



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: 24.6.24

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last week started with a visit from Lewis (Year 4) who had received the coaches award from his Ware Lions Football Club. He was understandably proud of this achievement and said he had been given it for good sportsmanship and for playing well. Congratulations Lewis, it was a lovely way to start to my week.

Later that day I came across Year 3 holding an enormous image which they had all contributed to. They explained that they had made a panorama of the playground using cardinal points N, S, E and W. To create it they sat in the playground at various points of the compass and drew what they saw from their position. They then matched the images together to create their panorama. It was very impressive.



Year 4 Greek Day



On Wednesday Year 4 were transported back to Sparta and the time of the Ancient Greeks, where they completed many Greek tasks to conjure up what life would have been like then. The children made Greek tiles, headdresses and pottery necklaces. They also learnt about the stories of conquest and wars. It was all very exciting and the children loved the day.



OPAL NEWS

Our Golden Welly Award goes to Mikaela in Year 1 for being a fantastic role model whilst playing outside.



I loved seeing the creativity, teamwork and imagination used by some of the children in Year 3 to build their very own shelter using the large, loose parts. Well done girls!

As always, we are after more loose parts so that there are enough pieces for all the children to be able to show off their creativity. **Mr Cooper**



Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.6%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	94%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 17.6.24	Year 5 – 100%

Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's mini league winner: **Year 3**



You Can Toucan Awards

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

This week staff have chosen:

Nursery: Briony for hard work & focus in our PE lessons.

Reception: Jamie for being a kind, caring and helpful member of our class.

Year 1: Danae for growing in confidence, sharing her ideas and asking questions.

Year 2: Hanna for her positive attitude to learning & for her great behaviour.

Year 3: All of Year 3 for their wonderful behaviour.

Year 4: Buddy for his perseverance during Greek Day.

Year 5: Ethan for his effort to be organised and ready to learn.

Year 6: Bobby for his hard work during our school production rehearsals.





Our Half Term Value: Peace

'Blessed are those who work to make peace, for they shall be called children of God.'

Matthew 5.1-10

This term's Value Advocates are:

Class Value Advocate	Class Value Champion
Nursery: Denis chose	Sophie for bringing peace by our class
Reception: Olivia chose	Poppy R for always being a calm and understanding member of class
Year 1: Stanley chose	Phoenix for being kind and caring towards others if they are hurt
Year 2: Amelia chose	Finn for showing all of the Values
Year 3: Noah chose	Conor for being a lovely friend to everyone
Year 4: Louie chose	Jermaine for playing peacefully at breaktime
Year 5: Isabelle chose	Jude for keeping the peace and being kind to others
Year 6: Eifa chose	Summer for being a kind and peaceful member of the class

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Class Photos

Reminder: Parents & carers have until **Sunday 30th June** for free delivery to school. Orders placed after this date will incur a delivery fee.

Uniform – Summer Orders

Message from Mapac:

The summer is finally here and although here at Mapac we've already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, there can always be issues that are out of our control, with this in mind please order as early as possible, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority over all our current stock so please place orders as soon as possible – This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in time as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter with more information.

Super Star Sport - After School Clubs

Super Star Sport clubs for this half term are now available to book: <https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk>
– Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri.

Super Star Sport – Summer Holiday Camp

Super Star Sport have now released their bookings for their summer camps at St Andrew's, please see below:

Full day booking link:- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/93>

Half day booking link:- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/94>

For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.



Other News

Message from Home-Start Hertfordshire

We are currently looking for Family Mentor volunteers who can support families and we offer volunteers a training course and ongoing support. Volunteering can be a great way for parents to return to employment and to increase their skills and knowledge.

Home-Start helps families with young children (at least one child aged under 5) to deal with whatever life throws at them. We support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children. We believe it is crucial to help families deal with problems before they become a crisis. The benefits of our support include improved health and well-being and better family relationships. We train volunteers to support families both in their own homes and at our referral only family groups. Once a volunteer mentor is matched with a family, they will visit the family in their home for a couple of hours each week. They provide practical and emotional support to help the family work through the challenges they are facing.

If you would like to know more about Home-Start and volunteering, please contact our office on 01438 367788 or email admin@home-startherts.org.uk. A flyer with information is also attached to this newsletter.

TERM DATES

Thurs 27th June:	Year 1 Trip – Capel Manor
Thurs 27th June:	FOSTA ticket sales for the Summer Disco – after school in the Canopy
Fri 28th June:	Non-uniform day – in exchange for cakes or £1 for the FOSTA Summer Fete
Fri 28th June:	FOSTA Summer Fete (5pm - 8pm)
Mon 1st July:	Piano Assembly – 2.30pm - by invitation
Tues 2nd July:	FOSTA Summer Disco
Weds 3rd July:	Sports Day 1-6 (KS1 - AM & KS2 PM – after lunch)
Thurs 4th July:	EYFS Sports Day (AM only)
Fri 5th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Weds 10th July:	Reserve Sports Day 1-6
Fri 12th July:	Year 6 Chauncy Community Day – details to follow
Fri 12th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Mon 15th July:	Year 6 Leavers Show – Matinee Performance
Tues 16th July:	Year 6 Leavers Show – Matinee Performance Year 6 Leavers Show – Evening Performance
Weds 17th July:	End of Term Church Service
Fri 19th July:	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 19th July:	Last day of Summer Term

