

# SMSC Diary Summer Term 2023

***“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” Matthew 4:19***

***‘Learn to love and love to learn; in God’s love each one will shine’.***



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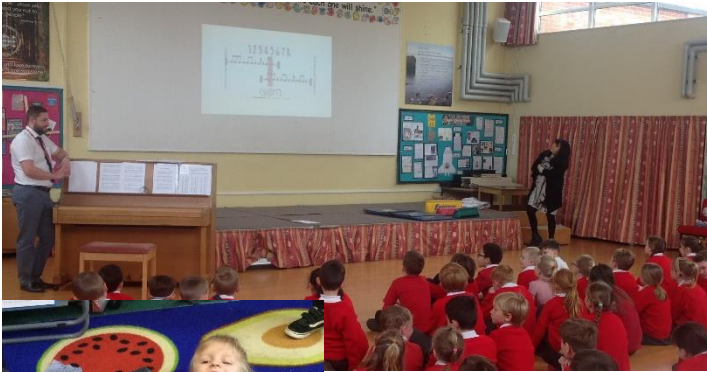
*“A deeply Christian vision is the golden thread that weaves through every aspect of school life. Everyone is enabled to develop within the life-changing, transformational, and loving culture that permeates the school.”*

Here are just some of the **spiritual, moral, social and cultural activities** we have enjoyed this term. Please read and enjoy!

# Special Days - Visits and visitors

## Maths Morning

During our first week back, after our Easter break, Miss Muncey led a whole school 'Maths Morning' helping the children to appreciate that maths is part of everyday life not just in lessons. Our Key Stage 1 and 2 children moved around in mixed age groups to explore maths in art, music and physical exercise. In Early Years the children took part in a variety of activities, involving shape, measurement and counting. This was a fantastic way to begin our last term for this academic year.



## Coronation Celebration day - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May was a day of regal rejoicing, with the school peppered with flags, bunting and crowns. This historic event has been marked by learning as well as through celebration. Each class explored life as a Monarch and their findings were shared during our assembly. The celebration whole school picnic was enjoyed by all, despite having to spend the time inside due to the weather.



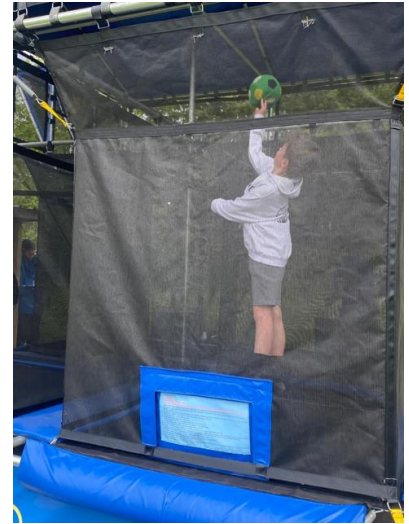


### Year 6 Residential Trip

After completing their SAT tests our Year 6 had a wonderful time at their residential trip to PGL Liddington. As can be seen below, they had the excitement of high ropes, abseiling, vertical challenges, swinging on giant trapezes, problem solving activities and finished off with the ever popular disco.







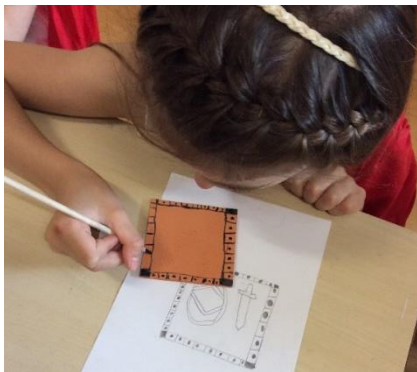
### Castle Life

Year 1 enjoyed a morning exploring life in a castle. As well as having an opportunity to dress up. The children tried milling flour, cooking the food and learning how to defend their castle. They enjoyed the session and responded later through pictures and writing.



### Year 4 Greek day

Year 4 children were transported back to the year 431 BC to the city state of Sparta. They explored many aspects of Ancient Greek culture and were able to experience first-hand some of the daily tasks and activities that Spartan warriors would have carried out. It was a fantastic day which was enjoyed by both the children and staff!





