



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: 28.3.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Wisdom

Dear Parents and Carers,

Holy Week

We have been exploring Holy Week in lots of different ways. Revd. Sarah explained the stages of the story to our EYFS classes using props and pictures. Revd. Sarah always comments on how the questions given by our children are always varied and interesting, illustrating their reflection and thought.



On Monday we held our Easter church service at St Andrew's Church where Revd. Sarah and our class speakers led us through the momentous events of Holy Week. The children sang the hymns beautifully and Year 3 and 4 performed two of their songs from their Easter production.

There are a number of Easter services being held in both the village and at the local churches which you are all very welcome to join.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ 28TH MARCH

6.30pm Benefice Supper at The Wilshere Hall, St Andrew's

7.30pm Tenebrae Service at St Andrew's

GOOD FRIDAY ~ 29TH MARCH

10.30am Walk of Witness from St Mary the Virgin to St Andrew's

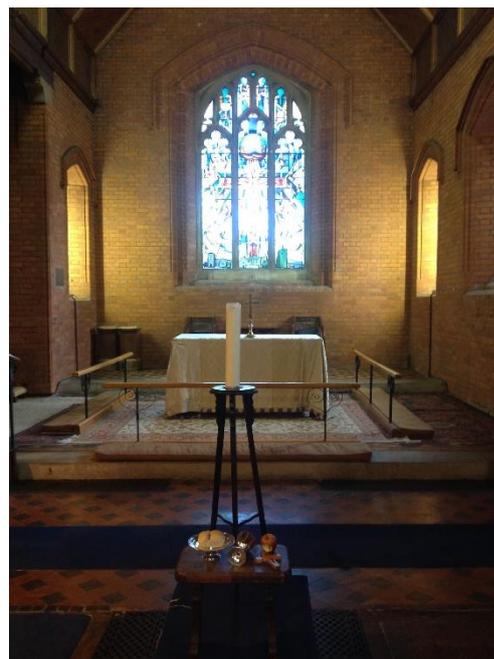
2pm The Way of the Cross at St John the Baptist

EASTER DAY ~ 31ST MARCH

5.30am Dawn Vigil Service at St Andrew's

9am Eucharist Service at St John the Baptist

10.30am Holy Communion Service at St Andrew's



Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Performance



The week was dominated by our wonderful Year 3 and 4 Easter play which again mapped out the events from Palm Sunday, through the Crucifixion leading to the Resurrection of Jesus. It was wonderful to see the confidence of the performers shining out and the singing was absolutely amazing. My thanks go to Mr Chesterman, Mrs Davey and Dr Collins for pulling it all together.



Year 6 have been creating artwork to represent the resurrection as part of their R.E work on the Easter story. Here are three examples.



Cross Country Competition

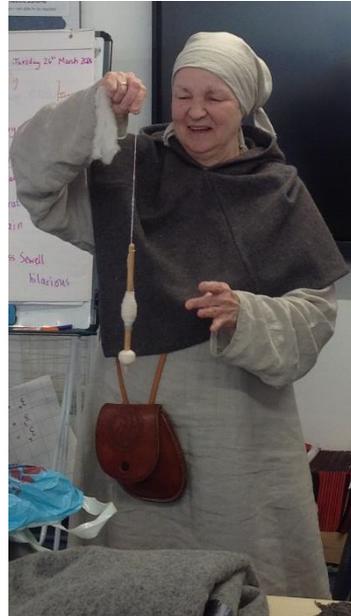
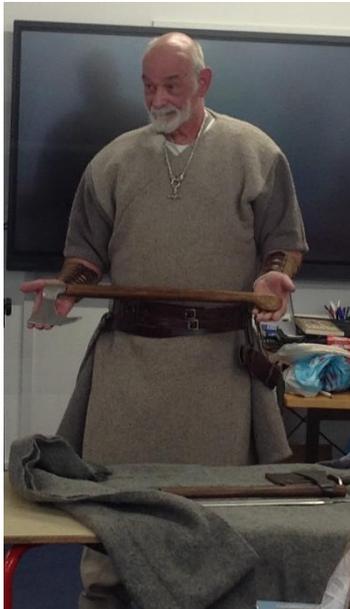
On Monday a team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Hertford and Ware Cross Country competition. All the children gave 100% effort over the tricky one-mile course. Special mention goes to Mitchell in Year 6 who finished in 9th place.

If you fancy trying your hand at running, why not join Mr Cooper for Junior Parkrun on Sunday 21st April at Hartham Common, Hertford. He will be there with his son and will happily run alongside St Andrew's family members.



