



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: 25.11.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham Value: Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was another busy week for our children including visits and the start of Nativity rehearsals. Christmas is definitely on its way.

Geography Surveys

Despite the colder conditions, our Year 3 went out along the high street to complete a survey of shops and businesses. Many of the children were surprised at the diversity of shops, saying that they had often passed them but had never really noticed them.

On Wednesday I was visited by the whole of Year 1 who squeezed into my office as part of their comparison of the two school buildings and the rooms inside them.

British Museum Trip



Meanwhile, Year 4 had their trip to the British Museum where they looked at the stunning sculptures and artefacts excavated from Ancient Egypt. The children became historical detectives trying to work out what some of the objects were and deducing what it told them about this ancient civilization.



Year Every1 in Festival

Ten children from our Year 2 class joined with other local school children to experience a range of activities at Allenbury Sports Club. The activities included archery, yoga-like stretches, ball games, golf and belly dancing. The children who went will be sharing and leading the teaching of these skills to the rest of the class.

Church Christmas Dates

Reverend Sarah has asked us to share the dates coming up for Advent and the Christmas period, which you can find attached to the newsletter. The dates include church services and the ever wonderful Christmas procession on Christmas Eve. Please see attached sheet.



Wonderful Homework

Well done Rose (Year 3) who brought in a most impressive volcano made out of papier-mâché, which she had created as a response to the work being covered in class. Rose was able to describe all the different parts of the volcano and I joined the class when it erupted later in the day.



Updated Policies

Our updated Relationship and Sex Education Policy can be found on our policy page on the school website, for you to review. If you have any questions concerning it then please do contact the school office.

<https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>

You can also find updated privacy notices for parents/carers and children.



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school statutory attendance (2024-25)	95.3%
National statutory attendance	95.1%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 11.11.24	Year 3 with 99.6%

Times Tables Rock Star

This week's mini league winner:
Year 5 with 7176 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: Jesse for always listening well and working hard.

Reception: Ada for her fantastic attitude and effort with her learning.

Year 1: Aurelia for always being the first one ready to learn and giving her all in phonics.

Year 2: Mikaela for her fantastic writing in English.

Year 3: Isla for her positive attitude and enthusiasm to learning.

Year 4: All of Year 4 for representing the school so well on their school trip.

Year 5: Daisy for being a kind and thoughtful learning partner.

Year 6: Lilly R for her fantastic effort and attitude all week.



Our Half Term Value: Trust

Psalm 18.2: "My God is my strength in whom I trust."

This half term's Value Advocates are:

Class Value Advocate	Class Champion
Reception: Harry chose	Briony for being trustworthy and always trying her best.
Year 1: Alice chose	Cece for being a kind and trustworthy friend.
Year 2: Emily chose	Olivia for being kind to others.
Year 3: George M chose	Taylor for settling so well and living the school values.
Year 4: Caitlin chose	Rosie for being a kind friend.
Year 5: Robyn chose	Hattie for being a trustworthy member of the class.
Year 6: Isabelle chose	Alex for being a friend you can trust and rely on.

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 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 – 2nd 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.

Local News

Message from the Local PCSO:

After the success of last year's Christmas Hamper Project, the Ware and Stanstead Abbots Neighbourhood Policing Team are asking for donations to run this initiative again.

With the generosity of our community, local businesses, and a grant from Ware Town Council, we were able to gift over 105 hampers to the most vulnerable children in our community.

We would be grateful for donations of new items such as books, toys, crafts, toiletries and selection boxes. These can be collected by your local Police team, taken to Ware Police Station or dropped to Keith Ian Estate



Agents on Ware High Street. Please email Kristine.ward@herts.police.uk if you would like us to collect your gifts or if you have any questions.

We also have an amazon gift list, and we would be grateful for any items that you can provide. (Items will be delivered directly to Police)

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gf/guest-view/1Q2XIRWNLL667>

As always, thank you for your support.

PCSO
Ware & Stanstead Abbotts
Neighbourhood Policing Team

UPCOMING DATES

NOV

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

DEC

Mon 2nd Choir – Rehearsal - Carol Service All Saints Church, Hertford - AM (details sent home)

Mon 2nd Choir – Carol Service at All Saints Church, Hertford – 7pm (choir children to arrive at 6.45pm)

Tues 3rd EYFS Nativity – 9:30am

Weds 4th EYFS Nativity – 9.30am

Weds 4th Year 5 STEM Trip – Stevenage

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 – 2.15pm

Tues 10th Year 1 & 2 Nativity – 2.15pm

Tues 10th Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Evening Performance - 6pm (Year 1 & 2 children to arrive at 5.30pm)

Weds 11th School Christmas Dinner Day and optional ‘Christmas/Woolly Jumper Day’

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**

Jan 2025

Mon 6th **Return to School**