## Year 6 Henry Moore Trip



Year 6 had an inspiring day, when they visited the Henry Moore Foundation in Perry Green. After a guided tour exploring the sculptures, Year 6 had some time to sketch some of their favourite pieces. They brought these ideas back to school and began making their own sculptures in the style of Henry Moore using polystyrene and Modroc.



## Walk to School Week (15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May)

We had a very successful Walk to School week, where many of our children either walked, scooted or cycled to school. The health and environmental benefits of this was explored in class and we are hoping that families will continue with the initiative long term.

## EYFS News



In May EYFS were visited by real life superheroes; the police. They learnt about the role of a police officer and even got to sit in the police car. During their special Super Hero Day the children dressed as their favourite superheroes and completed a series of superhero challenges.





EYFS also visited St Andrew's Church and explored the special items and areas within the church.

Later in May our EYFS visited Lea Valley Park Farm and had a wonderful day, looking at the different animals and exploring the park.





## Yr 5 French and Jupps Visit

Year 5 made very good use of the local community by completing a street survey followed by a visit to French and Jupps' Maltings, where they learnt all about the brewing process.



## Yr2 Great Fire of London Experience

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, Year 2 travelled back in time to experience life during the year 1666 as the events of the Great Fire and the effects on the population were revealed in story-telling and live acting. The hall turned into a London street and the children tried their hand at various jobs, including baking and embroidery. The smells of the apothecary filled the air as medicines were made to heal ailments such as the plague, headaches and temperatures.



## Year 4 and 5 Faith Trip



Our Year 4 and 5 classes also had a wonderful learning opportunity when they visited three different places of worship; a Christian church, an Islamic mosque and a Sikh gurdwara in Bedford and were able to compare and contrast the features of the different buildings and how these features supported worship by the different faiths. They also learnt about how these faiths all reached out to support the local community and the 'golden thread' that runs through all three faiths: to treat others as you would like to be treated.



## Year 1 Trip to Capel Manor

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Capel Manor. In the morning they were guided around the grounds and found out some interesting facts about plants, trees and insects. They looked at a range of plants and vegetables, walked through the cactus and succulent house and smelt the rosemary in the sensory garden. The children also had to find their way through the maze and up to the lookout tower. In the afternoon they saw some of the animals in the zoo and learnt about their habitat. The trip was finished off by going on a woodland walk and a visit to the fairy gardens.



## Andy- The Bee Man

Andy, a beekeeper, visited Year 5 and Year 1 and told them some amazing facts about his bees. He showed some of the equipment he uses to look after the bees - a bee suit, a smoker, a soft brush and a dustpan! Andy has 50,000 bees in his beehive. Andy explained to the children how important bees are in pollinating flowers and plants that we need to survive. He also explained how we could take care of them, such as planting bee friendly flowers in our gardens.





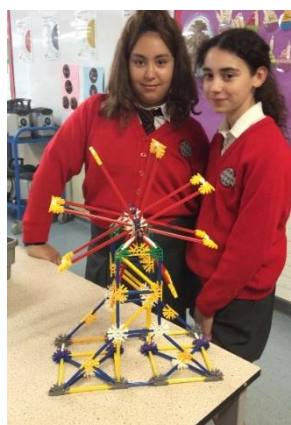
## Year 5 Road Safety Talk



Mrs Zitver (one of our parents) kindly came and gave the Year 5 class a road safety talk, in her role as Founder of 'Road Awareness For Tots to Teens'. This was a very generous offer as this class are now drawing ever closer to being our new Year 6 cohort with new freedoms, one of which is to be able to walk to and from school without an adult (where parents/carers give permission). Mrs Zitver was very complimentary about the response, questions and reflections of the class and I am sure this intervention will help the children be safer both during the summer break and in the future.

## Year 6 Chauncy Community Day

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 joined other year 6 children to enjoy a variety of activities at Chauncy Community Day. They cooked pastry snakes, tried their hand at Photoshop and created models using K'Nex. It was a great deal of fun as well as providing our Year 6 children another opportunity to experience a secondary school environment.



## Year 3 Trip to Verulamium

Year 3 went on a trip to Verulamium, St Albans to consolidate their learning about the Romans. They dressed like Romans, looked at artefacts and thought about life in ancient Roman times.