Year 5 Viking Adventures

Year 5 had some Viking visitors, on Thursday. They told the class about what life was like in a Viking times including how to use a drop spindle to make wool, how different weapons were made and the children even got to handle the replica artefacts. A big thank you to Isabelle's grandparents for bringing the Vikings to life!



Tasty Maths

Year 4 have been exploring fractions this week. They used bars of mini egg chocolate to show fractions beyond 1 whole. The children enjoyed the lesson and were able to have a treat while they worked.



This approach must be working as **Year 4 are our Times Tables Rock Star Champions** for yet another week, with an amazing score of over 16,000 points! They also have the highest attendance. Very well done Year 4.

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 Matters - Every Day Counts!



Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.7%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	93.9%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 25.3.24	Year 4 – 99.3%

Red Certificates

Our end of term Red Certificates are given to two children per class who have shown outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning throughout the term. This term they have been presented to:

Nursery	Sophie for her excellent progress in learning and for taking such pride in her achievements. Jesse for his fantastic progress across the curriculum and for sharing his wonderful ideas.
Reception	Miller for his fantastic progress in all areas – well done! Freya for her obvious enthusiasm for learning and wonderful progress.
Year 1	Valentina for her impeccable behaviour and positive attitude towards her learning. Ezra for his thoughtful contributions to discussions and for always being conscientious.
Year 2	Elsie for her positive attitude in all areas and her determination to do the best that she can. George M for his quiet determination and obvious effort to do well in all areas.
Year 3	Lottie for always working hard, always doing her best and for living the values. Thomas for his excellent attitude and effort and for bringing joy and laughter to the class.
Year 4	Alby for his focus, maturity and enthusiasm for learning. Hattie for being a fantastic role model to others.
Year 5	Jude for his enthusiasm for learning and living the values. Bela for her amazing effort with her learning and being a kind and caring friend.
Year 6	Jasmine for her Impeccable behaviour and attitude and for being a fantastic role model to everyone at St Andrew's. Oscar for his fantastic attitude towards all of his learning and his drive to make progress.

I wish you all a joyful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all on **Monday, 15th April**.

Kind regards,
Mrs H Gillingham



OFFICE UPDATE

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:

Messages from Hertfordshire County Council

Kids eat for free or less this Easter in Hertfordshire:

We've rounded up a list of places to eat this Spring school holiday where kids can eat for less or even for free! Please use the link below to access the list of which places will be taking part: [Hertfordshire County Council | Kids eat for free or less this Easter in Hertfordshire](#)

[Hertfordshire County Council | Fifty Thrifty Springtime adventures](#)

This spring, not far from your doorstep and beyond the front gate, there's lots for you to do all over Hertfordshire.

We've put together a list of fifty 'no cost' or 'low cost' activities in our county, providing a whole world of wonder for you and your children. We understand that we all need to make the most of every penny at the moment and, if you're finding times particularly tough financially, [there is support on hand](#).

Hours of fun and discovery await in our Fifty Thrifty Adventures, and these can be easily tracked down on foot or by cycling or scooting – and there's always the bus with [discounted £2 bus fares](#) to help get you going places, or [children under 10 can travel free on our HertsLynx buses from 29 March to 14 April](#).

Our Local Offer SEND team have also organised a host of events across the county for a range of prices and a range of ages: [SEND Local Offer | Hertfordshire County Council](#).

Whether you're in the north, east, south, or west of the county, the spring school holiday is a fantastic opportunity to explore all that's on offer right across the 600-plus square miles of Hertfordshire.

You could build on your knowledge of Hertfordshire's history with a visit to the Herts Archives, a local museum, St. Albans Cathedral, Hertford Castle, or exploring the Roman ruins. Or simply explore the local natural environment, walking a canal tow path, building a den in or bird watching at RSPB Rye Meads. Why not have an Easter egg hunt in your garden or visit one of the Easter activities going on across the county organised by our District and Borough councils.



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:

UPCOMING DATES – Summer Term

Mon 15th Apr:	Return to school
Tues 16th Apr:	Year 5 and Year 6 weekly Swimming lessons start – details to follow
Thurs 18th Apr:	PGL Meeting 3.15pm
Fri 19th Apr:	FOSTA Sponsored Bounce
Sat 20th Apr:	Nursery Open Day 10am– 11.30am
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 6th May:	Bank Holiday
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
Sun 19th - Weds 22nd May:	Year 6 PGL Residential trip
Tues 21st May:	Year 3 Trip to Welwyn Hatfield Museum – details to follow
Fri 24th May:	Last day of 1 st Half of Sumer Term
Mon 27th – Fri 31st May:	Half term
Mon 3 Jun:	Return to School

