

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents

Welcome to the last Newsletter of this half term. We have enjoyed some fabulous weather this week at school and with sunscreen and sunhats becoming part of our uniform, conjuring thoughts of holidays, I just wanted to remind parents that there is a real national focus on attendance. As a school community we do not want children to miss school for holidays and we do not want to fine parents, but this is the expectation. Therefore, if holidays have been booked after October 2024 and mean an absence of 10 sessions or more in a 10-week period, this will be necessary. We kindly ask that we are not put in the position where this is inevitable. We have booked all our development days around holidays to support parents, including the final two days of the summer term and we will continue to plan in this way.

Next week we are holding the school/ SASHA Marathon and the weather will hopefully be kind to us. Please do get your sponsor forms as full as you can as there are a number of great projects SASHA has in the pipeline, that we would really like to see coming to fruition for St. Andrew's and would enhance our provision. On the day you will have the opportunity to purchase drinks, sweets and ice-lollies, and these stalls will be open at the end of the school day too. Please join us for 2pm next Thursday, we would love to get a great crowd of supporters again to cheer the children on!

Have a lovely weekend, warm regards

Bridgette Gough
Headteacher

Safeguarding

We have been informed by a local secondary school that earlier this week some of their pupils who were in Earls Colne, near Foundry Lane, were approached by a man who asked for their names and ages, and was subsequently following them; he has since been arrested.

Please talk to your children about walking home in groups, staying vigilant, and reporting any concerns to the Police.

Father's Day

We would like to invite Fathers, Grandads, Uncles or a family member to accompany their child/ren to a Special Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 13th June from 7.45am.

A letter will be coming out with the Newsletter today with further details on how to book.

We hope to see lots of you there!

Love Life and Learning

Reflections Area & Collective Worship

This week we have a new Reflection Area, it has followed a week of focusing on the importance of language and being able to communicate with one another. A week where the children have found out a little bit about sign language and the story of Pentecost and the important gift of language given to the disciples, enabling them to spread the word of God to all.

The activity is linked to the idea that words matter and a kind word, a compliment, politeness and thanks can make such a difference within a community. We have a message box set up with coloured papers, pens and pencils, encouraging the children to write a message to anyone within the school community they would like to, a message to spread a little sunshine. These will be delivered regularly thanks to the efforts of our Y6 monitors who will be our messengers.



Last week in Collective Worship we focused on the notion of family and that this can look different for everyone. We were lucky enough to have the children taking the lead on this on Tuesday when our Collective Worship committee took the reins. They have written a little piece to explain what they did for the school.

The whole community so enjoyed their input.

Last week, Collective Worship Committee talked to the school about how all families are different - and about how our families are all special to us in different ways. We asked various questions to reflect on, such as 'Is a football team a family?' and 'Are all families different?' We discussed how you don't have to be related to be a family and shared some of the different ways in which our families mean something special to us.

Isla H, Isla W and Stan W-D
Y6 Collective Worship Committee

Headteacher's Cup

Tiger Cub Class:	W1-Elijah
	W2-Daice
Reindeer Class:	W1-Orla
	W2-Whole Class
Fennec Fox Class:	W1-Emily
	W2-Jacob
Panda Class:	W1-Alex
	W2-Liliana
Snow Leopard Class:	W1-Freddie
	W2-George
Turtle Class:	W1-Harley
	W2-Mark
Seal Class:	W1-Joe
	W2-Whole Class



Birthdays in May

Lewin	Freddie K
Ava S	Lillie
Freddie W	Isla W
Harley C-P	Alexa
Matilda	
Tommy	
Louie S-S	
Eleanor	
Archie	
Mila	
Belle	
George	
Freddie C-P	



Going For Green

Connor & Violet

Sports Cup

Ethan & Bonnie S

A polite ask from the school office

As we continue to welcome all our pupils each morning, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring they arrive on time, school starts at 8:45am. They will be marked as late from 8.55am and arriving after 9.15am will mean being marked absent as registration will have closed and this will be unauthorised. More concerning for us is the fact that this is unsettling for the children and often a little daunting to be walking into a classroom of engaged pupils.

We've noticed that a few families have been more consistently late, which means office staff are spending too much time assisting with late arrivals instead of focusing on other important early morning tasks. Let's work together to improve punctuality and make mornings smoother for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

Celebrating Year 6's Achievement!

This week, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs, demonstrating our Learning for Life behaviours every step of the way! They showed determination and a great work ethic. The children tackled all six papers with focus and dedication, and we are so very pleased with their efforts. They have done themselves and our school community proud.

I also want to take this opportunity to give special thanks to our supporting staff, who have worked tirelessly in preparing the children for these important assessments. I know your hard work has made a difference, and it's appreciated by both the pupils and the school community. And this preparation has also meant the children felt the confidence to relax and give their best, which was evident in the tests. Thanks also to the catering staff for the SATs breakfast and the LSA's who supported from all around school, borrowed to support invigilation.

To mark the end of a demanding week, the children were treated to ice-cream from a kind parent. It was a nice way to celebrate their achievements after a rigorous four days, and it was great to see them enjoy some well-deserved downtime. We have put some photos on here to share. They also found out about the end of term production! Well-done to everyone!!