## Year 4 DT and Art Work.



Year 4 held an Art and DT week. In DT the children made healthy Greek style wraps using a variety of vegetables and feta cheese. The children learned how to use the claw and bridge cutting technique, which I am sure they will be happy to demonstrate at home, helping to prepare tea. In their art the children painted Greek pottery and then used printing to give their pictures a border.



## Year 5 & 6 End of Year Production



In July our Upper Key Stage 2 children delighted us with their production of Magpie Manor. The singing, comedy, dancing and acting was all superb and everyone, who watched it, were full of compliments. Thanks go, particularly to Mr Cooper, Mrs Hoskin, Miss Sewell and Miss Kumm for pulling it all together and of course, to the children who showed obvious enjoyment as they performed.





## *A few examples of Learning in the classroom*

### **Year 3 Science work**

As part of their science topic Year 3 really got their hands dirty by investigating a range of soil from around Britain. They were extremely surprised about the range and variety of soils and very quickly learnt that mud was not simply mud but a mixture of both geological and natural materials. They were especially amazed at the difference in colour of the samples.



Later in the term Year 3 learned about light as part of their science work. There were some lovely awe and wonder moments as the children discovered how light travelled in straight lines, but could also be reflected and split around the classroom.





## Multiplication Facts

Our Year 1 class had been working hard to learn their multiplication facts. They used the peg boards in order to create arrays to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. These early number patterns are so important as they enable the children to have swift recall of the facts as they progress through the school. Mr Chesterman held a Year 4 parent meeting to discuss the statutory multiplication test. The test is completed online and involves 25 questions based on all of the times tables up to and including the 12 times table. There are only seconds given for the children to record their answer before moving to the next one. By Year 4 our children really do need to know all of their multiplication facts to be able to meet this test confidently. Of course, knowing their tables also helps the children in swift problem solving in all areas of maths.



To help encourage our children to learn their facts we have a weekly school competition celebrating which class has completed the most minutes working on Times Tables Rock Stars. All children have a log-in and can access this from home. It certainly is a more amusing way of learning their tables than in my day, so do please encourage your children to try completing a daily five minutes.



## Writing

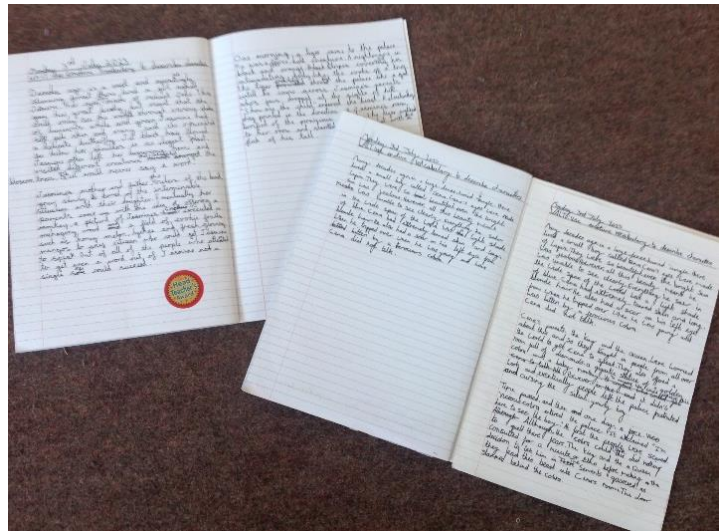
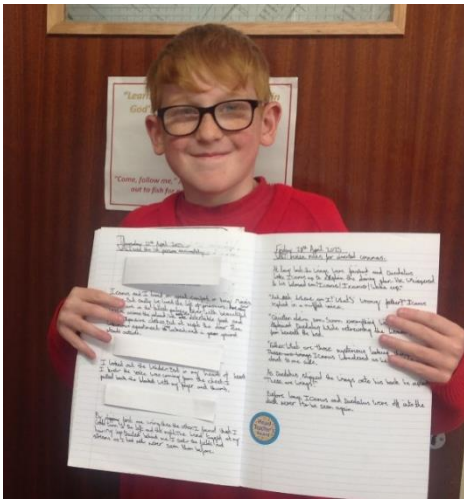
We often celebrate writing in our Celebration Collective Worship. Here are just some of the examples shared.



Year 2 shared their superb non-fiction accounts of the Great Fire of London. The care and detail of these books was stunning and showed the depth of their learning about the topic.



