



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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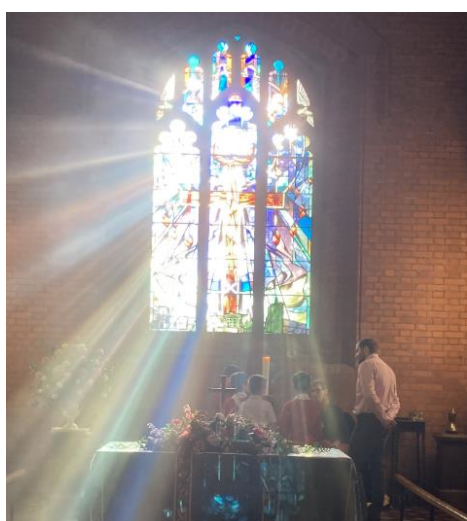
St Andrew's Weekly Update

Date: 24.11.23 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Hope

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, our planned week had been rather taken over by our OFSTED visitor which was, as you can imagine, an interesting event. It may be some weeks before the final report comes out but I cannot praise highly enough the way that your children behaved. We were all very proud of them. I would also like to extend my thanks to all of the parental body who sent in so many supportive messages (and chocolates and biscuits!) – this was so kind - we really did appreciate them. I would also like to thank our Governors who came in, at very short notice, to be questioned by the Inspector. It really was a team effort. Of course, once the report comes through, we will immediately send it to all parents and carers.



Experiencing Christmas

On Thursday, our Key Stage 2 children took part in 'Experiencing Christmas' which was held at St Andrew's church. This event was run by Revd. Sarah and church volunteers who took the children around the different stations, exploring the Nativity story. It was a moment for the children to pause and think about the amazing events leading up to the birth of Jesus.





FOSTA

Thank you so much for all of the donations of sweets for our **Christmas Fayre**, which will be held on **Friday 8th December (5-7pm)**.

The children always love being able to wear their own clothes and these non-uniform Fridays help to build up the anticipation of the event.

Please do talk to your FOSTA reps if you are able to offer any help before or during the evening. Next Friday we will be asking for you to bring in a bottle as your donation. Many thanks.

OPAL

This week our play detectives in Year 6 have been out looking for fantastic play that has been occurring during lunchtimes.





Best Class Attendance Award
Week beginning: 20.11.23

Year 3

Times Tables Rock Stars

The winner of this week's 'head to head':

Year 6

The mini league winner:

Year 5



Please be reminded that TT Rockstars have launched a new Parent Webpage



TT Rockstars have created a parent/carer webpage to help you to support your Y2 –Y6 child with their multiplication and times tables. Please follow the link below:

trockstars.com/parents/

What's included?

- Importance of times tables
- TTRS intro video
- Parent guide PDF
- FAQs answered
- Free downloadables

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: Olivia for being a wonderful friend.

Reception: Jamie for sharing his fantastic ideas.

Year 1: Jaxson for his excellent listening skills and learning behaviours.

Year 2: Florence for her dedication to her studies and rehearsal.

Year 3: Ava for her performance in the class assembly.

Year 4: Logan Go for his effort in French, and **Jacob** for his enthusiasm in church.

Year 5: Dolly for her amazing effort with her times tables and

Huxley for his excellent contributions to class discussions.

Year 6: Eifa for her excellent contributions to class discussions.



Our Half Term Value: Hope

"May the God of Hope fill you with joy and peace."

Romans 15:13

Our Value Advocates have selected the following Value Champions for the week.

Value Advocates	Value Champions for the week
Nursery: Arabelle chose	Jessica for her great positive attitude
Reception: Olivia chose	Cece for her wonderful hopeful attitude
Year 1: Kane chose	Ezra for his cheerful disposition and attitude to school life
Year 2: Tommy chose	George M for always being full of hope
Year 3: Harriet chose	Laura for living all the values
Year 4: Robyn chose	Noah for living the value of Hope every day
Year 5: Jude chose	Olivia for being an enthusiastic and hopeful member of the class
Year 6: Millie F chose	Eifa for always having a positive attitude

With kind regards

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Help with small emergencies!

Schools try to keep a supply of children's underwear: tights, socks, pants, skirts and trousers.... Just in case! Sizes need to fit Nursery - Year 3 children.

Our supply at St Andrew's is currently running quite low. Please think of us if your children outgrow any of these items and they are still fit for purpose. A child will be very pleased to have use of them one day, if you are able to donate to school. Thank you.

Applications for NURSERY class for Sept '24

Applications for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2024 are now open. This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021*. Application forms are available on our school website and from our School Office. The application deadline is **29th February 2024**. All on-time applications must be returned to school, either directly to the School Office or via email: admissions@standrews323.herts.sch.uk. Prospective Nursery class parents are encouraged to book a tour with Mrs Gillingham for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment.

Applications for RECEPTION class for Sept '24

Herts County Council online admissions applications for Reception class in September 2024 is now open.

This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020*. The online application deadline is **15th January 2024**. Prospective Reception class parents, including our current Nursery class parents, are encouraged to book a tour with Mrs Gillingham for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment.

After School clubs – 2nd Half Autumn Term

Booking for Super Star Sport's clubs for next half term is now available at <https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk> – Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri. Further information is available at www.superstarsport.co.uk. For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.

Local News:

The Ware & Stanstead Abbots Safer Neighbourhood Team have asked us to send the following message:

After the success of last year's Christmas Hamper Project, the Ware and Stanstead Abbots Safer Neighbourhood Team are asking for donations to run this initiative again.

With the generosity of our community, local businesses and a grant from Ware Town Council, we were able to gift over 100 hampers to the most vulnerable children in our community.

This list is now exhaustive, and we would be grateful for other items such as books, crafts, edible goodies and toiletries. These can be collected by your local Police team, taken to Ware Police Station or dropped to Keith Ian Estate Agents on Ware High Street. Please email Kristine.ward@herts.police.uk if you would like us to collect your gifts or if you have any questions.

Below is our Amazon wish list and we would be grateful for any items that you can provide. (Items will be delivered directly to Police)

As always, thank you for your support.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1HHBMP5E0ELCC?ref=wl_share



UPCOMING DATES

DEC

- 1st Dec:** Non-uniform - Bottles donations for the FOSTA Christmas Fayre
- 4th Dec:** KS1 Nativity matinee - 2.30pm
- 5th Dec:** KS1 Nativity matinee – 2.30pm
KS1 Nativity evening performance - 6.00pm
CHOIR – The Herts and Ware Schools Carol Service – Christchurch Ware
- 6th Dec:** CHOIR – The Festival of Carols – Hoddesdon town centre – (10.30 – 11am - details to follow)
- 8th Dec:** Non-uniform – Cakes donations for the FOSTA Christmas Fayre
FOSTA Christmas Fayre – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- 11th Dec:** EYFS Nativity 9.30am
- 12th Dec:** EYFS Nativity 9.30am
FOSTA School Christmas Disco – details to follow
- 13th Dec:** School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th Dec:** School Christmas Church Service
- 19th Dec:** End of term
- 20th Dec:** INSET Day

JAN 2024

- 8th Jan:** **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

