



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: 17.5.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Dignity

Dear Parents and Carers,

Rogation Sunday Service

Last Sunday, Miss Sewell was joined by a few of the school choir to sing at the Rogation service held at St James' Stanstead Abbots. The parishioners really appreciated their singing and I would like to thank the children and Miss Sewell for supporting the church in this way.



Royal Celebrations

We are very proud that two of our members of staff attended Buckingham Palace & Windsor Castle this week. On Monday, Mrs Moorcroft took her son, Tom, for his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award ceremony. Tom, who is a former St Andrew's pupil, had to complete a number of difficult challenges and complete voluntary work to achieve this highly prestigious award. We are very proud of him.

On Tuesday Dr Collins accompanied her husband, Michael, who received an MBE, presented by the King. He was given this in recognition for his services to the EU within the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and his services to International science policy and partnerships. We are very proud of him too!



Year 2 Home Learning

This term, Year 2 have been learning about animals and their habitats. As one of their Home Learning tasks, they were asked to make a diorama of a habitat that had been studying in class and to find out about the diversity of the fauna and flora that live there. Here are some of their amazing creations, and all of the dioramas that have been brought in were shared in Collective Worship on Friday.



OPAL – Stay and Play

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our OPAL Stay and Play session this afternoon. I was overwhelmed by the number of people we had join but it was lovely to see the children wanting to show off what OPAL is all about. It was such a great afternoon which really showcased what is currently happening at St Andrew's and has also hopefully given you ideas of the sorts of equipment donations we are looking for. From Mr Cooper.



Walk to School Week - 20th – 24th May 2024

We are excited to be taking part in Walk to School Week this May. We all know the benefits of walking – for our health and for the environment - so please help us this week by supporting your children in being more active and helping to reduce carbon emissions during next week.

We would like to encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school during next week. If it's not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park a short distance away from school and walk or scoot the last part of your journey.



Online Safety Newsletter

Attached to our Weekly Update is the Herts for Learning termly online safety newsletter. It is a really useful source of guidance and offers ways in which we can all help to keep our children safe whilst they enjoy their online life. This newsletter includes reviews and details about:

- Change in minimum age for WhatsApp
- SnapChat MyAI – a guide for parents
- Sextortion – what parents/carers need to know

SEND: Improving the way we manage our EHCP duties: Making SEND everyone's business.

Hertfordshire SEND are running a free webinar to let families in Hertfordshire know about the work they are doing to improve the way they manage their EHCP duties.

The Webinar: Improving the way we manage our EHCP duties – “Making SEND Everybody's Business” is on Thursday 23 May, 7pm - 8pm Online (Teams). Herts County Council states that there is a lot of change happening to positively impact the experiences of families of children and young people with an EHCP.

The Director of Inclusion and Skills will discuss how the additional £7 million investment is being used and what this means for you if your child has, or is in the process of getting, an EHCP.

If there are any questions you would like to have answered during this session, please email them to SENDstrategy@hertfordshire.gov.uk. The session will ‘theme up’ the questions and try to answer as many as they can during the session. Please note that they cannot respond to questions about individual children or their EHCPs, but will address the general challenges that we know lots of families are facing. You can find the joining link on our Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/965161078594484/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5B%7D



Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.8%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	96.4%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 13.5.24	Year 6 – 99.3%

Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's mini league winner: **Year 5**



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: Zoha for her fantastic science work this week, with great explanations.

Reception: Gwilym for taking what he has learned in maths and applying it in the environment.

Year 1: James for his great enthusiasm & work in maths.

Year 2: All of Year 2 for their amazing homework contributions.

Year 3: Laura for always doing her best.

Year 4: Noah for his positive contributions to class discussion.

Year 5: Antonio for excellent effort and behaviour this week.

Year 6: All of Year 6 for all their work this week in their SATs.



Our Half Term Value: Dignity

'Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Matthew 19.14



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

Class Value Advocate	Value Champion
Nursery: Stevie chose	Alana for being a great role model and showing wonderful focus in her learning.
Reception: Cecily chose	Cece for being a really good friend, a great role model and always doing the right thing.
Year 1: Emily chose	Danae for being kind and living the values.
Year 2: Digory chose	Noah for cheering on his friends and showing dignity to others.
Year 3: Cianna chose	Archie for being a kind friend.
Year 4: Joe chose	Max for living all the values and being a good friend.
Year 5: Abigail chose	Alex for always being a good friend to everyone.
Year 6: Noah chose	Raphael for being a good friend and always being there when needed.

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Super Star Sport - After School Clubs

Booking for Super Star Sport clubs for this 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 – Half Term Holiday Camp

Super Star Sport, unfortunately, have had to cancel their half term camp at St Andrew's due to not enough uptake. Please see a link below for their local camp which is being held at St Catherine's School in Hoddesdon:

Full day - <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/47>

Half day - <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/49>

Further information is available at www.superstarsport.co.uk. For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.

TERM DATES

Sun 19th - Weds 22nd May: Year 6 PGL Residential trip

Mon 20th – Fri 24th May: Walk to School Week

Tues 21st May: Year 3 Trip - Welwyn Hatfield Museum

Tues 21st May: Year 5 - Geography Fieldwork Short Outing – details sent home today



Fri 24th May:	Last day of 1 st Half of Summer Term
Mon 27th – Fri 31st May:	HALF TERM
Mon 3rd June:	Return to school
Thurs 6th June:	Year 5 - WWW Games Wodson Park – details to follow
Fri 7th June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Tues 11th June:	Nursery & Reception Trip - Shepreth Wildlife Park
Weds 12th June:	Class photos
Fri 14th June:	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop – in school
Fri 14th June:	Non-uniform day – in exchange for a bottle for the Summer Fete
Fri 14th June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Weds 19th June:	Year 4 – Greek Day Workshop – in school
Fri 21st June:	Non-uniform day – in exchange for sweets for the 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 for the Summer Fete
Fri 28th June:	FOSTA Summer Fete
Mon 1st July:	Piano Assembly – by invitation
Tues 2nd July:	FOSTA Summer Disco
Weds 3rd July:	Sports Day 1-6
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