Year 4 shared their version of their class book. The quality of their writing was outstanding, using all the techniques which had been taught.



Year 5 had also been writing and publishing their version of 'The Boy in the Tower'. They edited and typed up their versions – which all look very professional.







## Reading Focus

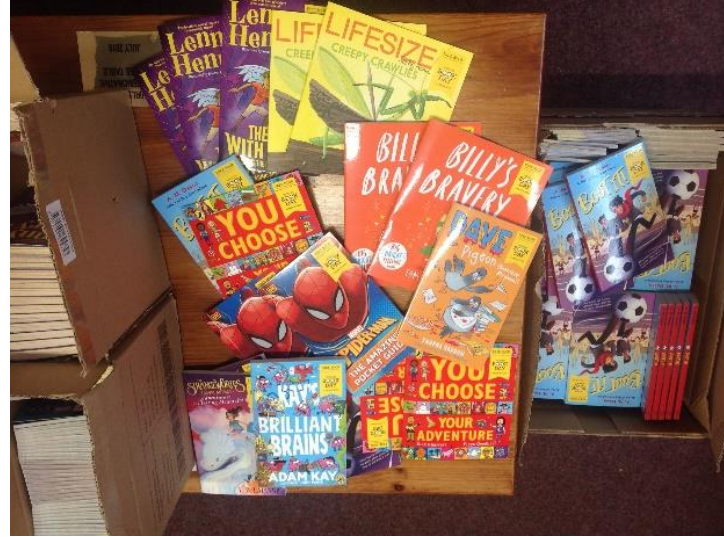
Throughout the term, we have continued our reading push through lots of initiatives.

Year 6 created this stunning book display in their classroom, to encourage the children to keep up with their reading, even through their test period in May.

## Book Donations

We received a wonderful selection of free books from Leaf Café, Hertford. My

staff soon swooped on them to add to their class libraries.



## Book Fair

Our scholastic book fair opened from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, providing an opportunity for our children to buy books at a very reasonable cost and earn free books for the school.





### Making Books Come Alive



In Reception the children enjoyed bringing the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' story to life by following instructions to make their own sandwiches.



### Library reading challenge

We have promoted and encouraged our children to take part in this summer's reading challenge. Their aim is to read six books over the summer break.

### Amazing Art

There has been a variety of stunning and creative artwork being produced around the school.

#### Year 2 Insect Art work

Year 2 created clay creepy-crawlies inspired by the artist Edouard Martinet. They learned how to manipulate and join the clay using rolling, pinching, twisting and squashing techniques. They added junk modelling to their designs. This was the result of a six-week project during which the children studied the artist's work, created line drawings of insects, developed their clay techniques and designed their own pieces.





## Completed Year 6 Henry Moore inspired sculptures



### Art Club Fun –

Art club made puppets and masks out of recycled paper bags. They had all been extremely creative and had clearly loved the activity.

### OPAL (Outside Play and Learning)



Our OPAL working party, which includes governors, staff and parents, have had very productive meetings over the term. The aim of this initiative is to make play at St Andrew's even more exciting and creative. The first part of the process has been to complete an audit to evaluate our current

play provision.

We have already made one exciting change at lunchtime by removing the specific zoned areas for key stage 1 and 2 children, to allow equal opportunity of space and facilities.





Here are some gorgeous photos of the joy we are witnessing during our outside play.



### Home Learning

Learning does not stop at the end of the school day. Here are just some of the ways our children, with their parent/carer's support has continued their enthusiasm for learning. Charlie (Yr 6) brought in a second fantastic model, made at home. This time he has created a B17 American bomber, adding all of the details. He had improved on his previous model by strengthening the wings and was able to talk with deep knowledge about it.

