



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: 03.02.25 Headteacher: Mr M Speed Value: Perseverance

Dear parents and carers,

This week, our school value of 'perseverance' has really shone through. As such, we have a variety of photos to share with you that showcase exciting learning here at St Andrew's. Hopefully you've all been able to book a parent consultation slot for next week. The team at St Andrew's are looking forward to welcoming you and you'll have the opportunity to look at more of your children's learning.

Year 2

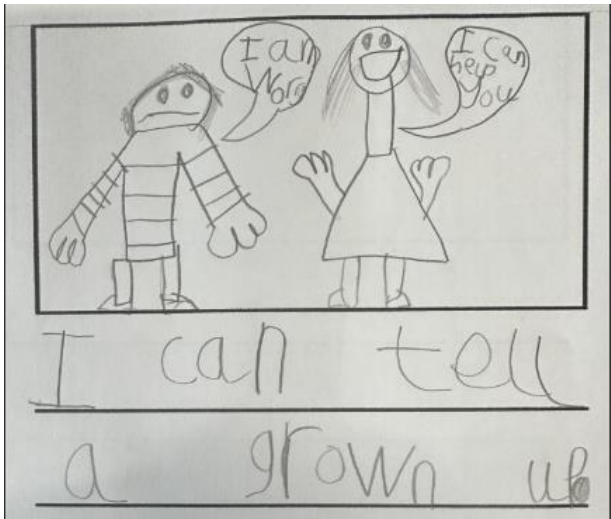
In PE lessons, Year 2 have been working on their throwing and catching skills, playing games with beanbags and tennis balls. They have also been throwing beanbags to hit a target, working on their technique and aiming carefully.



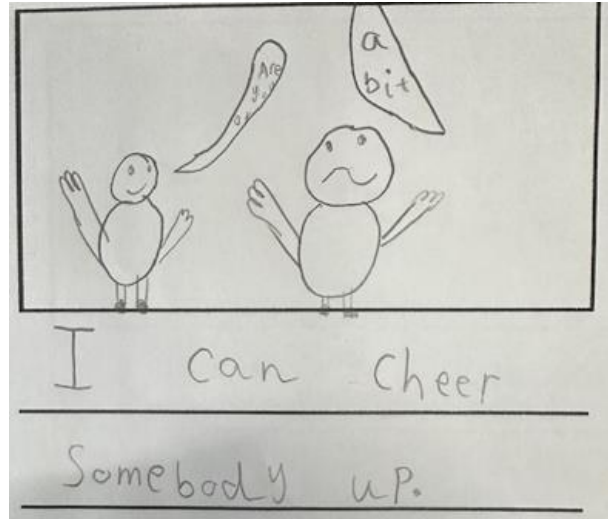
Year 1

Year 1 have been reading the stories 'Ruby's Worry' and 'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival in preparation to create their own personal recount of a worry or a roar. They have created emotions story maps, mini 'what to do if you are worried' books and made a recount plan. They are really focussing on how to create the perfect sentence remembering their capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and most importantly reading their work back. After reading 'Ravi's Roar,' they agreed that he did not make the right choices at the park and wrote some sentences about things that can be done at the park instead. Below are some of the suggestions the children came up with in their 'what to do if you're worried' books:





