



Reach for the stars

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Part of our school vision is to develop an enriching and inspiring curriculum. This is a work in progress for us and there is lots of work going on behind the scenes but it has been wonderful to see the opportunities that have been planned for the children in the three weeks we have been back. Following on from pyjama day and the pirate workshops, Nursery have been on a vehicle walk, Reception have had a visit from owls, Year 1 have been artists in the woods and all the children have contributed to STEAM exhibition at the Paintworks – wow! Mrs Sutherland.

STEAM EXHIBITION

During the STEAM days at the end of Term 2, all the children took part in cross-curricular learning opportunities around the theme of 'Colour'. The activities incorporated Science, Art, Maths and English. Last week, children from Nursery through to Year 2 had their work displayed in a public exhibition at the Paintworks. One of the governors and I had the pleasure of going to the opening of the exhibition and I felt a huge amount of pride in seeing St Anne's Infants' work amongst that of other schools.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Watts and Miss Lawrence for organising and overseeing the school's contribution to the exhibition, including setting up the displays prior to the opening. Also thank you to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Herbert and Ms Griffin who took time out of their weekend to man the exhibition and dismantle the displays. For most children it will be the first time their work has been exhibited in public – what an achievement and moment to remember!

Window Wanderland

Window Wanderland is a walking arts trail that is coming to the local area between 23 – 25 February. Homes and local businesses will decorate their windows and / or gardens for the public to view between 6 – 9pm. The school is taking part and Laura from Colourful Minds is working with other parents and the children to create displays for the windows on Bloomfield Road. She is also holding a community workshop in school on Saturday 10 February 10.30 – 12.30pm where you can get ideas for displays and even make a start on them.

It would be wonderful to get as many people as possible involved and here's how you can help... Display a poster in your window to promote the event, sign up and take part at <https://windowwanderland.com/event/arnos-vale-18/>, go on the trail and enjoy the creativity in the community!

Please ensure your contact details are up to date in the office. This includes home address, telephone numbers and emergency contacts.

St Anne's Infants' School Newsletter



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Why not start your spring clean a bit earlier?

Mrs Nicholson has arranged for us to have a Clothing Bank which was delivered this morning and is now located outside the KS1 building. We can accept any **clean and dry clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys** that you no longer want. The bank will initially be emptied every two weeks – the more we collect, the more money we raise for the school!

We cannot accept pillows and duvets, bric-a-brac or plastic toys. Please ensure that you supervise your child when putting items into the bank and please do not put any rubbish into it. Thank you!



Our **Speech Therapist** will be in school on **Thursday 8th February**. If you have any concerns regarding your child's speech and language development and would like the opportunity to come and discuss these with the therapist, please see Mrs Moss to arrange a time.

We will be holding a **Maths Workshop** for parents and carers of **Year 1 and 2** children at **9.15am on Tuesday 20 March**. This will be an opportunity to find out about how the children are taught and the strategies they are encouraged to use.

Please note that following the low numbers at the evening phonics workshop, we will only be holding a morning one but we will ensure the key information is shared with all.

February dates	March dates
<p>1st: Hot chocolate & book event 3.30 – 4.00pm 5th, 6th, 7th: Reception health checks 6th: Safer Internet Day 8th: Last day of term 9th: INSET day 19th: Term 4 starts 22nd: Nursery open day 10am 23rd – 25th: Window Wonderland</p>	<p>13th and 15th: Parents' evenings (also 14th for Nursery C group) 20th: KS1 maths workshop 9.15am 22nd: Easter church service 10.15am KS1, 11am Reception – parents and carers welcome 22nd: Spring disco 4.15pm Reception, 5.15pm KS1 23rd: Last day of term</p>

If you haven't joined our Facebook group, search for St Anne's Infants' and keep up to date with what's going on!