



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: 20.01.25 Headteacher: Mr M Speed Value: Perseverance

Dear parents and carers,

With the spring term now in full swing, I am delighted to share with you some of what the children at St Andrew's have been up to.

Nursery

The children in Nursery have loved reading the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. In the outdoor area, they have been using the equipment to build houses and re-tell the story. During forest school they found sticks and made little stick houses.



Year 3 & 4



The Year 3 and 4's had a wonderful day last week visiting a Gudwara, a Mosque and a Church in Bedford. The children learned lots of similarities between the three religions and also similarities between the places of worship. Everywhere they went, people were friendly and made them feel welcome on what was a really enjoyable trip.





Year 3

You may have heard that Year 3 planned some fundraising, as a class, for Christmas. They have been learning about the enormous number of people around the world who don't have access to a toilet. This came as a shock to many of the children. As such, they planned to support a programme run by a charity called Tear Fund. The idea was that they collect money and when £60 is raised, they could pay for a toilet to be installed in a place where people really need it. The toilet is then 'twinned' with one of our class toilets. The aim was to raise £120 so that we could twin both the girls' and the boys' toilets in Year 3.

We receive a photo of each toilet we provide and the GPS co-ordinates! This means we can look at our toilet in situ using Google Earth!

The children in Year 3 went home with a collection box and attempted to fill it over the Christmas period. Some children were very innovative in their fundraising. We had a sponsored run, selling drawings to family and friends and general helping around the house.

Year 3 are thrilled to report that they managed to raise £480 - enough for a staggering **eight** toilets! This is an amazing achievement by the children and shows what a difference we can make to these communities by working together. Well done, Year 3!

Look out for the certificates on the toilet doors next time you are in school.



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	95%
National statutory attendance	94.5%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 13.1.24	Year 1 with 99%

Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:
Year 5 with 5785 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: Hadley for perseverance in his work and being kind to all his friends.

Reception: Harry for making an excellent map of our obstacle course.

Year 1: Joey working hard on his writing and remembering his finger spaces.

Year 2: Danae for always demonstrating good learning behaviours and being ready to learn.

Year 3: Florence for her excellent contributions in RE and on the school trip.

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

Year 5: Max for always trying his best in all his learning.

Year 6: Jack H for his excellent contributions to all of school life.



Our Half Term Value: Perseverance

This week our Value Advocates chose:

Class Value Advocate	Class Champion
Reception: Stella chose	Olive for working very hard with her reading.
Year 1: Cece chose	Blake for showing great perseverance and determination with his reading.
Year 2: Hadley chose	Amelia for showing perseverance with her writing.
Year 3: Noah chose	Dudley for always being a good friend.
Year 4: Noah chose	Marnie for living all of the school values every day.
Year 5: Emily chose	Jacob for showing perseverance this week.
Year 6: Jude	Ava for always making sure everyone is involved in games at lunchtime.

Best Wishes,

Mr M Speed

OFFICE UPDATE

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 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 Hertfordshire Symphony Orchestra have asked us to share the following:

We are getting in touch to tell you about our children's concerts on Sunday Feb 2nd (two performances 2.30pm or 4.15pm) at BEAM (as was Hertford Theatre). We are offering 15% off with the code HSO15 (valid until midday on 29th Jan).

The concert is designed to be really engaging for primary school children with short excerpts of inspiring classical and film music introduced by professional animateur, Ruth Rosales. Ruth will lead audience participation and make it really fun for children and their families!

The concert is Superhero themed, lasts approximately 50mins and includes the following:

Superman Theme John Williams

Beethoven's 5th symphony (opening)

Sally Kee's Superhero song (involving the audience!)

Mars from Holst's The Planets



Children and adults are very welcome to wear superhero outfits: most of the orchestra players will be in fancy dress so you won't be alone!

Hertford Symphony Orchestra has a great reputation for excellent performances and a track record of exciting and inspiring concerts for children. Our players include local semi-professional musicians many of whom teach in local primary schools and music centres.

BEAM is a wonderful venue – if you haven't yet been there, this is your chance to see it. It's the orchestra's debut at BEAM – come and support us, inspire your children and have fun at Classical Superheroes with Hertford Symphony Orchestra.

Many thanks

Katie Neilson and everyone at Hertford Symphony Orchestra

UPCOMING DATES

January

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

March

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

