

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 15th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

With Christmas fast approaching it has felt very festive with four performances from Reception and Keystage 1.

The FOSAS hamper raffle tickets have been selling well and as you know all monies raised go to support activities for the children in school. The draw will take place on Tuesday.



Looking ahead to the final Christmas week.....

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day will take place on Wednesday 20th December. Children are able to wear their Christmas jumpers (home-made or shop bought) to school on this day and I'm happy for them to wear them on Thursday 21st for their party afternoon.

Tuesday 18th December – the school choir will be performing at the Outwood Academy Family of Schools Christmas Concert held at St Anne's Church starting at 6.30pm. It's free to attend – all welcome.

After School Club

Activities w/c 18th December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Decorating biscuits - games	Drama/Nativity	CONNECT	Fruit kebabs - games

FOSAS

Thank you to all of those who attended the discos last week. My thanks extend to all of the FOSAS volunteers for all that they do for the school, it is very much appreciated.

Have you seen this?

This is an initiative from Lego.

[#BuildToGive](#)

"What comes around every year, helps heaps of children and is possibly our favorite thing ever? Yep, it's Build To Give. This year, we're on a mission to bring the superpower of play to children who need it most. Are you in? Grab your bricks, we're building hearts!"

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/build-to-give>

Staffing News

At the end of next week we will say goodbye to Mrs Knowles one of our Teaching Assistant team who has been with us 15 years. Now her son has moved to secondary school, Mrs Knowles is off to explore pastures new with the NHS. Mrs Knowles has been a much valued colleague over the years and has done great work with our School Council. We will miss her very much and thank her for her kindness and valuable contribution to the school over the years.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception have been busy performing their 'Baarmy Bethlehem' Nativity for the whole school and the Reception families. All of the children made us extremely proud with their wonderful speaking, singing and dancing. The children loved hearing what their families thought. Here a few of the comments the children received:

'The singing and dancing was brilliant'.

'A lovely show to get us in to the Christmas spirit'.

'Class Reception you all did amazing and brought smiles to our faces, well done'.

Linked to the Nativity the children have been thinking carefully about the people in the Nativity story and have been discussing their roles.



(Some other superstars also contributed but we don't have permission to share their image but we know who they are – don't forget Reception parents, there are more photos on Tapestry).

Class One

Year 1 were happy to finally perform their Nativity with Year 2 to their parents and carers. They worked very hard, and pulled off some great dances along with some beautiful singing.

Also this week, Year 1 have completed fact files about London. They spent time researching and planning their fact files before completing a fantastic final piece.

Today we say goodbye to Miss El Khatib as she completes her teaching placement. We thank her for all she has contributed and wish her well in her future teaching career.

Class Two

Wow, what a performance! Year 2 (along with the help of Year 1) performed their fabulous nativity, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' this week. They worked hard to remember

their lines to ensure that there was not a script in sight. Well done to you all, the entire staff team are incredibly proud of you.

Class Three

This week Year 3 have been pulling together all of their knowledge and learning about the 'Stone Age' to write some non-chronological reports. The children have used their learning in history lessons and carried out research in lessons to compile a first draft before editing and using skills they have been using in computing to publish their work. In Science, they have been planning and completing their science investigation to discover if the length of someone's legs affects how fast they can run or how far they can jump.

Class Four

In English this week, Year 4 have used the advert 'Mog's Christmas Calamity' to write their own story. They thought carefully about the main events and used expanded noun phrases to develop detail. In PE Year 4 have been applying their knowledge and skills of tag rugby to mini games. It has been excellent to see their knowledge develop.

Class Five

Another busy week in Year 5 and with some Christmas activities underway, they are really beginning to feel festive!

In Maths, they have been learning to covert improper fractions into mixed numbers and in Science they have been testing electrical conductivity. In RE, the children worked in small groups to compare and contrast how three different religions pray and in PE they began to think as leaders in preparation for leading their own activities next week.

Class Six

Year 6 are tackling their measurement unit in Maths to end the half term. In English they have been working on the narrative independent writes, trying really hard to focus on their Stage 6 Skills. They have also been getting crafty with their card making and calendar making as well as using all the cardboard for their masks in Art. They have completed their science unit on 'Living things and their Habitats.'

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Oscar L & Lily

Class One – Teddy

Class Two – Dana & Daisy B

Class Three – Rosanna & Cassie

Class Four – Layla

Class Five – Dayna

Class Six – Anya

Lunch time Stars:

Rebecca (R) for being a great friend and to Class 5 for a fabulous week

Out of School Achievements:

Dana (2) - 800m swimming

Emily (3) and Annie (3) - UK Parliament Week Guiding Badges

Well done everyone.

Church Services

Sunday 17th December

10.30am – Outside Carols and Nativity – a short service particularly for families with younger children. Hot chocolate and sweet treat to be served.

6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight Service

Wednesday 20th December

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 21st December

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.

**** 15th January **** Deadline for applications for Reception 2024. We still have spaces, spread the word and encourage those you know to apply.

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	94.4%
1	88.5%
2	99.2%
3	96.0%
4	90.0%
5	97.6%
6	88.5%
ALL	93.3%

Other News

Last week, we heard of the sad passing of Mark Binney. Mark was both a former governor and former Chair of FOSAS who fully involved himself in the life of the school during his tenure. He was a great supporter and our prayers are with his wife Mandy and children Lauren, Tasha and Joshua all of which came to St Anne's.

Prayer for the week from Harry A (6)

Dear Lord

Remind us to be mindful of how we get together at Christmas – help us to focus on each other and not the presents. Amen.

And Finally....

As the year draws to a close, please can I remind parents that we work together in partnership and as such we ask that all involved are addressed in a respectful and courteous manner.

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:

December

19th – Portland Family of Schools Choir concert - KS2 choir singing - 6.30pm in Church (Choir children to arrive for 6pm in uniform)
20th - Christmas Dinner day
1pm Panto
22nd - End of term Service 2pm

January

4th – Children return to school
8th – Reception Forest School – Session 1
15th – Reception Forest School – Session 2
16th – Year 4 to Voces 8 workshop – Worksop College
16th – Rev Ken Johnson leading Hinduism Workshop – Y5
22nd – Reception Forest Schools – Session 3
29th – Reception Forest Schools – Session 4

February

1st – Class 2 'Class Assembly' – 2.45pm
6th – Safer Internet Day
Parents Evening
7th – Parents Evening
9th – Inset Day
19th – Return to school
20th – Choir to Young Voices
23rd – Swimming Gala
26th – Govs Admissions Committee

March

7th – World Book day
14th – Class 1 Class Assembly
18th – Yr. 6 Parents SATS Information Evening 5pm
28th – End of term service 2pm