



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: 10.03.25 Headteacher: Mr M Speed

Value: Justice

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported Fun & Funky Friday at St Andrew's last week. The children really enjoyed bringing in their teddies, wearing remarkable outfits and munching on their snacks. Not only did this bring the children joy but we helped to raise funds for the school. Thank you so much to FOSTA for their efforts to make the day a success and of course all of you for your ongoing support.

Year 5

On Monday, four of our Year 5 children; Buddy, Max, Joe and Alby took part in the Year 5 Maths Challenge competing against other schools across the whole of Hertfordshire. The children worked excellently together to answer a variety of different questions against the clock. The average score across Hertfordshire was 131 points. Our team scored a wonderful 157 points to finish in 27th place. What a great achievement!



Year 4

On Monday, eight Year 4 children represented St Andrew's in the Rapid Fire Cricket competition. The whole squad showed excellent skill, determination and sportsmanship to finish 2nd out of 16 schools. Extremely well done!



Year 2

On Wednesday, Monika, from the Herts Outreach team came to visit to carry out a whole school assembly on recycling and waste awareness.

She also did a class workshop with Year 2, which involved learning about what can be recycled and reused. Everyone chose an item and had to decide if it could be recycled and where it could be taken. Children also learnt about how magnets are used to test tins and cans to see if they are made from aluminium or steel.



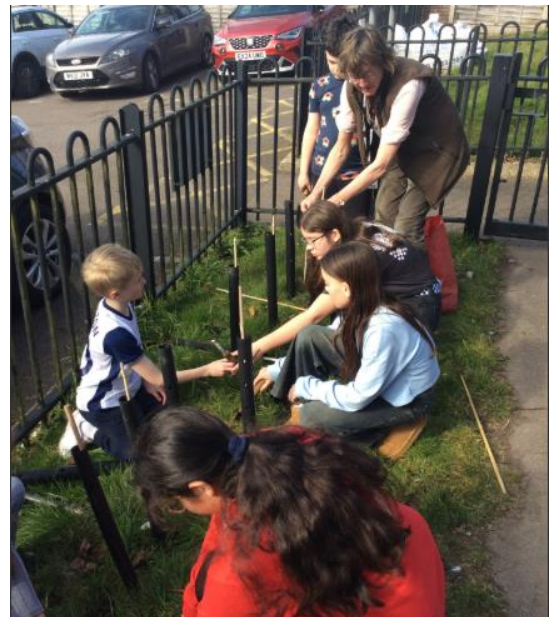
OPAL News

This week our Golden Welly was awarded to Freddie, Hadley and Louie in Year 2 for their creativity with the large loose parts. Well done.



On Friday afternoon we were joined by our OPAL Governor, Gini, to plant some new hedging trees at the front of the school. Now spring is upon us, it is lovely to see the bulbs and plants that were planted last year brightening up our school grounds.

We are currently running extremely low with our large loose parts and would love some donations. If you, or your work, have any large loose parts that you think would be suitable we would love to boost our supplies!



Football

After school on Thursday, eight of our Year 5 and 6 children played in our Hope Plate match against St Joseph's. After a dominant display, we ran out 3-1 winners with goals from Jack H, Joe and Alby. We now play Wheatcroft in the next round.



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	94.9%
National statutory attendance	94.6%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 10.2.25	Year 1 with 99%

Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:
Year 3 with 16,228 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: Tommy for being kind and helpful.

Reception: All of Reception for learning to ride balance bikes.

Year 1: Gwilym for creating a fantastic 'nonsense' poem.

Year 2: Violet for being a kind friend to others & being a role model to everyone.

Year 3: Bertie for his resilience and determination in lessons.

Year 4: Conor for being a kind and caring member of the class.

Year 5: Adaley for being an exceptional independent learner.

Year 6: Jude for his excellent contributions to classroom discussions.



This Half Term's Value: Justice

This week, our class Value advocates have chosen:

	Class Value Advocate
Reception: Arabelle chose	Ada for her strong sense of justice and focus in her learning.
Year 1: Jonah chose	Teddy for always being an honest member of the class.
Year 2: James chose	Mikaela for always treating everyone fairly.
Year 3: Elsie chose	Rose for being a kind and trustworthy friend.
Year 4: Joseph chose	Lottie for being a kind and generous member of the class.
Year 5: Noah chose	Jacob for being kind and helpful to others.
Year 6: Dolly chose	Abbie for always looking out for her friends.

Best Wishes,

Mr M Speed

OFFICE UPDATE

Payments

A plea from the Office!

We are nearing our financial year end and are asking for **any outstanding monies to be paid for**: school dinners, 30hrs Nursery payments, class trips, Art Club, Breakfast Club and any other monies owed, including from previous half terms. Payments can be made via WisePay (or childcare vouchers for 30hrs and breakfast clubs) as soon as possible. It would be extremely helpful for us to have received all payments **by Monday, 24th March at the very latest.**

UPCOMING DATES

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

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

Wed 19th Year 2 trip to St Albans Cathedral

Fri 21st World Book Day in school

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

April

Tues 1st FOSTA Easter Disco

Fri 4th Last day of the spring term – 1.30pm finish.