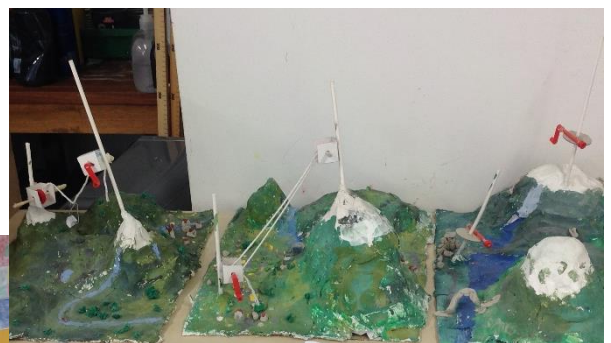
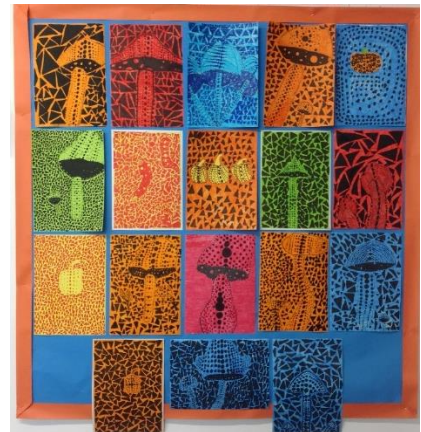
Year 5 also shared a huge variety of homework based on their study of the Vikings. There were board games, diaries, runic messages, models of ships and information fact files. The children had clearly loved the subject matter, shown through the care of the work produced.





## End of term Open Evening

Our end of term Open Evening provided an opportunity for parents & carers to look around the school and celebrate all of the wonderful work and learning completed by our children over the term. Here are some examples of the work on display.



## *Musical Opportunities during the term.*

### Hertfordshire Schools' Gala - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Twenty members of our school choir, led by Miss Sewell, had a wonderful experience as they joined with other Hertfordshire school choirs to sing at the Royal Albert Hall for the bi-annual **Hertfordshire Schools' Gala**. They sang a medley of sea shanties with a massed choir accompanied by a full symphony orchestra, and watched dance and musical performances. It was a spectacular evening and certainly one, which, I know, the children and I will remember for many years. A tremendous thank you to Miss Sewell and Mrs Bugg for accompanying and supporting the children. The children have well and truly put St Andrew's on the choral map!





## Willowthorpe Care Home Visit

In June our choir visited Willowthorpe Care Home to sing a selection of songs to the residents. Their performance was very much appreciated and applauded and we are hoping to perform again in the next academic year. This is part of our initiative to support our local community.

## Cello Assembly

We had a wonderful Collective Worship when two Presdales students came and performed two pieces on their cellos accompanied by Mrs Davey on the piano. They really were brilliant and very inspiring to our children. This is part of Miss Sewell's aim, as music lead, to provide opportunities for our children to listen to live music as often as possible. Our children were entranced throughout the performances.



Another wonderful musical opportunity occurred the following weekend when eight children from our school choir joined Miss Sewell to sing and perform as part of the Hertford Symphony Orchestra's performance at the Drill Hall, Ware.



## Piano Assembly

we held our end of year piano assembly, where the children who have been learning the instrument with Mrs Barone had the opportunity to perform their pieces. Some of the children have only been learning for a short time but all did very well and impressed the audience with their performances.





## Sporting News



We are very pleased to announce that we have achieved our Gold School Games Award for the fourth consecutive year. Mr Cooper, supported by the school Sport Ambassadors (Ella and Elliott) have worked so hard throughout the year to ensure that there are sporting events arranged for all of our children to benefit from.

This takes a great deal of planning and work, but the value of opportunity and enjoyment experienced by our children make this effort worthwhile. So thank you Mr Cooper, ambassadors, Office staff and parents/carers for organising, sorting and taking the children to all of the various events out of school. And well done to all of our children, who always show great determination, and also good sportsmanship, whenever they take part.



match to finish third and win the bronze medal. Well done to all involved.

One such example of sporting opportunity occurred when Ruben, Elliott, Kai, Jacob, Josh, Tommy, Oliver and Ella went to Sele School to take part in the Dynamo Cricket tournament.

There were eight teams split into two groups. Our children worked really well as a team and showed great sportsmanship to help win four out of our six games.

Having come second in their group, they went through to the semi-final. Unfortunately, they lost that game but won the play-off



Other sporting opportunities this term include:

- Year 5 and 6 girls in Rugby skills tuition
- Y5 and Y4 Boccia competition against other schools where they won the final!







### **Year 3 Badminton**

In May, group of Year 3 children had the opportunity to go to Presdales, to take part in a badminton skills training course. They came back full of enthusiasm for the sport and wanting to do more at school - always an indication of a great learning experience.

