

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"

10th May 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

The sunshine really does bring a different dimension to school life, and it makes a change to all the rain we have had over the last few weeks. A short week this week, but one in which the children have continued to engage in their learning.

We are approaching a week of statutory testing in Year 6, and all we can ask of the children is that they try their best. It is an opportunity for them to demonstrate all of the knowledge that they have gained throughout their primary schooling. It is normal to feel anxious, and nervousness is a natural reaction to exams. Whilst it is a statutory requirement, we all know that each child is unique with many other strengths, talents and qualities that cannot always be measured by a test.it is important that they hear this message too. They will have things to look forward to in the final stage of the summer term before they all move on to their different secondary schools. This year, we have children moving to Outwood Portland, Outwood Valley, Retford Oaks, Worksop College and Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

Plans are in place for other year groups, and we will welcome our new starter children for their visits after the half-term break. Please keep a close eye on the diary dates as it does tend to get busy over the summer weeks. If you are booking holidays for next year, please ensure you look at the NCC holiday patterns. If your child is in the current Year 5 class, their statutory testing week will be from **Monday 12th May 2025**, so please avoid any planned absence.

Now is the time for the children to reflect on their learning, to look back at the first pages of their books from September, and compare it with where they are now. As always, please encourage your child to talk about their learning, the more they practice the more they will remember.

This Wednesday, we had a visit from Imagination Gaming. The children were put through their paces when they had to explore a variety of mind-bending puzzles, brain busting board games and taxing brain teasers. The day began with games at breakfast club and then sessions with Year 4 and Year 5.

It didn't stop there because the children also had a chance to sample the activities after school as well, where children from Years 1-6 had lots of fun with maths.

The club will be running next term as an afterschool club so if your child is interested, keep your eyes peeled as more information will be coming soon.

After School Club

Activities w/c: 13 May 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bible theme: Jonah and the fish Decorate a fish / fish races	Smoothy Making	Connect	Fitness Fun	Bible theme: Joseph and His coat. Colouring and mixing colours

FOSAS

FOSAS (Parent Association) will be meeting on **Monday 10th June at the Shireoaks Inn on Westgate**. They are always on the lookout for new members and volunteers to help support the fundraising events for the school. The school does rely on FOSAS to help support transport for school trips (which is growing ever more costly) and subsidise other activities and events that the children take part in – forest school, remarkable reader prizes.

School Disco for KS2 – Friday 19th July

School Summer Fair – Thursday 4th July – as always, donations welcomed and any support in running the stalls would be amazing!

Talent Show – This is always a fabulous night when all ages come to celebrate all the different talents of the children. Whether they sing, dance, share kick ups, tell jokes – whatever it is, the children will be able to audition after the half term break. The Talent Show will be on the 28th June. Forms for entry will be available soon.

Staffing News

We have some new faces in school, but you may not always see them as they are here bright and early cleaning the building. Mrs Needham is our caretaker in the mornings, with Miss Gilfillan supporting the cleaning along with Mrs Taylor who has many roles in school!

Sporting news

On Tuesday the boys football team played in the quarter finals of the School Football Cup. They played well and worked hard as a team finishing with a 1-1 draw after a fantastic goal from Tom (6). As this was a Cup game, we then went to penalties unfortunately losing 3-1. Whilst disappointed, the team must be congratulated on their team spirit and the way in which they played.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception have been reading the story 'Six Dinner Sid'. They have been thinking about all of the different things they can do to stay healthy. They have been investigating different food groups and know that we should eat more of some types of food than others. In Maths, they have been learning how to subtract, and know that we have less than what we started with when we take away.

Class One

This week, Class 1 have been learning about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores in science. They researched different animals to find out what they ate and which dietary group they belonged to. They played in teams to answer quiz questions about diets of animals and added each animal to a venn diagram.

Class Two

In art, the children have begun to study the Australian artist, Pete Cromer. He is a contemporary artist who uses bright colours to emphasize the positive attributes of Australian animals. He creates collages, sculptures and pictures. In class, the children have enjoyed creating enormous emu collages together in their groups.



Class Three

This week, Class 3 have continued their learning about Europe in their geography lessons, using atlases to locate the countries on a map and then learning about the flags, currency and language of some of the countries too. In art, the children have been continuing their work using 'Alice Kettle and Hokusai's Great Wave' as their inspiration for the cloth and thread inspired pieces. They will be looking for parent help with sewing soon! If anyone is interested in helping, please let Mrs Smith or Mrs Wilkinson know.

Class Four

Year 4 have had an exciting week this week with a problem-solving workshop provided by Imagination Gaming. Children were first shown a series of cards, with which they had to solve the puzzles. Some of these puzzles were particularly tricky but it was fantastic to see the children using a growth mindset and persevering to overcome the challenge.

