



# Annan News

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## Summer Solstice Ceremonies

This week has seen numerous Summer Solstice ceremonies taking place at forest school. Chestnuts and Willows celebrated the solstice together by designing their own ceremony to celebrate the longest day of the year! They created a beautiful sun mandala which they paraded around, made up a wonderful song which they then sang together, and even did a sun dance. Finally, the ceremony was concluded by giving thanks to the sun, and each child shared their thanks by adding a stick to the fire. The children were grateful for many things, including the summer's warmth, the greenery and flowers, the longer time we get to spend outdoors, the animals, and of course the upcoming summer holidays.

On Friday Alastair and Willow Class led the weekly Gathering with a wonderful solstice celebration on the playground. They chalked a beautiful mandala and placed a fire pit in the centre into which everyone put a stick with their wish.

## Patina big make + costumes take shape

The Patina artist and parents have been into school getting started on the Patina parade costumes. This year the theme is the River Ouse which fits in well with our school topic "Source to Sea". Children in Elder class will be taking part in the parade in Lewes along with other primary schools in the Lewes area. The parade is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July and celebrates the children at the top end of their primary schools moving on to secondary schools.

We invite parents to come to watch our Elder Class taking part in the wonderful Parade in Lewes with hundreds of other children from schools in the area. Annan supporters usually come in great numbers to cheer them on. It is a beautiful spectacle. Elder children are taken by minibus to Lewes.

All other children can be collected from school from 11.30am to give parents time to get to the town and get parked before the roads are closed off at about 12.30pm for the parade. Do come if you can. Parents not able to attend should collect from school at normal time.





### Kindergarten reflections

With the end of the year fast approaching the Kindergarten children have been looking through their Learning Journeys and reflecting on their time in kindergarten. It's so wonderful to watch and listen as they recall moments from their learning, they are always so animated.

### Reflecting on moving into Elder Class

This week Willow class, with the end of term in sight, have been thinking about transitions. In candle times they have been talking about moving on, the feelings that can surround trying something new and how to step into new situations with positivity. In preparation for their move to Elder class the willows had a lovely afternoon with Jeannette teaching them on Wednesday. They played rounders on the field with Elders, getting reacquainted with the peers who they will be in a class with next year.

### Sports Day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

All children will be taking part this year. There are no restrictions on numbers per family, however no more than one car per family please! We will open the playground for parking. Please arrive by 1.45pm. Races will start promptly at 2pm and we plan to finish by 3.15pm. Children must have their PE kit in school and wear trainers and bring a named water bottle. (Kindergarten who attend on Monday pm should wear shorts and tee shirts and trainers). Parents will be sitting on the lawn so bring a rug or camping chair to sit on. The Friends Committee will be selling ice creams/sorbets at the end so please bring £2 per ice cream if you would like to buy some.



### Oaks tell the time

Oak Tree class were out on the playground this week using a 'minute wand' to learn to tell the time. They were jumping around the clock face and actively learning to tell the time.



### Sycamores start their harvesting early

Sycamore Class have been harvesting vegetables from their garden beds this week; potatoes and onions to name a few. The children have been enjoying counting and ordering their finds, as well as making potato cakes from their produce.

#### Menu for next week:

Monday: Pasta, tomato sauce and cheese  
Tuesday: Enchiladas  
Wednesday: Jacket potatoes beans, cheese + hummus  
Thursday: Dahl, rice and onion bhajis  
Friday: Packed lunch

#### Diary for next week:

Monday: Sports Day 2pm  
Tuesday: Elders out all day – Field Trip  
New Reception Tea party 2pm  
Wednesday: Elders – Patina make  
Friday: Patina Parade in Lewes