



St Andrew's Church of England (VC) Primary School

'Learn to love and love to learn; in God's love each one will shine.'

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Matthew 4:19

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St Andrew's Weekly Update

Date: 10.02.25 Headteacher: Mr M Speed Value: Perseverance

Dear parents and carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our parent consultations this week where we will be able to discuss your child's learning with you. Please do take the opportunity to look at some of their learning books too – these will be laid out for you to browse through. In the meantime, here's a look at some more learning that's been happening at St Andrew's.

Year 5

Year 5 having been studying the artist Alberto Giacometti. They have made sculptures of people using tinfoil as an armature and then covering the armature with plaster bandage.



Further to this, the Year 5s have also been writing persuasive letters using language and vocabulary that has really hooked its audience and has been for a real purpose. Logan has written the following letter and as a result, I have been persuaded to bring in a fresh new school council. You can see how persuasive he was below.



Dear Mr Speed,

I hope you have settled in well into St Andrews and the community. I am writing to you to present a Maxwell's idea for the school, which would change the people's mood what could improve St Andrews you may ask? My idea is a vote at the end of the week. This would be chosen to make things fair so if a child wanted something and another child wanted something else they could vote to make it fair so there are no arguments and no fighting.

Firstly, a vote at the end of the week would boost people's mood for the next week ahead and there would be no arguments. Did you know that being happy increases your energy until the next day so on the next day you do the same thing? I strongly believe that making new friends increases your mood 50% from the vote.

Furthermore, other pupils in the school will like the new vote system and be happy because it makes stuff fair throughout the school years of the pupils of St Andrews. Surely you wouldn't want children bored while doing their work and their handwriting will be messy. I am sure you agree that being happy and making new friends is beneficial for your mood.

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Additionally, it would improve children's social skills by 50%. It teaches children what democracy is throughout their school years and prepares children for life so they can accept when decisions don't go their way.

In conclusion, I think a vote will be beneficial because it stops fighting and arguing.

Please take this in for consideration.

From Logan.

Year 3

In a history lesson, Year 3 made a human timeline of the story of Boudica. It was a fun way for the children to show they remembered the story as they put it into the correct sequence.



Year 6

In science, Year 6 were investigating what would happen to a motor when more cells (batteries) were added to their circuits. The children came up with the idea of seeing how much a piece of tissue paper would be displaced by the force created from the spinning propeller.



A Message from FOSTA

FOSTA needs you! Can you spare some time baking for our upcoming 'Valentines' style cake sale, taking place after school on Friday 14th February? Cakes, biscuits, cookies - everything is welcome. **Please provide a full ingredients list for all items.**

Please be reminded that St Andrew's is a 'nut and sesame seed free' zone and we cannot allow nuts or sesame seeds in school, due to the risk of anaphylaxis.

Please let your class rep know if you can help support this fundraising event so that we can keep an eye on stock levels. If you don't fancy baking but have 15 minutes to spare, then we would also welcome help to sell after school. Thank you from FOSTA.

Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	94.8%
National statutory attendance	94.5%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 3.2.25	Year 4 with 99%



Golden Welly Award

This week the Golden Welly was awarded to **Sariban & Dolly in Year 6** for being respectful to children and adults and living the school values.



Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:
Year 3 with 14,258 points.



You Can Toucan Awards

The You Can Toucan awards are presented each week to those children who have gone above and beyond the expected.

Last week staff chose:

Nursery: Arthur for persevering and working hard.

Reception: Briony for working hard on her phonics.

Year 1: Zachary for trying his best and showing enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum.

Year 2: Mikaela for outstanding effort in her writing.

Year 3: Maddy for enthusiasm in her writing.

Year 4: Rosie for being an enthusiastic learner.

Year 5: Alby for showing determination and perseverance in maths.

Year 6: Ethan for his excellent effort with his English work.



Our Half Term Value: Perseverance

This week our Value Advocates chose:

Class Value Advocate	Class Champion
Reception: Stella chose	All of Reception for their fantastic 'perseverance' display.
Year 1: Cece chose	Mia-Rose for showing perseverance in her writing.
Year 2: Hadley chose	Jaxson for showing perseverance with all his learning.
Year 3: Noah chose	Dudley for living the school values.
Year 4: Noah chose	Rosie for persevering with her reading.
Year 5: Emily chose	Lewis for always persevering in his learning.
Year 6: Jude	Jack R for his hard work and effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Best Wishes,

Mr M Speed



OFFICE UPDATE

Applications for NURSERY class for Sept 25

The application deadline for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2025 is **28th February**. This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022*. Application forms are available on our school website and from our School Office. On-time applications must be returned to school, either directly to the School Office or via email: admissions@standrews323.herts.sch.uk. Prospective Nursery class parents are encouraged to book a tour for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment.

After School clubs – 1st Half Spring Term

Super Star Sport's clubs for this half term can be booked:

<https://superstarsportuk.classforkids.io/term/526>

Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri. Further information is available at www.superstarsport.co.uk. For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.

Local News

The Make Lunch Club will be running in half term and is open to all parents and carers. Hertford Library are putting on Science workshops over half term.



Make Lunch Club

Looking for something to do with the kids this **half term**?

Come along and join us at **Make Lunch Club!**



WHEN?

12 to 2 pm
Friday 21st February

WHERE?

The Wilshere Hall
St Andrew's Church
Stanstead Abbots



To book a place, email makelunch@3churches.net



UPCOMING DATES

February

Tues 11th Reception to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings: 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Thurs 13th Reception to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings: 3.30pm – 7pm

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Fri 14th FOSTA 'Valentines' style cake sale - after school.

Mon 17th – Fri 21st - Half Term Holiday

Mon 24th Return to school

March

Tues 11th Bayford Observatory Mobile Planetarium for Reception - Year 6

Wed 12th - Fri 14th Year 5 & 6 trip to Aylmerton

Wed 19th Year 2 trip to St Albans Cathedral

Mon 24th Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Matinee – 2:30pm

Tues 25th Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Matinee – 2:30pm

Tues 25th Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Evening Performance – 6:30pm

Thurs 27th **FOSTA** Mothers Day Sale – in school

Fri 28th **FOSTA** Mothers Day Sale – in school