In PE Year 4 have been developing their forehand and backhand shot in tennis, ensuring that they were using the correct grip on the racket and positioning their body correctly for each shot.

In art this week, Year 4 have been developing their observational drawings using a range of mediums. They needed to carefully observe their object before replicating it with their chosen material.



Class Five

Although only a four-day week, it has been action packed and full of excitement. The children in Class 5 have finally finished their Egyptian Sarcophagi and Mrs Camish says they look fabulous! We have some on display in the main entrance.

On Wednesday, the class were treated to a visit from Imagination Gaming - an experience where the children got to play a range of board games, puzzles and really test their maths' minds. It was great to see the buzz of excitement and as a class teacher watching them interact. Mrs Camish was so proud of how well they interacted and worked in small teams.

They have also researched Ancient Athens, considering life as a Greek civilian. They were amazed to find out how different life was and back then and got them appreciating their living conditions as children in 2024.

In PE, they enjoyed another session of rounders, and have learnt the trickier rules involving hitting backwards and running out another batter.

Another great week from year 5. Well done everyone!



Class Six

Class 6 have been using their geography skills this week to find out about States in North America. They have begun to research Texas as they will be finding out all about the desert biome, as it links with the setting from their focus text 'Holes'. They have

been on scavenger hunts this week to find clues and work out SATs answers relating to both maths and SPAG. They have worked amazingly in teams to support each other. They have had chance to share their thoughts and feelings about next week, and they all seem positive and ready for the challenge.

Miss McDonald and the full staff team want to wish them the best of luck and to share with them how proud we are for their hard work. Good luck year 6... You've got this!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class Reception – George & Felicity

Class One – Flynn & Colin

Class Two – Daisy B & Constance

Class Three – Oscar

Class Four – Veda

Class Five – Violet

Class Six – Tom

Lunch time Stars: All of Class Reception for their manners and trying new foods.

Out of School Achievements:

Laurel (2) achieved her Level 6 – Swimming award.

Rowan (R) was awarded star of the week in gymnastics at her club.

Noah (R) achieved his little splasher level 3 and his 50m.

Dominic (6) achieved his Gold Amateur Lifeguard Award.

Exciting news for Casper (3) as he signed for Rotherham United Academy



Gymnastic Awards

Apparatus 1

Kuba, Harper in Class 6 and Constance and Mia in Year 2.

Apparatus 2

Harriet B, Alice, Veda in Year 4 and Ethan and Jude in Year 6.

Apparatus 3

Harriet R, Kyla

Well done everyone.

Church Services

Sunday 12th May

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish Service for All Ages

StA@6pm Worship, word and prayer

Wednesday 8th May

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)

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	100%
1	98.5%
2	96.1%
3	95.4%
4	95.2%
5	98.2%
6	99.5%
ALL	97.5%

A great week for attendance!

Prayer for the week

Dear God,

We ask for your love and support for all our children but especially our Year 6 for the week ahead. Amen.

And finally...

If the warm weather is here to say, please ensure your child wears sun cream and has a sunhat for when outside.

With my best wishes

Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team

Diary Dates

INSET DAYS 2023- 24

25th July 2024

26th July 2024

Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

KS2 SATS – 13th May -all week – Year 6

Class 1 Phonics – 10th June week –

Statutory Multiplication Check -3rd to 14th June – Year 4

Please ensure your children are in school during these times.

Looking ahead		
	13	SATS for Year 6 all week
	20	School Swimming Gala Final
	21	Parent Forum 2.30pm
	22	Big Talk – all classes – RSHE – parent information session
	23	CLASS PHOTOS Class 4 Assembly at 2.45pm
	27-31	Half term
June	10	Statutory Phonics Testing Year 1 all week
	17	Governors – Admissions Committee
	19	Governors – Pupils & Strategic Development Committee Big Transition for named Y6
	20	Big Transition for named Y6 Time Travelling – Southwell
	24	Reception – Forest School session
	25	Provisional date for Sports Day
	26	Governors – Finance & Personnel Committee
	27	Governors – Full Governors Meeting
	28	FOSAS Talent Show
July	3	Year 6 transition
	4	Year 6 transition Reception Class Assembly – 2.45pm NOW the ** 2/07/24** FOSAS Summer Fair
	10	Year 6 Stepping Up trip to Southwell Minster
	12	Barclays School Roadshow – open to parents after school
	16	Level 3 Bikeability – children will be informed who has passed to take part
	18	Open Afternoon 2pm
	24	Leaver's Service 2pm Last Day of term

Year 6 trip and the Year 5/6 Production dates will be communicated shortly.