

St Anne's School

Christmas Newsletter 2024

This term has been incredibly exciting for our students. The classes have been bustling with activity, decorating the school with beautiful Christmas art and participating in festive events. The winter wonderland in the school hall has again gone down as a big hit. It's been a popular spot, providing a space for our classes to enjoy the sensory grotto and meet Santa yesterday.

We had our QQI certificates presentation earlier in the term and it was a huge success. It was great to see both current and returning past pupils receiving recognition for all their hard work. Well done everyone!! We are so grateful to all of the support from our school community.



Hot School Meals

Our pupils are enjoying the Hot School Lunches each day. Remember if you need to change or cancel your child's order to make changes online 36 hours prior. Also reminder to continue to send in **a drink and a morning snack for your child each day.**

Important Dates - Term 2



Friday 20th December - School closes early for Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th Jan - School reopens after Christmas

Monday 3rd Feb - School Closed St Brigid's Bank Holiday

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February - School closed - midterm break

Friday 14th & Monday 17th March - School closed St Patricks Day

School closes at 12pm on Friday 11th April for Easter Holidays and reopens Monday 28th April.

Wishing all of our students, families and staff a wonderful break and we look to welcoming you back in 2024!



Junior 1

Our theme this month was 'winter'. We loved exploring all the different aspects of the season.



Junior 3

We've all been busy in Junior 3 since our last newsletter. In November we learned all about Farm Animals. We loved the 'Driving My Tractor' book and adding animals to our felt board farm while listening to 'Old Mc Donald'. Our favourite activity by far though was making paper plate farm animals to add to our farmyard display.



We had a surprise visit from Santa earlier in the month. Unfortunately, we weren't all in school that day to meet him, but we hope to catch up with him when he visits again before the holidays.



We would like to wish everyone a very Happy



Christmas and New Year from Andras, Bodhi, Liam, Mila, Riley, Thias, Ber, Eileen, Majella And Linda

Junior 4



Junior 5

It has been an exciting term in Junior 5, all of the students have been working hard but we have had lots of fun too. We have been working hard on our communication skills and learning about ourselves, Winter and Christmas.

We also had a very important visitor to the school and it was confirmed that everyone is on the nice list!!

We would like to wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing all of the students at the start of our new term.

Andrea, Emer, Gillian and Anne- Marie.



Christmas Newsletter Junior 6

As the Christmas season approaches us Junior 6 have been busy enjoying some festive activities, working together and having a wonderful time. Our classroom was filled with joy after a surprise visit from Santa Claus and his sleigh. We were lucky to have a special visit from volunteer Julie who brought her rabbits 'Sandy and Dove' and guinea pigs 'Honey and Pancake', the students loved learning about the animals and having the chance to pet them.

Chef hats went on as we made some chocolate fudge biscuits, the students got to enjoy some in school and bring some home for their families to spread the Christmas joy. Junior 6 have done some lovely Christmas art works over the past few weeks, which is displayed outside the classroom showing off their hard work and creativity.



Hello from Junior 7

We have had a busy few months. Here we are planting and looking after our Spring flowers .



Junior 7 paid a trip the Cinema at the Whitewater shopping centre to see the movie 'Paddington goes to Peru'. 😊



Planets was an area of interest in November



December – visit from a local pet farm and preparing Junior 7 Classroom for Christmas



Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Christmas from Junior 7

Senior 1

Senior 1 had a very busy second half of term 1. We did more cooking/baking. We had a safety talk from ESB. We had loads of Arts & Crafts. We made a lovely 3D Christmas tree for outside our room & baubles for the class tree. Santa came to visit & we had fun with Christmas music using chime bars for Jingle bells and percussion instruments.



Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2025
from: Senior 1.

Senior 2 have been busy preparing for Christmas. We have been baking and decorating Christmas cookies, making decorations and even squeezed in a visit to see Santa!



Wishing all our friends and family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Joan, Gerry, Fathia, Valerie, Danny, Abrar, Rowan, Leah and Shane.

Senior 3

We were shop keepers in December!



We enjoyed a trip to the cinema to see Paddington in Peru



Our festive Christmas photos



Senior 5

Senior 5 had a busy term, in November we learn a lot about growing and changing, we hosted the school shop; then in December with the change of the weather we got so excited about winter and Christmas. Also, we had the QQI awards morning, and our families celebrate our achievements. We help decorate our Senior school board, made art and crafts and the best day was when Santa came here to visit us.....



Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2025
from: Thomas, Danny, James, Sean, Marina, Catriona,
Danielle and Francy

A Very Special Mention

A very special mention to Kay. One our hardest working Special Needs Assistants who is retiring today. The school will not be the same without your presence. Your dedication and commitment to the students will be greatly missed.

On behalf of all students and staff, past and present, who have had the pleasure of working with her, we wish her the very best in her next adventures. Thank you Kay for your loyalty to our school and our students.

Paul Kelly

On behalf of St Anne's School community.

A Huge Thank You

A huge thank you to all the staff in St Annes for the hard work over the last term. A special thank you to Hilda and Gillian for organising outdoor benches around the school and a beautiful tree in memory of some of our students. A lovely gesture, that everyone really appreciates. Thank you.



I hope everyone has lovely Christmas, a well-deserved rest and a happy new year!