



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: 17.03.25 Headteacher: Mr M Speed

Value: Justice

Dear parents and carers,

Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to Aylmerton last week. The children experienced rock pooling and had a great time hunting for fossils.



They were also lucky to experience exciting activities such as rope climbing and a walk along Cromer beach. A great time was had by all.

Science Day

Meanwhile, back at St Andrew's we've continued with some exciting learning as it was our Science Day on Tuesday. During the morning, we were very fortunate to have had a visit from the Planetarium belonging to the University of Hertfordshire. The children from Reception to Year 6 were able to take a tour through space, immersed in 360 degree imagery. It was very exciting and certainly one of those awe and wonder moments we like so much in science.



The **Reception** class have been celebrating Science Day with a visit to the planetarium, using rocks and sand to investigate how the moon's craters are made, and working together to build a giant marble run across the EYFS garden!



Year 3 had lots of fun in for Science Day. They conducted an experiment to see if the people with the largest hands were able to pick up the most pasta. They also visited the planetarium and had a tour of our solar system. They found out that mostly the people with the largest hands were able to pick up the most pasta and mostly the people with the smallest hands were able to pick up the least pasta. They drew a bar graph to show the results.



This week in **Nursery**, they also celebrated Science Day. Mrs Lovell created an experiment to complete using Gummy Bears. The children had a look at different Gummy Bears, speaking about their shape, size and colour. Children then had to predict what would happen to a Gummy Bear after spending 24 hours in water. The next day, they had a look at the bears and compared the ones that were put in water to the ones they had left out of the water. They discovered that the bears had lost their colour and they had more than doubled in size.



Science Day Assembly

Each class presented their learning from Science Day in a special assembly. It was so great to see all the imaginative ways the children came up with presenting their findings.



FOSTA Update

Thanks to you and our wonderful FOSTA team, we raised a total of **£311.35** from the Fun & Funky Friday event! All of this will go towards helping the children at St Andrew's.

School Council

We are pleased to announce our new School Council! Children who wanted to represent their class each prepared a speech and put forward reasons as to why they should be chosen to represent their class. All of the children voted and have elected the following as their current representatives:

Year 1 – Zac and Luna

Year 2 – Phoenix and Emily

Year 3 – Hannah and Finn

Year 4 – Cianna and Jack W

Year 5 – Lewis and Robyn

Year 6 – Ava and Jude

They will shortly receive their special badges and attend their very first meeting.

World Book Day

The children are all invited to dress as a character from a book or 'a word', if they wish. The children might prefer to take part by doing something 'book related' eg, write a review, design a book cover or make a book instead. There will be a parade in assembly to celebrate their creations.

If your child does not wish to dress up, they should come to school in their uniform, or their PE kit - if applicable. If your child has PE on a Friday and also wishes to wear a costume, please ensure that they have suitable clothes/shoes that they can change into for their PE lesson.

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 6 with 100%



Golden Welly Award

This week the Golden Welly was awarded to **all of Year 4** for helping to keep the school very tidy.



Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:
Year 6 with 8,699 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: Aimee for being kind and caring and for her wonderful work.

Reception: Jesse for living all the Values and his enthusiasm for learning.

Year 1: Beau for having a great first week in Year 1.

Year 2: Kane for his effort and enthusiasm in his learning.

Year 3: Tommy for his accuracy in his excellent graph drawing.

Year 4: Darcy for great effort and perseverance in maths.

Year 5: Daisy for preparing an excellent PowerPoint presentation.

Year 6: Zack for being a very cheerful team member.



This Half Term's Value: Justice

This week, our class Value advocates have chosen:

	Class Value Advocate
Reception: Arabelle chose	Vienna for her wonderful writing.
Year 1: Jonah chose	Joey for living all the Values and trying his best in class.
Year 2: James chose	Hadley for ensuring justice and fairness in school.
Year 3: Elsie chose	Tommy for all his efforts during Science Day.
Year 4: Joseph chose	Evie for being a kind and helpful member of the class.
Year 5: Noah chose	Buddy for being a helpful team member.
Year 6:	<i>Were away on their trip</i>

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

March

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
Thurs 3rd	Easter Church Service – 9.30am
Fri 4th	Last day of the spring term – 1.30pm finish

