



# 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: 15.3.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Wisdom

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Staffing News

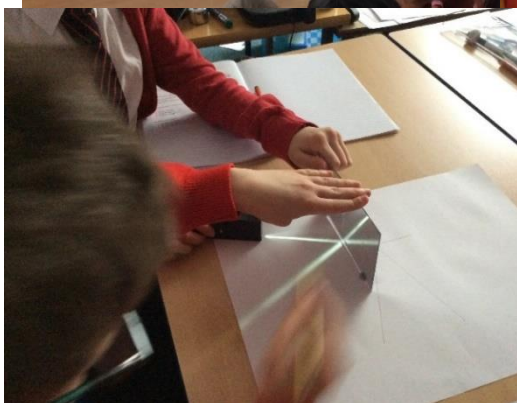
We are very pleased to announce the arrival of baby Mills! The baby arrived a little early - Mr and Mrs Mills and baby Mills are all doing well and we are all very excited to have another St Andrew's baby to coo over. We have been able to organise consistent care of our Reception class for the rest of this term by Mrs Baker-Williams before welcoming Mrs Karahasan to teach the class from Easter. Mrs Karahasan will also be spending two days with the Reception class before we break up, so that that the children are able to meet her before the summer term starts.

### Science Week

We started off our Science Week with a really exciting science circus workshop. The children were equally amazed and challenged by many of the tricks and performances shown, all exploring the natures of forces. Everyone enjoyed watching Mr Cooper try to ride a teeny tiny bike, and held their breath as they watched an amazing juggling display on a very tall unicycle!



After the show, all classes from Year 1 – Year 6 had workshops, helping them to explore how forces work upon us all at all times.



This event was organised by Dr Collins and really helped us to begin our week with a bang.



## EYFS – Science Day

On Tuesday, Dr Collins and Ms Kumm then led the EYFS science activities, where they explored light and shadow creating a theatre complete with some wonderful shadow puppets.

They had a great time entertaining their classmates.



## EYFS Chicks

Our Nursery and Reception classes have also been learning about growth as they have been watching chicks hatch out and grow rapidly over the past two weeks. It really has brought moments of awe and wonder to the class seeing these new lives begin.



We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Herod, who made this possible, by bringing the eggs and hatching equipment into school. We really do appreciate this.



### Year 1 History Day



Year 1 had a visit from Hertford Museum on Tuesday. Their first workshop was linked to their history topic of 'toys'. They looked at different toys from the past and talked about what they were made from and how they were played with. The children noticed that many of the toys were made from wood or fabric and needed a push or a pull to make them work. None of the toys used electronics like the toys we have at home today.

Their second workshop was all about animals. The children handled some real stuffed animals and talked about predators and prey and the ways animals use their hard shells, spines and camouflage for protection. It really was an exciting and informative session for the children.



### Book Day

The end of our week also ended with a flourish as we celebrated our annual book day. All of the costumes were really impressive and the children completed many book related activities.





### OPAL

This week the fun with the puddles has continued! The children have enjoyed finding creative ways to get across the area without getting too wet!

Next week we have our Development Day 2 with our OPAL mentor Bethan. This will give us a great chance to review our current progress and set some next steps.

As ever we are looking for some more donations of any small world toys and larger loose parts.



### Attendance Ladder



### Attendance Matters- Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.9%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	94.9%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 11.3.24	Year 3 – 98.6%



### 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 and Jessica** for their excellent life cycle of a chick work.

**Reception: Jonah** for his excellent phonics work.

**Year 1: Amelia** for her beautiful handwriting and presentation

**Year 2: Hanna** for her dedication to improving her reading.

**Year 3: Darcy and Connor** for their greatly improved handwriting this week.

**Year 4: Bella** for trying her best in all her lessons this week.

**Year 5: Huxley** for his determination and success in improving his writing.

**Year 6: Evan** for his hard work and effort in his English work.



## Our Half Term Value: Wisdom

*'Blessed are those who find wisdom.'* Proverbs 3.13

Our Value Champions, who were chosen the Value Advocates this week are:

Class Value Advocate	Value Champion
<b>Nursery: Harry chose</b>	<b>Jesse</b> for his wisdom, ideas and working hard to learn to write his name
<b>Reception: Jamie chose</b>	<b>Harry</b> for his wisdom and kindness
<b>Year 1: Ezra chose</b>	<b>Jaxson</b> for always having a smile on his face
<b>Year 2: India chose</b>	<b>Noah</b> for showing wisdom and bravery in class this week
<b>Year 3: Rosie chose</b>	<b>Lottie</b> for being wise to her friends
<b>Year 4: Lewis chose</b>	<b>Robyn</b> for being a wise and kind member of the class
<b>Year 5: Austin chose</b>	<b>Thomas</b> for being wise and kind to others this week
<b>Year 6: Evan chose</b>	<b>Lela and Eloise</b> for their help in the dining room when it was very muddy!

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham



## OFFICE UPDATE

### Payments

A plea from the Office! We are nearing our financial year end and are asking parents and carers to **pay any outstanding monies** for: school dinners, 30hrs Nursery payments, class trips, Hudnall Park, Bikeability, Art Club, Breakfast Club and any other monies owed, including from previous half terms. Payments should be made via WisePay as soon as possible and **by Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest.**

### Applications for NURSERY for Sept '24

**Applications for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2024 are now closed.** Please contact the School Office if you are looking for a place and have not yet applied.

### Super Star Sport - After School Clubs

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

### Super Star Sport – Easter Camps

Super Star Sport are running an Easter Camp at St Andrew's and bookings are now open. Please see last week's newsletter for further details.

**Booking link for full day (Year 1 - 6):-** <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/10> **Booking link for half day (Reception):-** <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/11>

Further information is available at [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk). For any queries: email [info@superstarsport.co.uk](mailto:info@superstarsport.co.uk) or phone 01992 766 707.

### Local news:

**Southern Maltings in Ware** are running a programme of mini master classes for rising 3 or 4 year olds, please see attached flyer for details.

### Other news:

#### **From Beezee Families:**

***We know lots of families can find it hard to encourage children to choose healthier snacks.***

*But we're here to help! Our team of nutritionists deliver Beezee Families, a FREE heathy lifestyle programme to support families across Hertfordshire.*

***This is Parent Mail.*** It's a FREE resource (attached to this newletter) that we'll share with you twice a term to tackle the biggest challenges face in making healthy choices. Please share it with parents! ***Please share the attachment with parents via email / regular newsletters and on social media.***

We also have FREE healthy lifestyle programmes beginning **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** to help families to build healthy habits around food and physical activity. Sign-ups are open NOW so families can secure their spot. Alternatively, they can start their journey now with our online programmes too. [Visit our website for more details.](#)

*If you have any questions, we'd love to hear from you.*

### UPCOMING DATES

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Year 5 Hudnall Park Residential

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Y3 & Y4 Easter play – evening performance starting at 6.30pm



**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Y3 & Y4 Easter play – matinee performance starting at 2.15pm

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Y3 & Y4 Easter play – matinee performance starting at 2.15pm

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** **Last day of Spring term**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr:** **Return to school – Summer Term**

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Year 5 and Year 6 weekly Swimming lessons start – details to follow

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Nursery Open Day 10am– 11.30am for Sept '24 applicants

**Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Y6 Henry Moore Trip – details to follow

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr:** 'Chance to Shine' Cricket Day school workshops (Yr2 - Yr6) in school

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 SATs week

**Tues 21 May:** Year 3 Trip to Welwyn Hatfield Museum

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> - Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Year 6 PGL Residential trip

