



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: 8.7.24

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

Piano Assembly

We started last week with a real treat when children from Year 3 to Year 6 performed short pieces in our end of term piano assembly. There were some children who had only just begun having lessons and there were children who were tackling grade 1 and above pieces. They all performed well in front of a large audience, which takes considerable bravery. The assembly concluded with our older children accompanying Mrs Barone, their piano teacher, on a final piece of music. It was a lovely assembly and I would like to thank Mrs Barone for all that she does to help our children to have this opportunity and her care of the children during the lessons.

A ParentMail has been sent home for the children who will be in Year 3 to Year 6 next year with details on how to apply for music lessons.



School Disco

On Tuesday we had our end of year school disco, run by our wonderful FOSTA parents. Our teachers joined in with lots of moves which they have been perfecting since the last school disco and fun was had by all. Thank you, as always, to FOSTA for all of their help and support. The children love this event and it really is one of the highlights of their term.



Sports Day

Whilst Key Stage 1 Sports Day was delayed (it will now take place this week on **Wednesday 10th July – 9.15am – 10.30**) the show carried on for KS2. The afternoon was a little cool but thankfully the rain held off and the children had a great time, competing against each other in a variety of races.

Presently Stort House is in the lead - but it could all change with the completion of the KS1 morning.



The EYFS Sports morning was bright and sunny and the children did extremely well competing in some tricky races - such as the 'builders course', which demanded they negotiate putting on a Health and Safety vest before racing to pick up bucket and spade. It was a happy and joyful morning.



Year 4 River Trip



Year 4 had an afternoon by the river investigating how it is used and the impact humans are having on the wildlife living there. The children had the opportunity to speak with members of the public to ask them questions about how they used the River Lea.



Awards

Tommy (Y2) came to share his football awards which included the largest trophy I think I have ever seen. He got it for being the best overall player during the season. A little later Harriet (Y3) came with a whole bagful of awards for swimming, an Under 8's girls' football trophy and bronze and silver gymnastic medals. Congratulations to them both and also to all of our children who have received sporting trophies from their outside sport clubs. We are always very proud of them and they clearly love all of these sporting opportunities.



The OPAL Golden Welly Award: was awarded to Mimi (Y3)

Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.6%
National attendance	94.2%
This week's school attendance	94%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 1.7.24	Year Reception- 98 %

Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's mini league winner: **Year 2**



You Can Toucan Awards

The You Can Toucan awards are presented each week to those children who have gone above and beyond the expected.

This week staff have chosen:

Nursery: Olivia for her determination in her maths learning.

Reception: Teddy for his excellent reading in class.

Year 1: Phoenix for his hard work and determination with his independent writing.

Year 2: Bertie for his helpfulness in the classroom and effort in his lessons.

Year 3: Jack P for his amazing effort with his handwriting.

Year 4: Nathan for his perseverance with his work.

Year 5: Austin for his improvements in his handwriting.

Year 6: Blessing for his brilliant effort in class all week.





Our Half Term Value: Peace

'Blessed are those who work to make peace, for they shall be called children of God.'

Matthew 5.1-10

Class Value Advocate	Class Value Champion
Nursery: Denis chose	Jacob for being a brilliant friend.
Reception: Olivia chose	Mia-Rose for keeping the peace in our classroom.
Year 1: Stanley chose	Violet for excellent listening and learning behaviour.
Year 2: Amelia chose	Dudley for being a peaceful member of the class.
Year 3: Noah chose	Caitlin for being a peaceful presence on the playground.
Year 4: Louie chose	Bella for bringing peace to Year 4.
Year 5: Isabelle chose	Zack for helping to stand in for others in the school play.
Year 6: Eifa chose	Lela for always spreading peace by quietly getting on with her work.

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Payments

As we head towards the end of the school year, please could we ask that parents & carers pay any outstanding money for; dinners, milk, Nursery fees, trips, breakfast clubs, Art Club and EY snacks as soon as possible and by this **Friday, 12th July at the latest**. The end of year financial reconciliation is a huge task and your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Uniform – Summer Orders

Message from Mapac: *The summer is finally here and although here at Mapac we've already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, there can always be issues that are out of our control, with this in mind please order as early as possible, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!*

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority over all our current stock so please place orders as soon as possible – This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in time as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.

Super Star Sport - After School Clubs

Super Star Sport clubs for this half term are now available to book: <https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk>
– Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri.

Super Star Sport – Summer Holiday Camp

Super Star Sport have now released their bookings for their summer camps at St Andrew's, their camp program flyer is attached to this newsletter for further information. Bookings can be made via the links below:

Full day booking link:- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/93>

Half day booking link:- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/94>

For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.



TERM DATES

Tues 9th July:	Last swim for Year 5 & 6
Weds 10th July:	Key Stage 1 Sports Day 9.15 – 10.30am
Weds 10th – 12th July:	Book Fair after school (and during Open Evening – Thurs 11 th)
Thurs 11th July:	Move up day for Year 6 Move up morning for Nursery – Year 5
Thurs 11th July:	Open Evening - 5pm-7pm. An opportunity to come and see your child's work and visit their new classroom.
Fri 12th July:	Year 6 Chauncy Community Day
Fri 12th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Mon 15th July:	Year 6 Leavers Show – Matinee Performance
Tues 16th July:	Thank You Assembly – by invitation
Tues 16th July:	Year 6 Leavers Show – Matinee Performance Year 6 Leavers Show – Evening Performance
Weds 17th July:	End of Term Church Service - 9.30am
Fri 19th July:	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 11am
Fri 19th July:	Last day of Summer Term – 1.30pm finish