### **Girls' Football**

As part of their advocacy of girls' football, Presdales School have hosted two Hertford and Ware Schools' Partnership events, in which St Andrew's has taken part.

Girls from our Year 3 and Year 4 classes played in a football festival and girls from our Year 5 and Year 6 classes played in a friendly competition with other local primary schools on the Presdales pitches.





## Year 5 Sporting Event

Year 5 took part in the WWodson Games, representing New Zealand. The class took part in a variety of activities against other local schools: zero bounds, archery, rounders, ultimate frisbee, rapid-fire cricket and cheerleading.

The class had a fabulous time and were complimented on their impeccable behaviour and attitude.

We won gold medals for archery and zero bounds and bronze medals for ultimate frisbee. In addition, Joseph and Blessing won best sportsmanship gold medals. Well done Year 5.





### District Sports

Our St Andrew's team participated in Hertford and Ware Medium Schools District Athletics.

They also won some medals:

Year 3 & 4 team finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7.

Year 5 & 6 team came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 8.



### Key Stage 2 Sport Afternoon

The weather was very kind to us when we had a glorious afternoon watching and cheering on our Key Stage 2 children as they competed in a number of races. Up to the last few races, all four house teams were neck and neck with their points. However, it was the final space hopper race which saw Stort pull ahead.





## Key Stage 1 Sport Day

We also had a lovely sporting morning, a few days later, when EYFS and Key Stage 1 completed a variety of races and activities in their delayed Sports Day. Fortunately, the sun shone and all of the children and parents had a lovely time.



## Sports Day Results

After a very successful two sports day sessions, involving all of the children, we announced the winning house. Whilst Stort performed very strongly in the Key Stage 2 afternoon, it was the Key Stage 1 Millstream team who helped their house scoop the Sports Day Cup.

	Ash	Millstream	Lea	Stort
Key Stage 1	56	64	45	34
Key Stage 2	63	61	62	79
Total	119	125	107	113





## Y2 Rapid Fire Cricket Festival

Ten children from Year 2 took part in the Rapid Fire Cricket Festival at Simon Balle School. We played five matches against schools in the local area in games of fifteen minutes, each child getting a chance to bat and field. We were proud of winning four of our games and achieving scores of 80 or more runs. This qualified us for the finals where we narrowly lost, achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. The children's sportsmanship and behaviour were commented on, particularly in regard to how well they supported and encouraged each other and how they listened to the instructions and improved in each game.



SEPTEMBER - APRIL 2023 FOSTA FUNDRAISING PROFITS			SEPTEMBER - APRIL 2023 FOSTA'S SUPPORT TO OUR SCHOOL		
SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES £133	FAYRE £2,460	NATIVITY £257	PICNIC LOLLIES £56	ADVENT BOOKLETS £116	EASTER 2023 BOOKLETS £121
XMAS FUNDRAISING £465	SPONSORED BOUNCE £2,037		XMAS PANTO £365	LIVING EGGS £318	NURSERY & RECEPTION COACH TRIP TO PANTO £439
DISCO! £530	MOTHER'S DAY SALE £331	MATCH FUNDING - KATE TESCO £506	CORONATION BOOKMARKS £221	TRIP TO ST ALBANS £138	TRIP TO ST ALBANS £180
VALENTINES DAY SALE £65	PETER CUFFARO £300 SPONSOR		STEM CENTRE TRAVEL £250	TRIP TO DUXFORD MUSEUM £114	BRITISH MUSEUM TRAVEL £156
BAGS2SCHOOL PICK UPS £251	SMARTIES CHALLENGE £251		SO FAR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, OUR CHILDREN HAVE BENEFITTED TO THE SUM OF		
TOTAL FUNDRAISING FROM SEPT TO APRIL, INCLUDING PETTY CASH ROLLOVER AFTER GENERAL COSTS DEDUCTED			<b>£2,857</b>		
<b>£7,977</b>			With more costs in the pipeline for the remainder of the summer term, your support to FOSTA fundraising efforts is vital and much appreciated by us all, thank you. An update will be provided in July.		

## FOSTA

We really are so grateful to FOSTA and all of the parents & carers who volunteer their time to help raise much needed funds for our school. The poster above shares just some of the fund raising events held and how the proceeds have been spent to support our school and children.

