



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: 22.3.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Wisdom

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Residential

Our Year 5 class have had a terrific time at Hudnall Park on their two-night residential trip. The site lends itself to a variety of environmental activities and the children pond-dipped, caught, studied and released small mammals as well as having the opportunity to perfect their archery aim, complete the challenge obstacle course and go orienteering. On their final day the children went go carting and enjoyed stories, games and marshmallows around the camp fire. It was all hugely enjoyable. I joined them on Thursday and was really impressed by the children's whole hearted enthusiasm for all the activities and the Hudnall Park leaders all commented on their impeccable behaviour and team spirit.

Thank you to our amazing staff who cared for our children so well – Miss Sewell, Mrs Cottis and Miss Murray, we really appreciate all that you did to make this such a successful trip.



Curriculum News



The children in the **Nursery class** have been busy learning how to programme the robot mouse and Bee-Bots to follow a path. They showed great co-operative skills working together to type in instructions, one step at a time, to make the robot move to get to the cheese.

Year 3 have been finding out whether all objects cast a shadow, exploring opaque, translucent and transparent objects. The children were quite surprised to find that transparent objects cast a shadow! It was great fun.



Year 2 finished their unit on Food Technology by making Spring Rolls, which involved putting the skills and hygiene knowledge to good use. They learned how to create a safe, clean space for cooking before practising grating, mixing and rolling their fillings into filo pastry. They enjoyed eating their wares, some deciding that they had been a bit generous with the bean sprouts!



Football

Our Year 6 team did well in today's District Football tournament.

Although we came sixth out of ten teams, our team played with great sportsmanship and Joseph received the trophy for 'Goal of the Tournament', scoring from the half way line.



New Football Kit

We are also very pleased to announce that Mr Cooper entered, and won, a competition for new football kit.

Our children looked very smart in their new kit at the District Football tournament this morning, also shown here, very professionally modeled by some of our Year 6 footballers.



Outstanding Kitchen

Congratulations to our amazing Kitchen staff and particularly to our school cook, Ms Sanveren in achieving top marks in their recent kitchen inspection. We had no doubts of the high quality of their hygiene, however it is always nice to get outside recognition. Their 5* award is proudly displayed on the kitchen door.

The new summer term menu is attached to this newsletter, with new options for the children to choose from. It is really helpful if parents of our younger children can go through these menus to help the children identify and select meals which they will really enjoy.

OPAL News

Exciting OPAL news: Save the Date! During the afternoon of Friday 17th May, we will be inviting parents & carers in Reception – Year 6 to come and take part a 'stay and play' OPAL session with the children. Details will follow in due course.



Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters- Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.7%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	94.8%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 18.3.24	Year 4 – 98.7%



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: Vienna for her wonderful shape picture.

Reception: Zachary for his wonderful attitude to learning.

Year 1: Hadley for always getting on with his work and giving 100% effort.

Year 2: Rose for her excellent work in class.

Year 3: Jack P & Jack W for their work in computing.

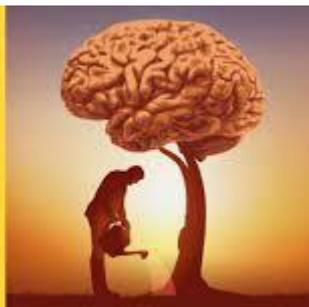
Year 4: Bella for her effort in maths this week.

Year 5: Will be announced next week.

Year 6: Lela for her excellent effort in class all week.



What is wisdom?



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
Nursery: Harry chose	Stella for her kindness to others
Reception: Jamie chose	Cece for her wisdom and thoughtfulness
Year 1: Ezra chose	Niamh for her words of wisdom
Year 2: India chose	Olivia for showing wisdom to her friends
Year 3: Rosie chose	Laura for her wisdom and for being thoughtful
Year 4: Lewis chose	Rhys for being wise and cheering other people up
Year 5: Austin chose	Will be chosen next week
Year 6: Evan chose	Rebecca for being kind and comforting

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Payments – another plea!

Another huge plea from the Office! We are fast approaching 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, 25th 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.

For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.



Local news:

Message from the School Nursing Team :

We have had a growing presence on social media for some time now we post public health messages and updates every day. However, we are very excited to announce our first live Q&A on Instagram. This will take place during the Easter Holidays, 10.4.24. Two school nurses will host the session and will be able to answer questions submitted on the day. The session is aimed at parents, children and young people who have questions about our service or health and wellbeing.

Please see flyer attached to this newsletter.

Other news:

From Beezee Bodies :

We're excited to announce we will be running our BZ Families session in your local community after Easter school holidays starting from w/c 24th April.

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 25th Mar:	Easter Church Service – 10.30am
Mon 25th Mar:	Y3 & Y4 Easter play – evening performance starting at 6.30pm
Tues 26th Mar:	Y3 & Y4 Easter play – matinee performance starting at 2.15pm
Wed 27th Mar:	Y3 & Y4 Easter play – matinee performance starting at 2.15pm
Thurs 28th Mar:	Last day of Spring term
Mon 15th Apr:	Return to school – Summer Term
Tues 16th Apr:	Year 5 and Year 6 weekly Swimming lessons start – details to follow
Sat 20th Apr:	Nursery Open Day 10am– 11.30am for Sept '24 applicants
Sun 21st Apr:	Mr Cooper – Park Run Event – details to follow
Thurs 25th Apr:	Y6 Henry Moore Foundation Trip – details to follow
Fri 26th Apr:	'Chance to Shine' Cricket Day school workshops (Yr2 - Yr6) in school
Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May:	Year 6 SATs week
Fri 17th May:	OPAL 'Stay and Play' session pm for Year R-6 parents and carers – details to follow
Tues 21st May:	Year 3 Trip to Welwyn Hatfield Museum – details to follow
Sun 19th - Weds 22nd May:	Year 6 PGL Residential trip

