



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: 14.6.24

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to our wonderful FOSTA, who wrapped and sold a large number of Father's Day gifts to the children ready for this Sunday. I do hope that all fathers and other male carers have a wonderful day and are spoilt rotten!

Free Style Martial Arts

Years 1 to 6 had an energetic start to their week with the classes having a Free Style Martial Arts Taster Day.

The children learnt about the very important skill of practising self-control as well as being introduced to a number of different moves. They all enjoyed it enormously.



Shepreth Wildlife Park

The Nursery and Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park this week. The children made so many brilliant observations and asked lots of great questions. They thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience; the coach trip, having lunch together, the habitats workshop and finding lots of unusual animals. These animals included; bats, red pandas, snowy owls, an iguana, and tigers! The education officer commented on

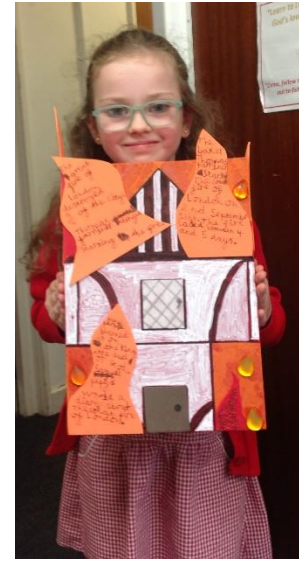
how well behaved and engaged our children were – so well done to all of our EYFS children.



Hot Homework

Last week Amelia (Y2) brought a wonderful piece of homework to share with me. The class are learning about the Great Fire of London and she had created a model of a burning building with information facts written into the flames. It was stunning and Amelia was able to tell me lots of facts she had already discovered about the event.

This led very nicely into today's **Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop**, during which the children explored what life would have been like in those days as well as learning about the cause and impact of the fire.



Year 3 children visited me to share the thank you letters they had written to the Welwyn Roman Bath Museum which they visited last month. Jamie, Joey, Stella and Laura had written in great detail about the activities they had enjoyed. They had obviously learnt a great deal.



OPAL NEWS

Last week the Golden Welly went to Joseph and Logan in Year 4 for helping the younger children to build toboggans to go down the pallet slide.

Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.7%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	94%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 10.6.24	Year 3 – 100%

Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's mini league winner: **Year 4**



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: Alana for her wonderful owl artwork & all of Nursery for their superb behaviour on their trip.

Reception: All of Reception for their excellent behaviour on their trip which helped them have a fantastic time.

Year 1: All of Year 1 for their hard work for their Phonics test.

Year 2: All of Year 2 for their knowledge and behaviour during their Great Fire of London Workshop.

Year 3: Evie for always getting on with her work and completing it to a high standard.

Year 4: Megan for her enthusiasm and effort in class.

Year 5: Lilia-Mae for her determination to improve her learning.

Year 6: Micah for his hard work on his handwriting.





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

This term's Value Advocates are:

Class Value Advocate	Class Value Champion
Nursery: Denis chose	Edith for thinking of others and for bringing peace to the classroom
Reception: Olivia chose	Damon for keeping the peace in Reception and always remaining calm
Year 1: Stanley chose	Niamh for being helpful to others and being a calm and peaceful presence in class
Year 2: Amelia chose	India for her calm approach to the lessons taught this week (chosen by Miss Muncey as Year 2 had their workshop today and were very busy!)
Year 3: Noah chose	Ethan for helping friends and keeping the peace
Year 4: Louie chose	Noah for bringing peace to the class
Year 5: Isabelle chose	Lilly O for being a peacemaker
Year 6: Eifa chose	Millie F for always trying to help resolve problems in Year 6

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Class Photos

The class photos were taken on Wednesday and the children were sent home with details on how to order. Parents & carers have until **Sunday 30th June** for free delivery to school. Orders placed after this date will incur a delivery fee.

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, please see below, they have an EARLY BIRD BOOKING DISCOUNT (valid until Sunday 9th June): **VSX645**

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.

Other News

Message from Home-Start Hertfordshire

We are currently looking for Family Mentor volunteers who can support families and we offer volunteers a training course and ongoing support. Volunteering can be a great way for parents to return to employment and to increase their skills and knowledge.



Home-Start helps families with young children (at least one child aged under 5) to deal with whatever life throws at them. We support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children. We believe it is crucial to help families deal with problems before they become a crisis. The benefits of our support include improved health and well-being and better family relationships. We train volunteers to support families both in their own homes and at our referral only family groups. Once a volunteer mentor is matched with a family, they will visit the family in their home for a couple of hours each week. They provide practical and emotional support to help the family work through the challenges they are facing.

If you would like to know more about Home-Start and volunteering, please contact our office on 01438 367788 or email admin@home-startherts.org.uk. A flyer with information is also attached to this newsletter.

TERM DATES

Weds 19th June:	Year 4 – Greek Day Workshop – in school
Fri 21st June:	Non-uniform day – in exchange for sweets or £1 for the FOSTA Summer Fete
Fri 21st June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Thurs 27th June:	Year 1 Trip – Capel Manor
Fri 28th June:	Non-uniform day – in exchange for cakes or £1 for the FOSTA Summer Fete
Fri 28th June:	FOSTA Summer Fete (5pm - 8pm)
Mon 1st July:	Piano Assembly – by invitation
Tues 2nd July:	FOSTA Summer Disco
Weds 3rd July:	Sports Day 1-6 (KS1 - AM & KS2 PM – after lunch)
Thurs 4th July:	EYFS Sports Day (AM only)
Fri 5th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Weds 10th July:	Reserve Sports Day 1-6
Fri 12th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Mon 15th July:	Year 6 Leavers Show – Matinee Performance
Tues 16th July:	Year 6 Leavers Show – Matinee Performance Year 6 Leavers Show – Evening Performance
Weds 17th July:	End of Term Church Service
Fri 19th July:	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 19th July:	Last day of Summer Term