### FOSTA Disco

Our ears were assailed during the 'End of Year Disco', organised and run by our wonderful FOSTA, as the children played, danced and sang the evening away. It really was one of the best, I feel, and the children all seemed to have the very best of times. Thank you to our FOSTA team who make such joyful times happen for our children.





### FOSTA Summer Fete



Whilst the weather was not with us - the summer spirit certainly was as many of our school family came and helped our FOSTA Fete be a huge success. There were stalls, barbeque, Choir performances and refreshments to be enjoyed, which raised an **incredible £2700** for the school. The school would like to thank all of FOSTA and the parent helpers who gave up their time before, during and after the event to make it such a memorable occasion. Whilst the aim is to raise much needed money for the school, these events also bring so much joy and happiness, which is, in itself, priceless.

Throughout the year FOSTA have raised an incredible **£11,776** through all of the events they have run this year. This is a stupendous amount and everyone at school is hugely appreciative of this fundraising which helps your children in so many ways such as; supporting school trips, helping to develop the computing infrastructure of the school and buying other school resources. So 'Thank You' once again, FOSTA.





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SPONSORED BOUNCE  
£2,037

DISCOS  
£1160



MOTHER'S DAY SALE  
£331

MATCH FUNDING - KATE  
**TESCO** £506

VALENTINE'S DAY SALE  
£65



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**PETER CUFFARO**  
ESTATE AGENTS

PETER CUFFARO  
£300 SPONSOR

BAGS2SCHOOL PICK UPS  
£291



SMARTIES  
CHALLENGE £251

FAYRE!  
£2,719



FATHER'S DAY  
SALE £295



ICE CREAM  
SALE £307



Y6 LEAVER  
BAR £203

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## *Competition Winners*



In March Year 2 and Year 5 took part in a national competition run by Primary Engineers. The children were given the brief to 'Identify a problem and solve it.'

Sometime later we received our feedback; that all the children had passed and that two of our children were the national winners. Jamie and Laura (both in Year 2) won the competition, while Isabella and Caitlin, also from Year 2, had 'honorable mentions'.

Jamie designed a machine which will tie your shoe laces, while Laura invented a tooth watch, which not only tells you the time but will also brush your teeth at pre-arranged times. Both inventions would be very useful for the busy worker!



Our four children were invited to an award ceremony on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, at Anglia-Ruskin University. They collected their certificates in front of an applauding crowd and were described as a 'credit to the school'.

Huge congratulations to Jamie, Laura, Isabella and Caitlin.

## *And Finally.....*

### **End of Year Service and Goodbye to Year 6**

We ended this academic year with a joyful service at St Andrew's Church. We were joined by a number of parents as each class reflected on one of our values from this year. As part of the service we said goodbye to our present Year 6 class as they move onto the next step in their education. They really have been a wonderful cohort, full of good humour, fun and enthusiasm. I have watched them grow into kind, caring individuals and I am sure they will thrive in their new schools. We wish them the very best.





On our last Friday we held two further assemblies. The first was our Red Certificate Assembly, where we awarded certificates to those children who have lived our values throughout the term. This was followed by our 'Year 6 Memories Assembly'. During the second assembly we awarded our **Value Champion Award** to **Maya** (Y6). This award is given annually to someone who the staff feel has "lived the values" throughout their time at St Andrew's and who has had a major impact upon the school. Maya's kindness, positivity and willingness to 'have a go' have always shone out. She has been a Play Buddy, member of the Faith Factory and has performed at every choir event over the years. We know she will cherish this award.



We are also sadly saying goodbye to two well-loved members of staff, Mrs Trevett and Miss Hayes. Mrs Trevett has been a part of our St Andrew's family since 2013, when she began as a volunteer with our Nursery class and she has been with us ever since. As we reflected in her leaving assembly, nearly every child in the school had been supported and cared for by her over the years. The children's fond memories, recounted in her class cards, showed how much they loved her in return. We will miss her warm and caring nature and we wish her well in her retirement.



Miss Hayes began at St Andrew's just before I joined the school, in 2018, and has been a wonderful LSA for our Year 3 classes. She has been extremely adaptable, stepping in whenever needed, including with our Early Years children. We are going to miss her humour, kindness and beautiful dresses - which I often admire. We wish her all the very best in her new life in Norfolk.



**We are now looking forward to our new academic year 2023-24.**