



# St Anne's Newsletter 07.06.24

This week our overall attendance was **91.33%**. Thank you for continuing to work with school. Please continue to make every effort to ensure your child gets to school **every day** and **on time**. Our new trust attendance policy is now in place, and we are following the relevant stages. If you receive any correspondence about attendance, please continue to work with us to help achieve our target of 97%. Well done to Year 1 for achieving over 97% attendance this week!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5/6
Attendance	90%	97.14%	95.45%	87.14%	90.53%	88.57%

## TORCH RELAY DAY AND SPORTS DAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

Communication has been sent out to parents and carers regarding Torch Relay Day and Sports Day which will be taking place at Cleveland Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> June. All children will be at Cleveland Hall all day to take part in the Gateshead Olympic Torch Relay followed by our Sports Day on the afternoon. Please familiarise yourself with this letter which includes all details for the day.



## INFORMATION

### Pre booking school meals

Just a reminder that school meals should be pre booked in advance on ParentPay. This saves valuable time in class on a morning and allows children to get straight into learning on a morning. Please [Click here](#) for a guide on how to select meal choices.

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

#### Zenith in Year 6

For supporting others, challenging himself and engaging in all activities.



### SPONSORED WALK

Reminder that on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024, all children will be participating in a sponsored walk at Saltwell Park.

Your child will require to bring their own packed lunch if you have not already requested one from school.



### STARS OF THE WEEK



#### Reception – Samantha

For making her own book and drawing the snail and the whale story pictures.

#### Year 1 – Klara

For working extremely hard in her writing.

#### Year 2 – Evie

For always making excellent choices and being ready to learn.

#### Year 3 – Zoe

For making fantastic progress in Maths and English.

#### Year 4 – Esme

For her outstanding attitude to the new topic of 'volcanoes' in Geography.

#### Year 5/6 – Hannah

For being a wonderful role model to others in class.

### INSET DAY

School will be closed on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for our INSET day.

# LEARNING

## Reception

In Reception this week, we have been reading our new book 'The Snail and the Whale'. The children have been looking at describing the snail and the whale's appearance. They have also been discussing how to be helpful in class after reading about how the snail helped the whale. In Maths, we have been looking at sharing. We have used the cubes and shared them between two and three groups. We had a special visitor on Thursday too. PC Bowman came in to talk to us about what the Police do to protect us and developing trust and confidence in the Police and to eliminate any fear of them.

## Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been focussing on phonics in preparation for our phonics screening test next week. All of the children have worked extremely hard and should be proud of whatever results they get next week! We have also been doing a lot of Geography and History. We have been using maps to locate familiar places and landmarks, we have learned about the capital cities in the UK and the seas and the oceans around the UK too. We have also been learning about ships and seafaring throughout history; we've seen how boats have developed over time, learned about explorers and even sang some sea shanties.

## Year 2

This week in Maths, we have been learning about how to represent amounts using tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. In English, we have recognised the features of non-chronological reports and begun to write our own report on plants and in Science, the children have enjoyed investigating the life cycle of a plant. The children loved our special visit from a police officer and learnt all about how to stay safe.

## Year 3

This week, Year 3 have planned a persuasive letter, which included a range of writing techniques, we will write and edit our final letter next week. In Maths, we have started our new topic, fractions. In History, our current topic is Ancient Greece and this week we have learned all about democracy and the Peloponnesian War. In Geography, we started our volcanoes topic by exploring the four layers of the earth, comparing their temperatures and substances. On Thursday, we reflected on the events of D-Day and designed our own medals. To celebrate the upcoming Olympics, Year 3 have designed their own torch, these designs will be entered into a competition.

# LEARNING

## Year 4

This week Year 4 have started their new History topic 'The Ancient Greeks' and learnt all about what their Democracy looked like. They also started their new Geography topic 'volcanoes' and were able to name the layers of the Earth and use this vocabulary in sentences. They have also covered important computing skills to make their own PowerPoints based on their learning in class, which they will present to the class next week. In Maths, they have been practising their arithmetic skills and have continued to practise times tables.

## Year 5

Year 5 have started new topics in English and Maths this week. In Maths, they have been looking at position and direction, in particular working with coordinates. In English, year 5 have started poetry and are looking at the different types of figurative language used in poems for emphasis and effect. Year 5 have been continuing their topics for Geography and History of agriculture and Persia and Greece. They enjoyed learning about the twelve most important Greek gods and goddesses in History.

## Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Robinwood and were a credit to our school. They took part in activities from the moment they arrived to the moment they left – it was a jam packed few days but the children enjoyed every second. The children took part in team building activities such as the piranha pool and the escape room where it was crucial that they listened to one another and followed instructions, all of the children supported one another and each group managed to get out of each room within the timescale. They also took part in various physical activities from the giant swing to caving to the trapeze. Instructors from Robinwood commented on how patient and supportive the children were and we are so proud of how they came together as one and made memories that they will treasure forever.

## COUNTDOWN CRICKET YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

All children in Year 3 and Year 4 received a letter for Countdown Cricket on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, however, there will only be a selection of children attending the event from each year group. Unfortunately we can only enter a certain number of pupils therefore we will be pulling names out of a hat to select the children who are taking part so that this is a fair process for all. Confirmation of those children will be shared next week.

## SUMMER TERM EVENTS

Date	Class	Event
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 4	First Holy Communion, St Anne's at 5:45pm. All welcome.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Whole School	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Whole School	Sponsored Walk at Saltwell Park
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6 pupils who will be attending this school in September	Cardinal Hume Catholic School – Welcome Day Children not going to this school are to attend school as normal
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Whole School	Torch Day – Olympics at school – AM - more information to follow.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Whole School	School Sports Day @ Cleveland Hall – more information to follow PM 1-3pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	Year 6	Business Week – 1.30pm all KS2 parents and carers welcome to Cleveland Hall to support children and purchase their products.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6	Primary Festival visit
Monday 1st July- Tuesday 2nd July 2024	Year 6 pupils who will be attending this school in September	Cardinal Hume Catholic School-transition days 1 and 2. Children not going to this school are to attend school as normal.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Whole School	Transition morning for the whole school.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July to Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Year 6 pupils who will be attending this school in September	Emmanuel College and Grace College -transition days 1 and 2. Children not going to this school are to attend school as normal.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6 pupils who will be attending this school in September	Heworth Grange School -transition days 1 and 2. Children not going to this school are to attend school as normal.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Whole school	Music workshops AM
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Year 3 and Year 4 (selected pupils only)	Countdown Cricket at Felling CC – more information to follow
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Whole School	Resilience workshop PM



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Date	Class	Event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 5	Trust Sports Day @Gateshead Stadium – refer to letter that has been issued.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	KS2	'Oliver' concert at 2pm. This is led by the performing arts and choir group and year 6. Ticketed event. More information to follow.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whole School	Summer Fayre. 1pm to 3:30pm. All welcome for a fun filled event. More information to follow.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Reception and Year 6 buddies	Teddy Bear Picnic.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whole School	Leavers and end of year celebration. 9am. More information to follow.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whole School	School finishes 12pm
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Whole School	Return to school

### The below is to be confirmed:

Date	Class	Event
July 2024	Whole School	Leavers Mass.

## SCHOOL PICK UP

Reminder to parents that children are to be collected from the pre-school play area at St Anne's after school and not to collect them direct from the bus. This is to ensure the children's safety and that any important messages can be passed onto parents.

## WRAPAROUND CARE

In line with the wraparound policy, all sessions should be pre-booked by parents as spaces are very limited and cannot be guaranteed if you contact the school to make a late booking. If you pay by childcare vouchers, did you know you can top up your account in advance and always maintain a credit.



## ATTENDANCE

Please see below link to the Government Website regarding 'Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know' which includes information regarding the increase in fines from August 2024.

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/01/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/)

## UNIFORM

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the expected uniform in school. Children can wear black trousers, black smart uniform shorts, black skirt, purple and white check summer dresses/playsuits, white buttoned up collar shirt, school tie and purple cardigan or jumper with or without school logo. Children **should not** be wearing sports leggings/shorts, joggers, trainers or nail varnish for school. Hair longer than collar length should be neatly tied back with unfussy bands/bobbles/slides. Those with short hair are prohibited from having tramlines shaved into their hair. No jewellery, including earrings, should be worn apart from a watch.

## PARENT PAY BALANCES

Parents and carers are reminded to login to their ParentPay account and clear any negative balances as soon as possible. We no longer accept payment in arrears. Payments should be made at the time of booking. As per our policy, regular non-payment may result in services being suspended until balances are cleared.

