

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 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many parents and family members into school /church this week for our nativities and choir concerts. Both the Reception children and KS1 children had worked so hard learning their lines and their singing was beautiful. Well done to them all! My thanks extend to the staff involved in the performances this year. Happy memories have been made!

The choir performed with Ryton Chorale on Monday night and again on Tuesday night with Outwood Academy Portland and three other local primary schools. It was a joy to have St Anne's Church full to the brim with an array of Christmas music.



Further Nativity photos are on the class pages and tapestry.

Santa Dash

On Friday last week, classes 3, 4 and 5 joined together to participate in the Santa Dash. They enjoyed the Christmas music and looked excellent in their Christmas accessories.



KS2 Instrumentalists

KS2 children taught by Mrs Hammond had the opportunity to perform their Autumn term pieces to the KS2 classes. There were a variety of woodwind, brass and keyboard performances. They all did extremely well. It certainly has been a term of musical opportunity with recorders in Year 3, ukulele in Year 4 and drumming across the school.



A Christmas Carol – Whole School Pantomime

There was such hilarity in the school hall on Thursday afternoon as we welcomed Hobgoblin Theatre in to perform. A quality performance was enjoyed by all!



End of Term Service – Wednesday 21st at 2pm

This year Rev Dave will be leading a whole school Christingle as part of our end of term service. An opportunity for us to come together to sing carols and hear the Christmas story. Please join us if you can.

Party Day

The classes will enjoy their Christmas parties on Tuesday , which is also Christmas Dinner Day. Individual class teachers will communicate directly with you around any class specifics. Children can come to school in their party clothes/Christmas jumpers – but please don't send them in 'new outfits' as they will be going out to play outside as usual – there is no need to go to the expense of buying new jumpers.

Reverse Advent Calendars

Thank you for your donations. We will be combining all contributions with those from Church and will be taking them down to Bassetlaw Foodbank in the coming days – please remember to pop into the office as we do have some bags that could go straight to our families.

Spread the word – Applying for a Reception School Place September 2023

Please help spread the word to those families who you may know who have a child due to start school next September. The January closing date is fast approaching.

Wraparound Care

As we review our provision and 'parental need' – please take the time to complete our after-school survey as we look to the viability of reintroducing 'after school provision' – all information collated will help us to formulate a business plan. Many thanks.

News from Around the Classes

Class Reception

This week, Class Reception have been busy performing their Nativity 'Shine Star Shine'. All of the children made Miss Robinson and Mrs McKinnell extremely proud and they were able to share some of the lovely comments they received with the children. The children have been thinking carefully about the people in the Christmas Story and discussing their roles in the Nativity.

Class 1

This week, Class 1 have used all their knowledge on materials to build their own boats that float for one minute and carry four animals. Some were a success, and some needed adapting, however a lot of fun was had and they are now material experts!

Class 2

This week the children have completed their Christmas cards using a water colour wash as an extension of their unit of learning in Art where they were first introduced to the technique.

Class 3

It has been a very creative week in Class 3 this week. The children have been busy applying their learning about colour mixing and shades and tones to create the most impressive cards and calendars. We will not say too much as we do not want to spoil the surprise as they are handed over to their parents but we are confident that you will be enormously impressed with what all of the children have produced this year. What a creative group of children they are! Well done Class 3, we can't wait to see what you produce next term!

Class 4

It's been another busy week in Class 4. On Monday and Tuesday, the children applied the knowledge they have learnt over the past term in Maths to help them to solve some Christmas jokes, the children needed to correctly answer the addition and subtraction problems which then gave them the letters needed to spell out the answer to the joke. During the afternoons, they have been carefully crafting their Christmas cards and calendars working hard on our painting and sewing skills. In PE, they enjoyed the Christmas themed orienteering lesson where the children needed to carefully follow the map to find the answers to the questions. They also finished off the last parts of their Christmas decorations. They all look very impressive!



