



# 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: 24.02.25 Headteacher: Mr M Speed

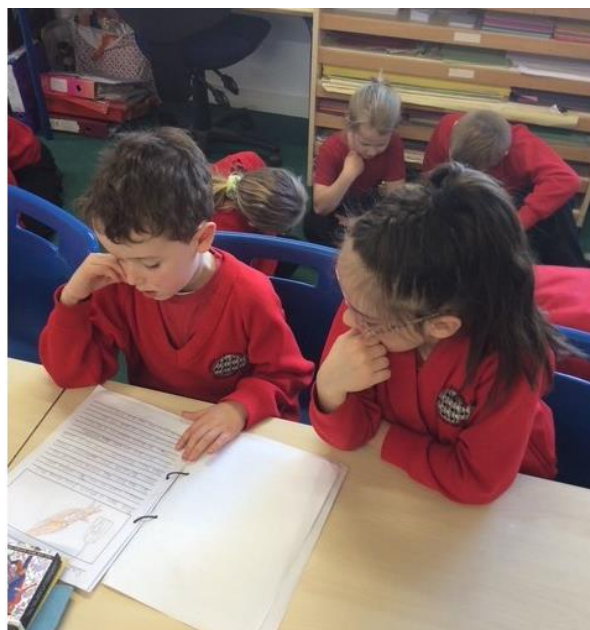
Value: Justice

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term! As we warmly welcome everyone back for the second half of the spring term, we are delighted that learning is already in full swing. The value of the term is 'justice' and was the theme of today's assembly. Throughout the term, we will be teaching children to explain what this means to themselves and others and will be asking them to apply it to different situations.

### Year 2 and Year 4

We feel that the younger children can often learn so much from the older children at St Andrew's. But this works both ways! The Year 2 children wrote some stories and shared these with Year 4. It was a wonderful way to showcase their hard work.



### Year 3

In science, Year 3 carried out an experiment to see which soil type drained water the quickest. They looked at sandy soil, loam soil and clay soil. They found out that sandy soil drains the quickest because sand is made up of large particles which have large gaps between them for the water to pass through. Clay soil is made up of very fine particles which sit very closely together so have small gaps. Clay particles trap the water in the soil making it slow to drain. Loam soil has a mixture of sand and clay particles and so is the best soil for retaining just enough moisture. They had great fun as always making a mess and learning at the same time!





### Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!

Attendance Ladder



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	94.8%
National statutory attendance	94.5%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 10.2.25	<b>Year 4 with 99%</b>

### Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:  
**Year 4 with 11,233 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:

- Reception: Alana** for always presenting her learning so beautifully.
- Year 1: Teddy** for his fantastic reading, working hard with his expression.
- Year 2: Ronnie** for his creativity and fantastic art work.
- Year 3: Rose** for her enthusiasm with her learning.
- Year 4: Harriet** for being engaged in every lesson and trying her best.
- Year 5: Noah** for always trying his best with his learning.
- Year 6: Thomas** for his excellent history work.



## Last Half Term's Value: Perseverance

Our Value Advocates chose:

Class Value Advocate	Class Champion
<b>Reception: Stella</b> chose	<b>Lottie</b> for her excellent perseverance in learning her tricky words.
<b>Year 1: Cece</b> chose	<b>Cece</b> always persevering in all she does.
<b>Year 2: Hadley</b> chose	<b>Bonnie</b> for her perseverance with her maths work.
<b>Year 3: Noah</b> chose	<b>Bertie</b> for always persevering with his learning.
<b>Year 4: Noah</b> chose	<b>Ethan</b> for persevering in his PE lesson.
<b>Year 5: Emily</b> chose	<b>Hattie</b> for always persevering in her learning.
<b>Year 6: Jude</b> chose	<b>Abbie</b> for showing excellent perseverance with her maths this week.

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 **THIS FRIDAY - 28<sup>th</sup> February**. 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. 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 for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment.

#### After School clubs – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk). For any queries: email [info@superstarsport.co.uk](mailto:info@superstarsport.co.uk) or phone 01992 766 707.



## Local News

### UPCOMING DATES

#### March

- Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** FOSTA Fun & Funky Friday – details to follow
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** Bayford Observatory Mobile Planetarium for Reception - Year 6
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** Year 5 & 6 trip to Aylmerton
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 trip to St Albans Cathedral
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Matinee – 2:30pm
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Matinee – 2:30pm
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Evening Performance – 6:30pm
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>** FOSTA Mothers Day Sale – in school
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup>** FOSTA Mothers Day Sale – in school

#### April

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup>** FOSTA Easter Disco
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** Last day of the spring term