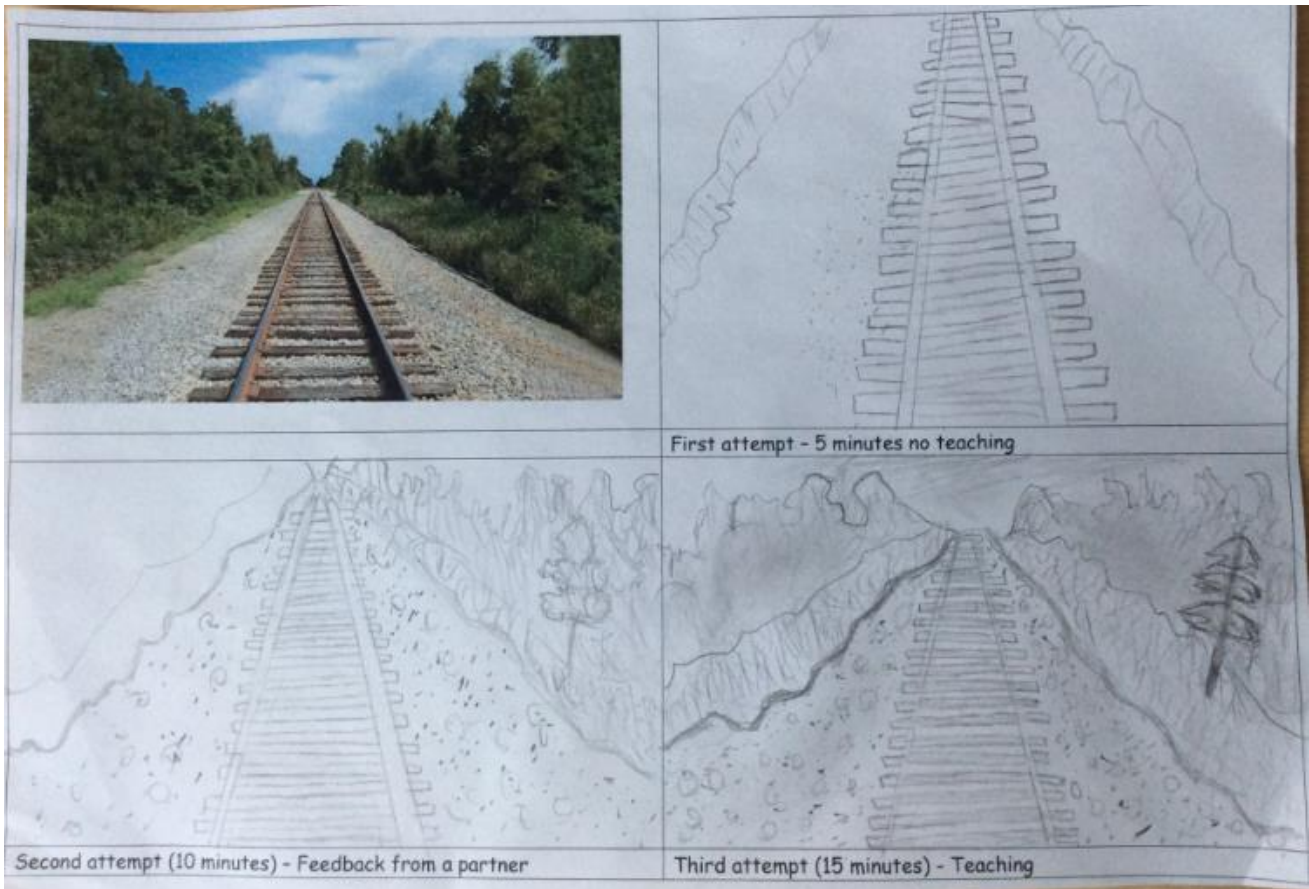
By Barnaby



By Jonah

Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring single point perspective. The children had a go at copying a picture before taking on feedback from their partner about how to improve. Pupils then completed their third attempt, having discussed the vanishing point and the horizon line. Jude created the wonderful example below:



Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely week celebrating Lunar New Year. The children worked hard using their scissor skills to create their own lantern and learnt what two colours are mixed together to make orange, which they then used to paint pictures of dragons. They also used glitter and glue to paint Chinese symbols and did some ribbon dancing.



Reception

Children in Reception class were also learning about the celebrations that take place at Lunar New Year. They recreated the symbols for different numbers, made lanterns and decorated the home corner to celebrate the special occasion.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about different types of soil and the names of different soil layers. The children also examined soil and worked out what the main constituents are. They also planted sunflower seeds and are having a class team competition to see who can grow the tallest one. As the flowers grow, they will be measuring them, collecting data and drawing graphs.



A Message from FOSTA

FOSTA needs you! Can you spare some time baking for our upcoming 'Valentines' style cake sale after school on Friday 14th February? Cakes, biscuits, cookies - everything is welcome. **Please provide a full ingredients list for all items.**

Please let your class rep know if you can help support this fundraising event so that we can keep an eye on stock levels. If you don't fancy baking but have 15 minutes to spare, then we would also welcome help to sell after school. Thank you from FOSTA.

Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



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| Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25) | 94.8% |
| National statutory attendance | 94.5% |
| Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 27.1.25 | Reception with 97% |



Golden Welly Award

This week the Golden Welly was awarded to **all of Year 3** for their sportsmanship during football matches at lunchtime.



Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:
Year 5 with 11,326 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: Oryn for persevering with her work.

Reception: Stella for working hard and trying her best & **Edie** for her great phonics.

Year 1: Freya for trying her best in all she does.

Year 2: Bonnie for increased confidence in her English work.

Year 3: Hanna for her hard work and positive attitude in writing.

Year 4: Isabelle for persevering with her maths.

Year 5: Joe for having courage and enthusiasm in his learning.

Year 6: Sariban for her fantastic effort in all areas of the curriculum.



Our Half Term Value: Perseverance

This week our Value Advocates chose:

| Class Value Advocate | Class Champion |
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| Reception: Stella chose | Jessica for persevering with her phonics learning & AJ for showing perseverance in all areas of his learning. |
| Year 1: Cece chose | Oskar for showing perseverance and determination when completing independent learning. |
| Year 2: Hadley chose | Philon for showing determination in all his learning. |
| Year 3: Noah chose | Noah for persevering with his learning. |
| Year 4: Noah chose | Ethan for persevering with his learning. |
| Year 5: Emily chose | Adaley for persevering with her writing. |
| Year 6: Jude | Ethan for working his hardest and persevering at all times. |

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 **28th February**. This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2021 and 31st 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. 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 – 1st 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. For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.

Local News

The Make Lunch Club will be running in half term and is open to all parents and carers. Hertford Library are putting on Science workshops over half term.



Make Lunch Club

Looking for something to do with the kids this **half term**?

Come along and join us at **Make Lunch Club!**



WHEN?

12 to 2 pm
Friday 21st February

WHERE?

The Wilshere Hall
St Andrew's Church
Stanstead Abbots



To book a place, email makelunch@3churches.net



UPCOMING DATES



February

Thurs 6th Aylmerton meeting for Year 5 & 6 parents – 3.20pm - Year 6 classroom

Tues 11th Reception to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings: 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Thurs 13th Reception to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings: 3.30pm – 7pm
Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Fri 14th FOSTA 'Valentines' style cake sale - after school.

Mon 17th – Fri 21st - Half Term Holiday

Mon 24th Return to school

March

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

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

Wed 19th Year 2 trip to St Albans Cathedral

Mon 24th Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Matinee – times TBA

Tues 25th Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Matinee – times TBA

Tues 25th Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Evening Performance – times TBA

