



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

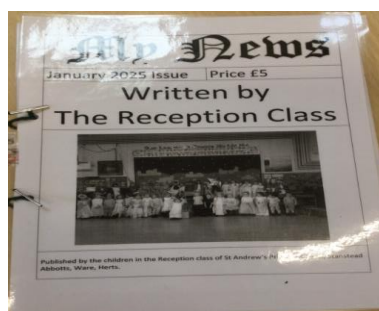
Date: 13.01.25 Headteacher: Mr M Speed Value: Perseverance

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new term! It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back in to their learning at St Andrew's. Personally, I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and seeing them demonstrating the school's values in their lessons. I look forward to sharing more learning with you as the term progresses.

Reception

Reception class made their own newspaper this week. They did a great job of applying the skills and knowledge they have learnt during their phonics lessons to write sentences to share their news. The class are very proud of themselves and this edition of the newspaper has been very well read!



Wonderful Learning at Home

Robert in Year 3 has been collecting bottle tops at home for nine months now and has amassed over 100! He enthusiastically shared his collection with his fellow class mates and was able to explain their origins.



OPAL NEWS – From Mr Cooper

Today the children have had great fun breaking the ice that has formed in Forest School. The children have been creating their very own ice skating rinks and building ice sculptures using the resources they have found.



We desperately want to boost our resources available at playtime in order to give the children the boost experience possible. We are particularly in need of more wheeled vehicles and large loose parts (see photo below for examples).



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	96.5%
National statutory attendance	94.5%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 6.1.24	Year 1 with 99.7%



Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:
Year 5 with 5525 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: Daisy for settling in well and making new friends.

Reception: Edith for making a brilliant 'tricky work' booklet for her toys.

Year 1: Nathan for trying his best in all areas of his learning.

Year 2: Fiadh for her fantastic writing about Rapunzel.

Year 3: Dudley for his positive attitude to learning and being a good role model.

Year 4: Archie for his effort in all subjects this week.

Year 5: Rhys for his enthusiasm and contributions in Geography lessons.

Year 6: Alex for his excellent effort in class this week.



Our Half Term Value: Perseverance

This half term's new Value Advocates are:

Class Value Advocate	Class Champion
Reception: Stella	For always working hard and trying her best.
Year 1: Cece	For always living the values and trying her best daily.
Year 2: Hadley	For living all the values and always persevering.
Year 3: Noah	For always persevering with his learning.
Year 4: Noah	For living all of the school values each and every day.
Year 5: Emily	For persevering with her learning.
Year 6: Jude	For always sticking with a task and not giving up.

Best Wishes,

Mr M Speed



OFFICE UPDATE

Dinner Money

Dinner money slips for the 1st half of the spring term have been sent home with the children today. Payments can be made via WisePay. Thank you.

Applications for NURSERY class for Sept 25

Applications for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2025 are now 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. The application deadline is **28th February 2025**. All 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 with Mrs Gillingham for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment.

Applications for RECEPTION class for Sept 25

Herts County Council online admissions applications for Reception class in September 2025 are open. This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021*. The online application deadline is **15th January 2025**. Prospective Reception class parents, including our current Nursery class parents, are encouraged to book a tour with Mrs Gillingham 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.

UPCOMING DATES

January

Weds 15th Year 3 & 4 Multi Faith Tour

Thurs 16th School Census Day

Weds 22nd Year 6 Lancaster Model

February

Tues 11th Parent Consultation Meetings

Thurs 13th Parent Consultation Meetings

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Half Term Holiday

Mon 24th Return to school

