



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022

## WELCOME to our summer newsletter

It's the end of another exciting and successful year for the pupils, staff and families of Sacriston Academy. I am once again so incredibly proud of our children, so I can only imagine how proud you are! Each day they demonstrate kindness, determination, co-operation and respect. They have taken part in fundraising for charities, showing a willingness to support those in need. They have worked together collaboratively to learn and achieve - you need look no further than sports day to see their determination to succeed. When we have welcomed our new children, the other children have embraced them with kindness, showing a kind friend is the right kind of friend.

It has been wonderful to welcome our families back to the many events we host at this time of year, from our successful summer fair to stay and play, sports day, summer concerts and leavers' assembly to name a few. Your positive feedback

and generous contributions have been warmly received by all.

Congratulations to all our wonderful pupils and staff who have worked incredibly hard this year and made Sacriston Academy such a great place to be. Special congratulations go to Year 6 pupils for their hard work, commitment and many achievements, not least their well-deserved SAT success. We wish you all the very best of luck as you start secondary school.

May I, on behalf of the school community, send a huge heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year and wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

**Annalei Bartlett**  
Headteacher

## TES Award nominees!

This term we were delighted to be invited to London for the finals of the prestigious Times Education Supplement (TES) Awards.

Sacriston Academy was shortlisted for the Early Years Provider of the Year Award.

This was a fantastic honour and achievement for our school. We are very proud that our outstanding provision and hard work was recognised by the judges.



# Celebrations fit for a Queen

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, we welcomed our families into school for the afternoon to join us in celebrating the occasion.

We started off with a parade around school while we sang our Street Party song, specially composed for the occasion. The grown-ups joined us for an amazing rendition of our national anthem, God Save the Queen, before the party really got going!

We had an amazing afternoon tea, party games, a photobooth and an opportunity to make memories we hope will last a lifetime. We hope the photos below will give you a little insight into this magnificent event.



## IMPORTANT DATES *for your diary*

06 SEP - Back to school

21 OCT - Break up for half term

31 OCT - Back to school

**Remember to keep an eye on our website for updates**  
[www.sacristonacademy.co.uk](http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk)



## A total *showstopper!*

**Each school across the North East Learning Trust went head-to-head in a battle of the showstopper cakes to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

Ms Henderson and Miss Blackburn took on the challenge of creating Sacriston Academy's amazing jubilee cake which then went to a public vote. A huge thank you to the duo who worked tirelessly to produce the most amazing cake - everybody loved it!

## We're social!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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# FUNdraising!

Pupils have been raising money for the Children's Cancer North, which is an amazing charity that our children wanted to help.

Together, our children collected sponsorships and completed a run on our school field. As you can see from the above pictures, everyone had a great time supporting such a great cause!

A big well done to our speedy runners for raising lots of money and a big thank you to parents/carers and families who donated.



# Sports day 2022

The sun was shining and so were our Sacriston Stars during our annual sports day.

From start to finish all children from Nursery up to Year 6 showed amazing sportsmanship, good teamwork and were impeccably behaved.

The children loved all of their events and gave them all 100%. They showed great passing during the relay, focus during the obstacle courses and great balance with the beanbags, just to name a few.



# Our plastic pledge



Following World Oceans Day, we began our commitment - The Plastic Pledge.

Our Year 2 eco ambassadors have been ticking off various challenges each day that they have completed. Each challenge asks pupils to minimise their plastic use, from bringing a reusable

bottle into school or use the Red Recycler which gets rid of paper offcuts.

We hope families and friends can also reduce, reuse and recycle more often!



## How far does food travel?

Year 5 welcomed Nick the chef into school this term to help with their DT project 'Eat the seasons'.

The project saw pupils learn how to peel, dice, chop and grate vegetables. They learnt where food comes from, why it is better to purchase foods locally and how travel miles can contribute to global warming. The children then created and enjoyed a soup made from the vegetables that they had prepared collectively.

## The history of Sacriston

Year 3 delved into the past this term to learn all about the history of our village.

The children discovered that Sacriston was named after 'Sacristan' monks from Durham Cathedral who set up a farmhouse in the Sacriston area.

They also discovered that the village grew to be much bigger between the 1860s and 1970s, as more people moved here to work in the colliery before it declined and closed in 1985.

The children thought of their

own questions that they have about the history of their local area, including:

"How many people worked in the mine together?" - Charlotte.

"How many houses were built for the miners?" - Ellie

"Who created the tiger graffiti in our area next to the school?" - Thomas

## Here comes the summer sun!

We had a surprise in store for our Nursery children when brand new roleplay settings were installed into our Early Years play areas.

Pupils could chill out with friends in the reading area and get creative on the BBQ. Nursery have loved making and serving delicious treats from our ice cream shop - it was perfect for the summer! The children even made their very own paddling pool in the construction area and had an amazing time.

