



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

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Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Dignity

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for our final half term of the academic year, which is always a very busy one; with the gathering of assessment data and ensuring all statutory tests are completed in a timely fashion. We also have the Year 6 leavers' production to look forward to, as well as many class trips.

The term started with a visit from our School Effectiveness Adviser who looked at writing throughout the school. He observed lessons, spoke to children and looked at the work the children were producing. Our adviser was very complimentary about the structure and sequence of our writing curriculum, the good use of formative assessment being used by staff during lessons (this was our Ofsted target) and the high quality of written outcomes presented in the children's work. The children spoken to also showed a clear pride in their progress and their written work. Just as they so often show a love of reading - they also demonstrated their love and enjoyment of writing.

Sports



There has been lots of sporting opportunities occurring this week. On Tuesday a group of Year 4 children went to Wodson Park to experience Tri-Golf, which is an energetic and fun version of golf in which the children complete a variety of activities, many of which include attempting to hit targets.



On Thursday Year 5 also went to Wodson Park - this time to take part in the WWW Games. During their afternoon they had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities; rounders, dance, cricket and athletics. They were taught skills and had enjoyed several games.



In their swimming lesson this week, Year 6 had the excitement of developing their life-saving skills and learning to swim whilst fully clothed.





EYFS – Superheroes

Completing their 'Superheroes' topic, the Early Years children had two sets of important visitors.

Firstly they had a visit from two police officers who work in the local area. The children were absolutely fascinated and were delighted to be able to explore all of the police equipment. The officers commented on the range of interesting questions

the children asked them! The impact of this visit could be seen later in the morning, when the children dressed up as police. They began writing up notes in the little notepads provided and handing out parking fines!



A huge thank you to the crew from Hoddesdon fire station who brought their fire engine to show the children in the EYFS classes, as part of their learning about 'real life superheroes'. The children learnt lots about all the equipment the engine carries and how fire officers help people.

EYFS Garden

Another recent addition to the Early Years outside area is a small shop. This is encouraging some wonderful imaginative play, especially around the shocking cost of fruit and vegetables!



Art Day

Today, Mr Cooper led the whole school 'Art Day' where the children created and took part in art activities with the theme of 'up-cycling cardboard'.

Using the artist Darrell Wakelham as inspiration, the classes used paper plates, cardboard boxes, toilet rolls and anything else made from cardboard to create Saxon helmets, animal masks, expressive faces, Roman centurions, mechanimals, pirate ships, chameleons and animals!





Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.7%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	94.9%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 3.6.24	Reception - 98.6%

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: Remy** for his brilliant enthusiasm for learning.
- Reception: Barnaby** for being a really good friend and always being creative in class.
- Year 1: James** for his enthusiasm in all his learning.
- Year 2: Amelia & Maddy** for their positive attitude to learning.
- Year 3: Ethan** for working well and making great choices.
- Year 4: Eliana** for her positive attitude towards school and her learning.
- Year 5: Harriet** for having a positive attitude to new learning.
- Year 6: Alfie** for his fantastic attitude to his learning.





Our Half Term Value: Peace

'Blessed are those who work to make peace, for they shall be called children of God.'

Matthew 5.1-10

This term's Value Advocates are:

Class Value Advocate	
Nursery: Denis	For being kind and calm in class
Reception: Olivia	For always demonstrating calmness and understanding in class
Year 1: Stanley	For keeping the peace in class
Year 2: Amelia	For her calmness and peace with others
Year 3: Noah	For bringing a sense of calm and peace to the class
Year 4: Louie	For bringing peace to the class
Year 5: Isabelle	For bringing peace and joy to the class
Year 6: Eifa	For always helping to keep the peace in class

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Dinner Payments

Dinner slips have been sent home with the children today for the 2nd half of the summer term. Payments can be made via WisePay. Thank you.

Super Star Sport - After School Clubs

Super Star Sport clubs for this half term are now available to book: <https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk>
– Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri.

Super Star Sport – Summer Holiday Camp

Super Star Sport have now released their bookings for their summer camps at St Andrew's, please see below, they have an EARLY BIRD BOOKING DISCOUNT (valid until Sunday 9th June): **VSX645**

Full day booking link:- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/93>

Half day booking link:- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/94>

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

Local Fire Service

Attached to this newsletter is a Home Fire Safety leaflet with information about how to arrange a free home fire safety visit. There is also a QR code that will auto generate an email to the fire station asking for your details and allow someone to contact you to arrange a visit.

News from our local NHS:

The @Hertfordshire & Mid Essex Talking Therapies and @Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer invite parent carers of children and young people with SEND to a webinar about emotional wellbeing support:



Managing difficult emotions and building resilience, Weds 3 July, 7pm This webinar looks at the complex and sometimes painful emotions which can accompany the caring role. The webinar provides several tools for building resilience and a relaxing experiential exercise. <https://buff.ly/3UqhkiW>

TERM DATES

Tues 11th June:	Nursery & Reception Trip - Shepreth Wildlife Park
Weds 12th June:	Class photos
Weds 12th June:	FOSTA Father's Day Sale – Years 2-6
Thurs 13th June:	FOSTA Father's Day Sale – Years N, R & 1
Fri 14th June:	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop – in school
Fri 14th June:	Non-uniform day – in exchange for a bottle for the Summer Fete
Fri 14th June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Weds 19th June:	Year 4 – Greek Day Workshop – in school
Fri 21st June:	Non-uniform day – in exchange for sweets for the Summer Fete
Fri 21st June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Thurs 27th June:	Year 1 Trip – Capel Manor
Fri 28th June:	Non-uniform day – in exchange for cakes for the Summer Fete
Fri 28th June:	FOSTA Summer Fete
Mon 1st July:	Piano Assembly – by invitation
Tues 2nd July:	FOSTA Summer Disco
Weds 3rd July:	Sports Day 1-6
Thurs 4th July:	EYFS Sports Day (am only)
Fri 5th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Weds 10th July:	Reserve Sports Day 1-6
Fri 12th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Mon 15th July:	Year 6 Leavers Show – Matinee Performance
Tues 16th July:	Year 6 Leavers Show – Matinee Performance Year 6 Leavers Show – Evening Performance
Weds 17th July:	End of Term Church Service
Fri 19th July:	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 19th July:	Last day of Summer Term

