



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: 26.4.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Dignity

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday our Year 5 and 6 football team took part in the Plate final against Hertingfordbury. In a very tight contest, Hertingfordbury took a 1-0 lead in the first half and made it 2-0 just after half-time. St Andrew's showed good fighting spirit and continued to play some great football. Just before the final whistle Joseph scored a fantastic free-kick to make the score 2-1. Unfortunately for St Andrew's time ran out and the game finished 2-1. A huge well done to all of the children who represented St Andrew's as part of the football team this season.



Year 6 Trip

As part of their World War II and Art curriculum, Year 6 visited The Henry Moore Foundation in Perry Green. The day started with a guided tour to find out more about the life and works of Henry Moore. After lunch, Year 6 had some time to sketch some of their favourite sculptures. Having gained some inspiration, Year 6 will complete their Art unit by creating their own sculptures in the style of Henry Moore.



Park Run

Mr Cooper writes, 'Thank you to all the children and families who joined me on Sunday morning at Junior Parkrun. It was so lovely to see more than 20 children from St Andrew's take part.'



Chance to Shine Cricket

Today, Years 2 - 6 participated in a 'Chance to Shine' cricket workshop, where they practised throwing, catching, fielding and batting skills through a range of fun games and activities.

The children had a thoroughly good time and it was a great opportunity for them to experience the game of cricket.



Nursery News

The children in the Nursery class have been very busy over the last couple of weeks. They have been learning about Eid, working together to measure ingredients, mix and shape biscuits ready to be baked. We all agreed that the end product was delicious when we ate them at our Eid party.

They have also been planting seeds and plants around the EYFS garden, which are being looked after and watered with great enthusiasm! A big thank you to Wickes in Waltham Cross (via Mrs Felstead's daughter and her Operations Manager, Philena!) for donating not only the compost and plants but also some much-needed gardening equipment.

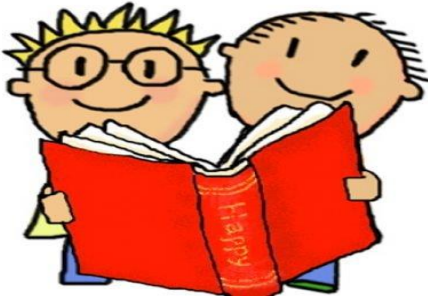


OPAL News

This week the children have enjoyed making use of our ever-growing collection of large, loose parts including shopping crates, pieces of wood and old guttering. If you are having a pre-summer clear out, please think about whether we could make use of it at St Andrew's as part of our OPAL project.

This is also a reminder that we will be holding an OPAL 'Stay and Play' afternoon on Friday 17th May from 2:15pm. More information to follow soon!





READING CHALLENGE

We have decided to extend the reading challenge to the end of the half term. Thus far the Early Years and Key Stage 1 are leading with their enthusiastic efforts. Reading can include the reading of online narratives, web pages and e-zines. Audiobooks are also included. One child even asked if they could publish a book and include it, to which the answer is a resounding yes. All we ask is for reading to be part of the daily diet!

READING ARMY

We were commended by Ofsted for our army of reading volunteers. We are very grateful to these people who selflessly give their time to nurture our children in the most important task of all – to learn to read. However, the call is still there and we do need more volunteers. You might consider this for yourself or you may know someone who could be a 'Reading Army Volunteer'. Please do get in touch with us. You must have DBS clearance to become one of our helpers, information about this is obtainable from the School Office.

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	94.9%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 22.4.24	Year 2 – 98.5%

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 excellent maths work using a 5 frame.

Reception: Harry for his creativity in class this week, using his knowledge and imagination to create.

Year 1: Louie for his hard work and perseverance in his learning.

Year 2: Florence for being helpful and kind in the classroom.

Year 3: Caitlin for always completing homework to a high standard. **Willow** for her amazing healthy menu!

Year 4: Jacob for supporting others with their learning.

Year 5: Abigail for her determination to improve in maths.

Year 6: Joseph for his brilliant attitude in all areas of school life.



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	Lottie for including everyone in her play
Reception: Cecily chose	Edee for always treating others with respect
Year 1: Emily chose	Valentina for living all the values and being a fantastic role model
Year 2: Digory chose	India for showing dignity towards others
Year 3: Cianna chose	Bronte for her bravery and for living all the school values
Year 4: Joe chose	Louie for living all the values
Year 5: Abigail chose	Jack H for being humble and showing dignity
Year 6: Noah chose	Year 5 and 6 football team for showing dignity in their plate final defeat.

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

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:

Attached to this newsletter is **Herts Family Centre Services'** latest 'What's On' guide showing the sessions they are running this term, which may be of interest to parents with babies or younger children.

There may be some changes for the May half term week - their website will show any changes/updates:

<https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx>



TERM DATES

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 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 – details to follow
Weds 12th June:	Class photos
Fri 14th June:	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop – in School – details to follow
Fri 14th June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Fri 21st June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Thurs 27th June:	Year 1 Trip – Capel Manor College
Fri 28th June:	FOSTA Summer Fete
Tues 2nd July:	FOSTA Summer Disco
Fri 5th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Fri 12th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Fri 16th July:	Year 4 Trip – Faith Tour

