



St Andrew's Church of England (VC) Primary School

'Learn to love and love to learn; in God's love each one will shine.'

St Andrew's Weekly Update

Date: 13.1.23 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all settled back into school and the children in Year 3 and Nursery have had a good week with their new teachers, Mrs Bugg (accidentally called 'Ladybug' by one of her class) in Nursery class and Ms Patis in Year 3. Here are some lovely photos of our Nursery class, all of whom are clearly enjoying learning in their provision.



As we have started a new term, we are having a real focus on school uniform. Whilst most of our children look very smart, the staff and I have noticed that some children are not wearing their school tie (KS2) or not wearing the appropriate school P.E uniform on days in which they are having their P.E lesson. The full uniform expectations can be found on our website:

<https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/> and I have copied the PE expectations below.

Footwear, at all times, is expected to be black whether as shoes, plimsoles or trainers.

Thank you for your support in this area.

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PE Kit

Presently children come dressed in their P.E uniform on the days when they do their P.E lessons. The uniform is:

- Black shorts or black skirt
- Black tracksuit bottoms, with their school jumper for colder days. No designer branding please.
- Red round-necked T shirt ideally with school logo
- Short white socks
- Black plimsolls or black trainers for outdoor use

SEND and INCLUSION Corner - Mrs Davey

A very happy new year to everyone. I often have parents asking me about unsettled behaviour which escalates. Please find below a link to some information and suggestions about managing these situations.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/my-child-has-meltdowns>

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Best Class Attendance Award

Week beg: 9.1.23



Year 2



Whole school attendance this week is at: **97.2%**

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: Isla for her good listening skills and her positive attitude.

Reception: Jaxson and Tuesday for their fantastic effort in phonics.

Year 1: Gabriel for being kind and considerate to others.

Year 2: Archie and Caitlin for their great enthusiasm.

Year 3: Joseph W for his work and enthusiasm in science.

Year 4: Ava for her superb book review.

Year 5: Grace for her effort and taking pride in all her work.

Year 6: Holly for her effort in anything she does.



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Our half term Value: Perseverance

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philipians 4.13

Our new **Value Advocates** for this term are:

	Value Advocate
Reception:	Stanley
Year 1:	Yusuf
Year 2:	Cianna
Year 3:	Robyn
Year 4:	Bela
Year 5:	Oscar
Year 6:	Maya

Kind regards,
Mrs Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Upcoming cold weather

We are aware of the possibility of some more snow next week in the currently forecasted cold snap. The school will monitor the situation and we will keep parents and carers informed if it affects the school, via ParentMail emails.

Applications for RECEPTION class for Sept '23

Herts County Council online admissions applications deadline for Reception class in September 2023 is THIS COMING SUNDAY, 15th January. Please ensure you have applied to schools for your child by this date to ensure your application is considered as 'on-time'.

Applications for NURSERY class for Sept '23

Applications for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2023 opened on 1st November 2022. This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020*. Application forms are available on our school website and from our School Office. The application deadline is **28th February 2023**. 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.

From Hertfordshire Family Centres

Hertfordshire families can sign up to access Hertfordshire Family Centres' free services.

- Access free fun family activities to do with their child and receive support when needed
- Meet other local families with children the same age
- Give children the best start in life with support from trained professionals qualifies in Early Years development
- Have your say and help shape future services
- Receive your local district newsletter packed with useful parenting advice and activities

You can access leaflets and other resources at Family centre professionals www.hertsfamilycentres.org hertfordshire.gov.uk [Family Centres registration form](#)

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UPCOMING DATES:

25th January:	FOSTA Sponsored Bounce – details to follow
30th January:	Legends Tennis workshop Rec and Y1 – in school during the day
7th February:	Parent Consultations
9th February:	Parent Consultations
10th February:	FOSTA Valentine’s Cake Sale
13th – 17th February:	Half Term
20th February:	Inset Day
21st February:	2 nd half Spring term starts
27th Feb – 3rd March:	Y5 – Bikeability week
8th – 10th March:	Y5 Stibbington Residential trip
15th & 16th March:	FOSTA Mother’s Day Sale
28th March:	FOSTA Easter Disco
31st March:	End of Spring term

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