



# 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: 11.11.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,



We began this week with a Remembrance Collective Worship for those who fell during the last two World Wars and for those who continue to serve in our armed services. The children will be completing work over the coming week around the theme of Remembrance which will be shared on Friday. Thank you to Ava and Harriet who laid a wreath on behalf of the school, at St Andrew's war memorial, in remembrance of the local men and women who gave their lives during both World Wars.



### Internet Safety

Thank you to all those who attended the 2 John's Internet Safety meeting last week. It was certainly very informative and quite shocking, in places, especially when they shared statistics of the rapidly increasing percentage of children in the 7-11 bracket being targeted for inappropriate images by strangers.

The 2 John's clear message to us, both as parents/carers and educators, was that communication and sharing this online world with your children is vital if we are to successfully monitor and keep our children safe. They gave the example of us taking time to play Roblox, Minecraft and watch YouTube shorts with them, in the same way that we would watch them play a football game or go with them to swimming lessons or the park. In this way we can better understand the world they are being exposed to and help them negotiate the pitfalls that they may encounter. The 2 John's urged us to not ban this world but to help our children know what to do if something worries or upsets them.



The 2 John's also provided practical ways for you to set up safety measures on their devices. You can find these tips and lots of advice on their website:

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

Many of the parents attending, immediately followed the simple steps of securing their children's settings to prevent them becoming public property. Please see the link on how to do this.

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### Boccia sessions

Year 4 and 6 received a visit from the staff and children of our neighbouring school - Amwell View, who helped the children experience a lesson in the sport of Boccia.

Boccia has been a sport in the Paralympic Games since 1984 and is becoming increasingly popular around the world. It involves precision throwing of balls into targets to gain points. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn the new skills associated with the game. Year 3 and 5 will also be enjoying these sessions this week.

### OPAL News

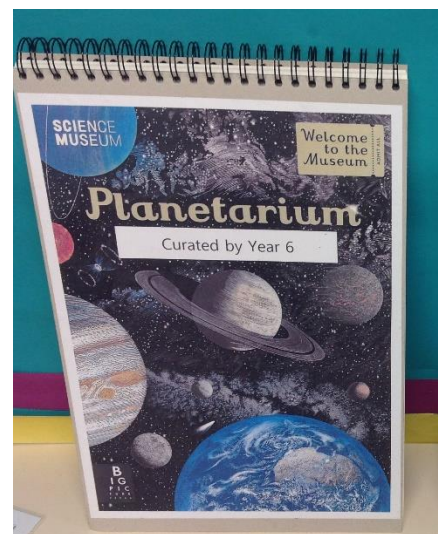
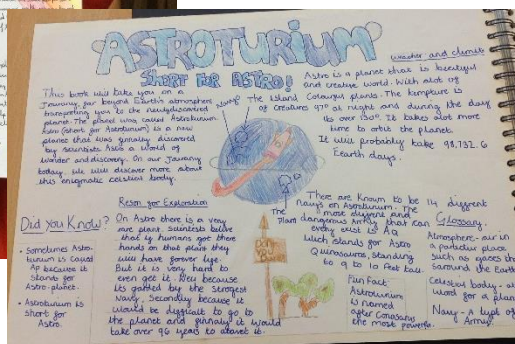
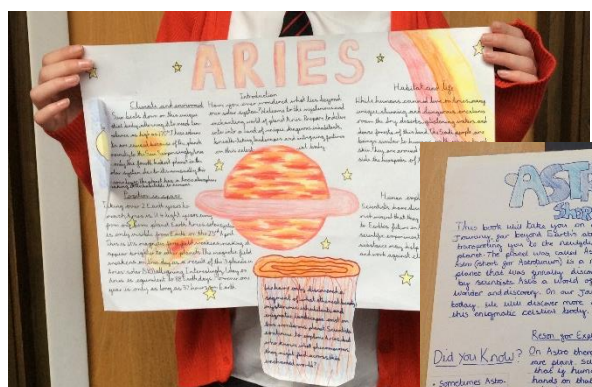
This week Autumn has well and truly been visible at St Andrew's. The children have had great fun playing in the leaves and building huge piles with them! The Golden Welly was awarded to all of Reception class for their fantastic play. The children in Reception have been having great fun exploring Forest School and using the mud kitchen at lunchtimes for the first time.



