



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: 31.03.25 Headteacher: Mr M Speed

Value: Justice

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we have been getting ready for Easter at St Andrew's. After a tremendous performance from Year 3 and 4 in their production of The Tale of Three Trees last week, we are now getting ready for our annual Easter service by singing seasonal hymns and songs and learning about the Easter story. As we wish you all a very happy Easter break, here's a selection of some more learning that's taken place recently at St Andrew's.

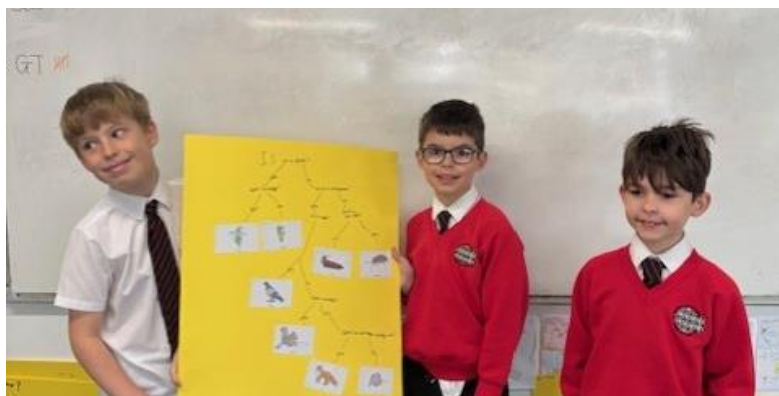
Year 2

During their trip to St Albans Cathedral, Year 2 made Easter tiles out of clay. They brought them back to school and were very keen to paint them, which they did beautifully, taking great care with the details.



Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at classification keys in their Science lessons. Here is one they created themselves and shared with others.



Reception

Reception class learnt about Eid this morning. They made cards and decorated the 'Home Corner'.



A plea from Mrs Bugg.....The children in the Nursery and Reception classes will be learning about 'People Who help Us!' next half term. We would love for them to meet some real-life superheroes! If any parents or carers have such a job and would be able to spare some time to come and talk these classes about their role, we'd be very, very grateful!

Thank you, Mrs Bugg.

Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	95%
National statutory attendance	94.5%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 10.2.25	Year 4 with 99%

Golden Welly Award

This week the Golden Welly was awarded to **all of Year 1** for their imaginative play.



Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:
Year 2 with 16,896 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: Archie** for working very hard in class.
- Reception: Remy** for being an all-round superstar.
- Year 1: Olivia** for working hard on her reading and writing.
- Year 2: Freddie** for making and painting a beautiful clay tile.
- Year 3: Elizabeth** for persevering in her English work.
- Year 4: Willow** for going the extra mile with her learning.
- Year 5: Emily** for showing determination in his learning.
- Year 6: Olivia** for being a fantastic role model to all.



This Half Term's Value: Justice

This week, our class Value advocates have chosen:

	Class Value Advocate
Reception: Arabelle chose	Edith for living all of the Values and always trying her best.
Year 1: Jonah chose	Poppy for living the Values and trying her best in all she does.
Year 2: James chose	Emily for living all of the Values.
Year 3: Elsie chose	Mia for trying to help everyone make good choices.
Year 4: Joseph chose	Jack R for living all the school's Values.
Year 5: Noah chose	Joseph showing honesty and fairness during the football match.
Year 6: Dolly chose	Sariban for living all the Values.

Best Wishes,

Mr M Speed

OFFICE UPDATE

Message from Family First:

Family First is a free online magazine aimed at parents of children aged 0-12 with plenty of articles and activities that you can share and read with your children. Please see link below:

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue2-25>

News from Herts County Council:

Low-cost family learning workshops

Enjoy family fun during the Easter school holidays with low-cost family learning workshops from Step2Skills, in Stevenage.

Spend quality time with your child during the Easter school holidays on 2-hour interactive workshops from Step2Skills, designed to get you working together on a range of fun activities. Choose from Spring Explorers or The Crystal Challenge. The workshops are being held in Stevenage and are ideal for 5- to 10-year-olds, with their accompanying adult. Tickets are £5 per adult. Book your place on their website: www.step2skills.org.uk

Easter holiday cycle training courses

Hertfordshire County Council are running cycle training at various Cycle Hubs across Hertfordshire during the Easter holiday. 'Learn to Ride' sessions and 'Bikeability' training is available at the following cycle hubs during the Easter Holidays:

Watford Cycle Hub - www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk

The Pavilion, Chaffinch Ln, Watford WD18 9QD

Stevenage Cycling Hub - www.stevenagecyclinghub.co.uk

Fairlands Valley Park, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG2 0BL

St Albans Cycle Hub - www.stalbanscyclehub.co.uk

Cottonmill Community and Cycling Centre, Cottonmill Ln, St Albans AL1 2EF

Herts Disability Sports Foundation - www.hdsf.co.uk

Courses for riders / trainee riders with SEND requirements in varying locations across Hertfordshire.

For any other cycle training please email us at cycle.training@hertfordshire.gov.uk Happy cycling!



UPCOMING DATES

April

- Tues 1st** FOSTA Easter Disco
- Thurs 3rd** Easter Church Service – 9.30am
- Fri 4th** Last day of the spring term – 1.30pm finish
- Tues 22nd** **Return to School**
- Thurs 24th** Choir Evening Performance Sele School
- Tues 29th** Year 6 swimming lessons start – details to be sent home
- Weds 30th** Chance to Shine Cricket Workshops – Year 1 - 6

May

- Thurs 1st** Year 1 Castles Workshop – in school
- Tues 6th – Fri 9th** Year 5 Bikeability