Class 5

This week Class 5 have been exploring speech in English based on the class book 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. They have been looking at how to punctuate speech and apply this to their own writing. A big part of the week was practising for the Christmas service, some of the children have had lines to learn and are trying to add expression. They have also been completing their Science topic of 'Properties of materials'; the children have been comparing results from experiments and finding out about reversible/irreversible changes. Mr Flockhart says that they are all feeling festive in Class 5 and looking forward to some Christmas celebrations before finishing for the holidays.

Class 6

A cold Monday morning woke Class 6 up with the 'Santa Dash' followed by writing a newspaper report about the event. This week, the children have also enjoyed listening to a shortened version of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens and thinking about persuasive vocabulary ready to write a letter to Scrooge persuading him to change his behaviour. Christmas activities are well under way with watching nativities, pantomimes and making Christmas cards and calendars.



Church Services for Sunday

Sunday 18th December St Anne's Church

StA@9 Common Worship Holy Communion
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 24th December

4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Celebration

	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	86.1%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	93.0%
Year 4	86.1%
Year 5	84.7%
Year 6	90.7%
Whole School	89.4%

We will issue fixed penalty notices in line with NCC for periods of unauthorised absence that meet the criteria in the coming weeks based on the **last 6-week period**. Please be reminded that 'a leave of absence form' needs to be completed in advance.

If your child is absent we ask that you inform us on a **daily basis** please in line with safeguarding your child.

Week commencing 19/12/22

Monday –Sausage roll/Christmas Star
Tuesday – Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings/ Christmas ice cream & Chocolate & Vanilla Ice-Cream
Wednesday – Cheesy Pasta/Garlic Bread & Chocolate Muffin

Brand Savvy

We have been advised of the following: School wear services will be taken over by Logo Leisurewear – 0114 2511171, the school shops hosted on the Brand Savvy website will be redirected to the new company from 27th December.

ParentPay.com

We now have 100% activated accounts – a huge thank you as it is enabling office systems to continue to be streamlined as well as helping the environment!!!

Prayers for the Week

From Hollie and Logan in Class 6

Dear God,

During this time of Advent, help us to remember the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem, help us to be thankful for the birth of Jesus. Amen

Dear God,

During this time of Advent, help us to remember the birth of Jesus and help us to be strong on the journeys we are going to take. Amen

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Teddy & Iris

Class One – Daisy & Liliana

Class Two – Harriet R

Class Three – Harriet B

Class Four – Rosie & Poppy

Class Five – Tom & Jude

Class Six – Milly

Well done to our 'out of school achievers' this week:

Grace (1) for her Rainbow Awards.

George (2) Liam (3) and Adam (3) for the array of football trophies and medals they shared with us – some great striker skill and goal keeping expertise!

Shreya – continues to do well in Badminton, coming runner up for both the U13 Singles and Doubles tournament held in Hull last week.

Special mention to all of the Year 6 Bikeability achievers and to the Year 3 children who achieved their gym certificates.

Important Dates

December

19th FOSAS Christmas Disco KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm
KS2 6.45pm – 8pm

20th Christmas Dinner & Party Day

21st 2pm End of term service in Church

January

4th Return to school

5th Young Voices Sheffield Arena

9th Potential date for FOSAS AGM 7pm

Reception – Forest School

16th Reception – Forest School

23rd Reception – Forest School

30th National Story Telling Week

Reception – Forest School

February

3rd FOSAS School Disco KS1 5.30-6.30
KS2 6.45 – 8.00

7th Parents Evening

8th Parents Evening

9th Class 3 Assembly

10th Break up for half term

INSET DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR: 20th February 2023, 24th & 25th July 2023

Nottinghamshire School Holiday Dates can all be found on the Notts County Council Website & our School Website for this academic year and next. Please take a look when planning any family holidays.

ADVANCE NOTICE FAMILY APRIL LUNCH

In April Mrs Dunicliff would like to invite one family member to join their child for lunch – menus will be released nearer the time.

19th Reception

20th class 1

21st class 2

25th class 3

26th class 4

27th class 5

28th class 6.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS

Year 1 – Phonics screening – w/c 12th June

Year 2- SATS – Throughout all of May

Year 4 – Statutory Multiplication Test – From 5th June onwards (3-week window)

Year 6 - An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)