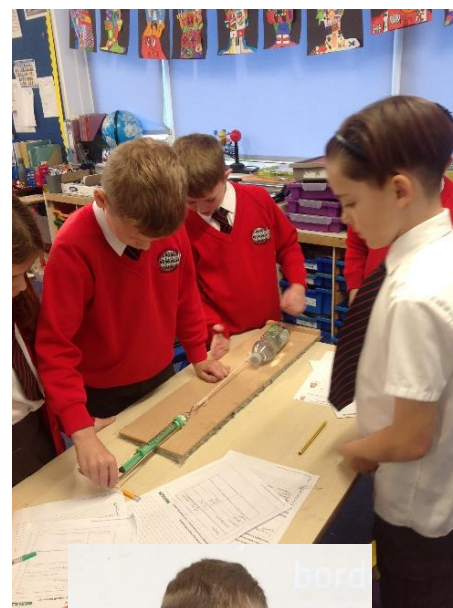


## Fantastic Work

As part of their English, Year 6 have been creating non-chronological reports about their own made-up planets. Their beautiful work has been displayed and 'published' in a whole class booklet.



Nursery have been making firework shapes by cutting small snips in different coloured paper. The children have also made fireworks pictures out of 2D shapes and have created fireworks paintings using paint and marbles.



Year 5 have been investigating friction in their practical science lesson. They were measuring and recording the resistance to move objects on different surfaces.



Joe (Year 5) brought in some wonderful homework based on the children's exploration of space. Not only did it look great, I am told it also tasted great too.

**Congratulations** to Lewis (Year 5) who shared his medal that he received at the weekend for his Jiu-Jitsu. Well done Lewis.



# Warm Welcome Spaces

Rev'd Sarah has asked us to advertise and share with you a weekly opportunity for a coffee, tea and chat every Monday (9-11.00am) at the Warm Welcome Space Coffee Morning. The details are as follows:

## COFFEE MORNING Every Monday

9.00–11.00am

The Wilshere Hall, St Andrew's Church Cappell Lane, Stanstead Abbots  
Come and share a cuppa and a fun activity in our free, warm and welcoming space

Everyone is very welcome.

### Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	95.3%
National statutory attendance	95.2%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 4.11.24	Year 1- 98.6%

## Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:

**Year 5**



## 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: Gracie-Mae** for settling in well in her first week and **Sofia** for being a kind friend.

**Reception: Tommy** for his excellent writing about fireworks.

**Year 1: George** for having a great start to Year 1 and settling in really well.

**Year 2: Lily** for her wonderful positive attitude to her learning.

**Year 3: Joshua** for his determination with his writing.

**Year 4: Archie** for being enthusiastic about his learning.

**Year 5: Jacob** for his positive attitude towards his learning.

**Year 6: Ava** for her excellent perseverance and effort in P.E and excellent English work.



## Our Half Term Value: Trust

*Psalm 18.2: "My God is my strength in whom I trust."*

This half term's Value Advocates are:

Class Value Advocate	Class Champion
<b>Reception: Harry</b>	For being a great role model.
<b>Year 1: Alice</b>	For living all of the values and being a trustworthy member of the class.
<b>Year 2: Emily</b>	For always being trustworthy.
<b>Year 3: George M</b>	For being reliable and someone the class can trust.
<b>Year 4: Caitlin</b>	For always doing her best and being trustworthy.
<b>Year 5: Robyn</b>	For living the values and being a positive force.
<b>Year 6: Isabelle</b>	For her trustworthiness as a member of Year 6.

## OFFICE UPDATE

### Applications for NURSERY class for Sept 25

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

### Applications for RECEPTION class for Sept 25

**Herts County Council online admissions applications for Reception class in September 2025 are open.** This is applicable to children born between *1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021*. The online application deadline is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Prospective Reception class parents, including our current Nursery class parents, are encouraged to book a tour with Mrs Gillingham for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment.





## UPCOMING DATES

### NOV

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup>** Reception Trip - Cooking & Food Tasting Experience (Pizza Express Welwyn)

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** Reception – Year 6 Nasal Flu Spray

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** Year 4 trip – The British Museum, London

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** Non uniform in exchange for sweets for the FOSTA Fayre

### DEC

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>** Choir – Carol Service at All Saints Church, Hertford – Evening

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>** EYFS Nativity – AM

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup>** EYFS Nativity – AM

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup>** Year 5 STEM Trip – Stevenage (details to follow)

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>** FOSTA – Wreath Making Workshop in school - 6.30 - 8.30pm

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** Non uniform in exchange for bottles for the FOSTA Fayre

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Matinee

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Matinee

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Evening Performance

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup>** School Christmas Dinner

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** Non uniform in exchange for cakes for the FOSTA Fayre

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** FOSTA Christmas Fayre – 5-7pm

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** FOSTA Christmas Disco

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>** Church Service

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** **Last day of Autumn Term**

