RNLI. In Maths, the children have been recognising numbers in the environment and knowing that they can recognise the numbers 1-5 without counting.

Class One

Year 1 have had a busy week! They have enjoyed learning about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita in RE. They made their own Diya lamps, drew Mendi patterns and tried on some traditional clothes.

They also received a visit from the local Fire Brigade, who spoke to them all about the Great Fire of London and what we would do if there was a fire today. The children then had a look around the fire engine and even got to have a go with the hose!



Class Two

This week Year 2 have enjoyed learning how to sew. They have tried both over stitch and running stitch. They are aiming to use their new skills to sew two pieces of fabric together in order to make their own puppets!

Class Three

This week, Year 3 have been continuing their Science learning about humans. They learnt all about how the 'bicep' muscle contracts when they flex it. The children made their own 'muscle model', using cardboard and elastic bands to show how their bicep and tricep muscles move. On Thursday afternoon they all got into the Christmas spirit, taking part in the Jingle Jog. They had a fabulous afternoon!

Class Four

In Year 4, the children have been busy designing their own 'Winter' decoration in Design and Technology before creating their template and beginning their sewing work. In PE they have continued their learning in tag rugby perfecting their backwards pass on the move and in a mini game. In English, they have been writing their 'diary entry' based on the book 'Where the poppies now grow'. The children had to write their diary from the perspective of either Ben or Ray, describing their experiences on the battlefield. There were some fantastic pieces of writing produced.

Class Five

The children have had an incredible time on their residential to Hathersage with so many new experiences and skills, this trip will be talked about for a long, long time. As class teacher, I am in a privileged position to be able to join the children in making incredible memories and I couldn't be prouder of them for the maturity and independence they have shown whilst being away from home.

They began the residential on Monday with a stream study where they donned wellington boots and waterproofs in order to wade through the stream and catch critters in their nets. They had to work in small teams to build a small raft from sticks and twine foraged from the natural surroundings and then raced these rafts down the stream. They then ended the day roasting marshmallows on the campfire.

Day two began with a hearty cooked breakfast to fill up their tummies for the big walk. First was a train ride to Grindleford and then a climb up Padley Gorge. The walk included activities such as a visit to Padley Chapel learning the history of Henry VIII, a treasure hunt for Haribo, stunning view points and shelter building. In the evening, the children captivated their audience with singing, dancing, skipping, jokes and much more in their very own Talent Show.

On the final day, the children completed the first part of their fieldwork project and explored the land use, traffic and housing in Hathersage. This was then followed by a play on the park and lunch before returning home. It has been such an adventure for all the children, they have been an asset to St Anne's and the memories made will be remembered forever.

We missed Billy and Aylin who weren't able to join us however, they have thoroughly enjoyed being in Class 6 and Miss McDonald has been delighted with their positive attitudes to work. The class are now pleased to have them back with us since returning to school - Mrs Camish.





Lots more photos on the class page!

Class Six

Year 6 have worked very hard this week to plan stories based on 'The Rain Player' and role play different parts of the story. They have also been looking at abstract art by artist Dan Fenelon in order to inspire our own art work. The children are also researching web pages in order to design and make their own. During Science they have set up an investigation in order to grow their own microorganisms. We have also said a farewell to James and wish him all the best on his new adventure.



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Rebecca & Jack F

Class One – Out on a trip this week!

Class Two – Drew & Edan

Class Three – Reggie

Class Four – Sophie

Class Five – To all those on the residential!

Class Six – James C & Amelia T

Lunch time Stars:

Rebecca (R) - eating all of her lunch.

Lilly (R) – beautiful manners.

Max (6) - being a great peacemaker.

Out of School Achievements:

In School Gymnastic Awards

Core Skills 2

Casper, Sam A, Fynn - all from Class 3.

Apparatus 2

Casper, Emily, Harri, Flynn, Sam - all from Class 3.

Nicole (4) achieving her Stage 8 and 200m.

Harriet R (3) 4th in backstroke at her recent swimming gala.

Lucas (1) Level 1 swimming.

Man of the Match Football Awards to:

Max (6), Jacob (4) & Ollie-Tom (4) for their respective teams with Jacob taking on the Captain role for his next match.

Good luck to Poppy (5), Violet (5) and Harri (3) that are off to Blackpool for their dance competition this weekend.

Church Services

Sunday 26th November

9am Christ the King Holy Communion with Lianne & Rev Dave
10.15ish StA@10 Service for All Ages with Claire
StA@6pm Worship word and prayer led by Youth group

Wednesday 29th November

3.20pm St Anne's Connect - Family Worship in the school hall with food, games and a time to worship together (Suggested donation to cover costs of £1-£2 per family)

Thursday 30th November

3.20pm Connect Kidz - fully booked for this half term
5.00pm St Anne's Kidz - Children's Club for Y4-Y6 in St Anne's Church. Games, crafts, worship and lots of fun. All welcome.
6.00pm St Anne's Youth Choir - from Y6 upwards at St Anne's Church.

Friday 1st December

3.00pm -5.00pm St Anne's Drop In - in the church hall for Y5 upwards. Crafts, games, tuck and video games. A time to chill out after school at the end of the week. All welcome.

26th November 10.30am-1pm – St Anne's Church Christmas Fair in the Church Hall.

9th December 4pm – Doug Horley Christmas Bubble Party- tickets available through Facebook and Eventbrite.

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	95.1%
1	96.5%
2	96%
3	96.7%
4	97%
5	99.1
6	95.4%
ALL	96.5%

Prayers for the week from Frances and Thea in Class 6

Dear Lord, Thank you for letting us worship you, your mighty Grace. Thank you for all of our lives, our homes and our hearts. We pray to you as a thank you and pray for forgiveness of our sins. Amen

Dear Lord, Thank you for letting everyone worship you even when they have committed sins. Please let us forgive each other now and forever. Amen.

And finally, we wish the 'Cundy' family well as they begin a new chapter in New Zealand. We can't wait to see hear all about it now we have instant penfriends!

Don't forget it's St Anne's Church Fair tomorrow at 10.30am.

With my best wishes,

Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team

Diary Dates

INSET DAYS 2023- 24

4th September 2023
20th October 2023
9th February 2024
25th July 2024
26th July 2024

Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

KS2 SATS – 13th May -all week – Year 6
Class 1 Phonics - 10th June week – Year 1
Statutory Multiplication Check -3rd to 14th
June – Year 4
Please ensure your children are in school during these times.

Looking ahead:

November

24th – Year 1 trip – Emergency Services Museum
26th - St Anne's Church Christmas Fair 10.30am-1pm
30th - FOSAS & School Christmas Fair in the school hall 2.30pm

December

4th – G/T trampolining – Retford Oaks
6th - Class 3 Assembly 2.45pm ***** CHANGE OF DATE*****
7th – Reception & Y6 National Height & Weight Measure
8th – FOSAS Christmas Disco
9th – Church Christmas Bubble Party
12th - Reception Nativity 9.30am - School Hall
Year 1/2 Nativity 2pm - Church Hall
13th -Year 1/2 Nativity 9.30am - Church Hall
Reception Nativity 2pm - School Hall
9th – Portland Family of Schools Choir concert - choir singing
20th -Christmas Dinner day
1pm Panto
22nd - End of term Service 2pm