



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: 19.4.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Dignity

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday our school choir performed beautifully at the Hertford and Ware Music Association's performance of 'Along Came Man'. Our school song was a special highlight of the evening as the children stood and sang confidently in front of a large audience. Well done, too, to Eliana and Rebecca who had solo singing parts and Eloise for being one of the narrators. Thank you to Miss Sewell who has spent a great deal of time, not only in helping to pull the whole performance together but also gave up many lunchtimes to rehearse with the children.



Year 3 History

Many of the classes have begun their new History or Geography units of work this week, the details of which can be found on the classes' long term plans on the website:

<https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/long-term-plans/>

Year 3 have begun learning about Romans and have found a modern day application to their knowledge. They were asking the question: why the Roman Army was so successful? One answer was that the Romans were very organised. The children learnt to space themselves evenly using the Roman technique of right arms on the shoulder in front and used this technique in their lining up after play. Not surprisingly, their line was super-smart!



OPAL - New Additions

Mrs Randall was busy over the Easter holidays as she came in to school to add a little bit of drama to our outside stage area. The end result is stunning and is now providing lots of exciting dramatic opportunities for the children. Meanwhile, Mr Griffin installed our very own boat under the trees so the children are now able to sail off to imaginary places.



The children have loved role-playing pirates, rowing across the ocean using oars (large sticks!) and making each other walk the plank (some old floorboards!).

If you have any old pirate dressing-up outfits or toys at home, we would love to add them to our playtimes. We are also still looking for 'small world' toys/vehicles and large loose parts that we can use.

Plea from Year 6: we would like any polystyrene packaging that you might have for our up-coming Art and D&T projects.

Football Celebrations

Congratulations to our football team who beat the Priors Wood football team on Thursday, winning 1:0. They are now in the final of the Plate Competition, which will be played next Thursday. I am sure they will play their very best.



Nursery Open Morning

Just a small reminder that we have our Nursery Open morning (10.00-11.30am) this Saturday, 20th April for prospective parents of children joining our Nursery class 2024-25. Mrs Bugg and staff will be there to answer questions. All parents with younger children are welcome to come in and see the setting.

FOSTA's Sponsored Bounce

Thank you again to our wonderful FOSTA for organising such an enjoyable morning - which is helping to raise much-needed funds for the school. The children all had the opportunity to do as many bounces as they could and we are sure they have shared their successes with you.

Sponsorship money and completed forms should be sent into school in a sealed envelope, marked 'FOSTA Sponsored Bounce', by Friday 26th April.



SEND and Inclusion Corner

Families Feeling Safe have sent us the following information:

We are running four 'Supporting Families with Protective Behaviours' courses starting soon for parents and carers including one for dads only. Places are fully funded by HCC Targeted Parenting fund for parents across Hertfordshire who may need some additional support. One of the courses will run in Broxbourne and the others will be online and are listed below

This 8-week term time course can help parents and carers to:

- Understand what may be influencing their child's behaviour
- Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. anger, frustration, anxiety, stress and worry
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on their own and their child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help them and their family feel safe

Online courses:

- Tuesdays 7 May – 2 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm for Mums, Dads & carers
- Thursdays 9 May – 4 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm for Dads and male carers
- Tuesdays 4 June – 9 July 9.30am – 11.30am

For enquiries and to book a place, please email: enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk or Tel: 07850 518216

Broxbourne

- Fridays 3 May – 5 July 9.30am – 11.30am

For enquiries and to book a place, please Tel: 01992 303331 Option 5



Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters- Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.8%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	96.2%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 15.4.24	Year 3 – 99.6%



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: Edith for working hard to learn to write her name so beautifully.

Reception: Poppy D for working really hard in class and having a great attitude towards her learning.

Year 1: Kane for his fantastic contributions in Collective Worship.

Year 2: Mia for working hard and being determined with her reading.

Year 3: Daisy for having a fantastic week and working hard.

Year 4: Adaley for her fantastic organisational skills.

Year 5: Issy for her amazing effort with her writing. **Seb** for his effort with the content and presentation of his writing.

Year 6: George for his fantastic improvement in his handwriting.



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 new value Advocates for this term are:

	Class Value Advocate
Nursery:	Stevie
Reception:	Cecily
Year 1:	Emily
Year 2:	Digory
Year 3:	Cianna
Year 4:	Joe
Year 5:	Abigail
Year 6:	Noah

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Dinner Money

Dinner money slips for Key Stage 2 have been sent home with the children today. Please pay via WisePay.

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 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 are running a Camp at St Andrew's during the Summer half term and bookings are now open Early bird discount code - LHX488:

Full day booking link (Year 1 - Year 7 children):- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/56>

Half day booking link (Reception - Year 7 children):- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/57>

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

Other news:

From Beezee Families:

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



We also have **FREE** healthy lifestyle programmes beginning **April 22nd** 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

- Sat 20th Apr:** Nursery Open Day 10am– 11.30am
- Sun 21st Apr:** Mr Cooper – Park Run Event
- Thurs 25th Apr:** Year 6 Trip - Henry Moore Foundation
- Fri 26th Apr:** 'Chance to Shine' Cricket Day workshops (Yr2 - Yr6) in school
- Fri 26th Apr:** FOSTA meeting after school – all welcome
- Mon 6th May:** **Bank Holiday**
- Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May:** Year 6 SATs week
- Fri 17th May:** OPAL 'Stay & Play' session pm for Years R-6 parents and carers – details to follow
- Fri 17th May:** FOSTA Tuck Shop and Uniform Sale – after school
- Sun 19th - Weds 22nd May:** Year 6 PGL Residential trip
- Tues 21st May:** Year 3 Trip - Welwyn Hatfield Museum – details to follow
- Fri 24th May:** Last day of 1st Half of Summer Term
- Mon 27th – Fri 31st May:** **HALF TERM**
- Mon 3rd June:** Return to school

