



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: 21.10.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Thankfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 'published' their narrative writing by reading their stories to the Reception children. It was a lovely way for Year 3 to share their work and the Reception children really enjoyed the experience.



Sporting News

Mr McNaughton had a busy day last Wednesday when he supported a group of Year 4 children in the morning and a group of Year 5 & 6 children in the afternoon at a Tag Rugby tournament at Hertford Rugby Club. The children played lots of games against other schools and won many of them. They all had terrific fun.



Year 6 Trip to Stanstead Bury Farm



On Wednesday Year 6 were lucky to be able to visit Stanstead Bury Farm where they took part in a number of activities including; gardening in the Walled Garden, a history tour of St James' Church and Stanstead Bury House - they also went down in to the ice house! The children loved seeing the animals and eating their lunch in the hay barn. We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Trower for opening up their home and farm to help educate our children.



Our Nursery children were also out and about in our Forest School area. They were looking for spider webs and were fascinated with the patterns they made. The children liked the way the rain had fallen on them to make them more visible.

Parking Around the School

Unfortunately, the school has received a complaint from a local resident that their drive is being parked across during school drop off and pick up times. The resident lives along Mill Race and has reported that it has happened several times. Please can we ask for everyone to park respectfully around the school and ensure that our residents are not blocked in or grass verges cut up. Thank you.

Water Safety Talk



This afternoon our Key Stage 2 children had a water safety talk led by Herts Fire Safety Team. The children listened very attentively as they learnt about how to behave safely around rivers and canals and what to do if they or a friend got into trouble. Their advice is for parents/carers to download What3words App onto their children's phone so that emergency services can instantly find their location if in trouble.

Please see

<https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app>

Internet safety

Please remember that on our first day back after the half term holiday we have the 'Two Johns' visiting us to lead children's internet safety workshops and a special parent information session that evening – **Monday 4th November 5.30pm-7.00pm, in the Year 4 classroom.**

Winter Reads Challenge



Reminder

'Winter Reads Challenge' is returning from Friday 1 November to Saturday 31 January. This initiative aims to encourage all ages to engage with reading during the winter months through a series of fun, flexible challenges and fantastic events.

The goal of the Winter Reads Challenge is to complete six different reading challenges over the winter and as reading preferences and habits vary, so the challenge is adaptable: - For less avid readers, the challenges can be simple and achievable. For instance, they can complete two challenges with one book. For those who love a challenge, the service offers the Wild Card challenge, where they can create their own reading goals.

The challenge is open to all ages, so families can take part in the Winter Reads together. Those who complete all six challenges by Saturday 31 January will be entered into prize draw to win an iPad.



The challenge is FREE - you just need to be a library member. We believe this challenge will not only foster a love for reading but also provide a fun and engaging activity for all during the winter months.

Visit: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/events-and-things-to-do/library-events.aspx#winterreads> for more information.

Times Tables Rock Star



This week's mini league winner:
Year 5 (for a third week running!)

Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	95%
National attendance	95%
Last week's school attendance	94%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 14.10.24	Year 6— 97%

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: Delilah for helping her friends and being kind.

Reception: Sophie for her excellent work learning her letter sounds.

Year 1: Poppy R for working more independently in all areas of her learning.

Year 2: Jaxson for his perseverance in his writing. He wrote a wonderful Autumn poem.

Year 3: Amelia for her positive attitude to learning.

Year 4: Isabella for her enthusiasm in her learning.

Year 5: Max for his effort and determination in all lessons.

Year 6: Abbie for her excellent perseverance and effort in P.E.



Our Half Term Value: Thankfulness

1 Chronicles 16:34: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Our Value Advocates chose the following children who have lived the value for the week.

Class Value Advocate	Class Champion
Reception: Vienna chose	Zoha for living all of the values every day.
Year 1: Gwilym chose	Freya for always offering a helpful hand in class.
Year 2: James chose	Valentina for always saying thank you and remembering her manners.
Year 3: Isla chose	George S for being kind to everyone and for his excellent manners.
Year 4: Mimi chose	Jamie for being a kind member of the class.
Year 5: Lewis chose	Jermaine for being a kind friend when playing football.
Year 6: Lilly O chose	Ava for showing courage and giving everything a hundred percent.

OFFICE UPDATE

After School clubs – 1st Half Autumn 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

OCT

Tues 22nd Parent Consultation Meetings
Nursery: 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Rec – Year 6: 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Thurs 24th Parent Consultation Meetings
Nursery: 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Rec – Year 6: 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Fri 25th Inset Day

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st Nov – Half term holiday

NOV

Mon 4th The Two Johns – Internet Safety Day for Year 1 – Year 6
The Two Johns – Internet Safety Talk for parents & carers - 5.30 -7.00pm

Tues 12th Reception Trip - Cooking & Food Tasting Experience (Pizza Express Welwyn)

Fri 15th Reception – Year 6 Nasal Flu Spray

Thurs 21st Year 4 trip – The British Museum, London

Fri 29th Non uniform in exchange for sweets for the FOSTA Fayre

DEC

Mon 2nd Choir – Carol Service at All Saints Church, Hertford – Evening

Tues 3rd EYFS Nativity – AM

Weds 4th EYFS Nativity – AM

Weds 4th Year 5 STEM Trip – Stevenage (details to follow)

Thurs 5th FOSTA – Wreath Making Workshop in school - 6.30 - 8.30pm

Fri 6th Non uniform in exchange for bottles for the FOSTA Fayre

Mon 9th Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Matinee

Tues 10th Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Matinee

Tues 10th Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Evening Performance

Weds 11th School Christmas Dinner

Fri 13th Non uniform in exchange for cakes for the FOSTA Fayre

Fri 13th FOSTA Christmas Fayre – 5-7pm

Tues 17th FOSTA Christmas Disco

Thurs 19th Church Service

Fri 20th Last day of Autumn Term

