

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It has been a busy fortnight, and it was great to see the children so excited to come in today dressed in non-uniform to celebrate all their hard work during assessments. Parents can expect to receive their child's final report on the 15th July, which will contain details regarding the assessments we have undertaken and their attainment in relation to age-related expectations for core subjects.

This edition is quite packed, brimming with information and details of upcoming events. We're also attaching several documents this week for you to read and digest at your leisure. As we have mentioned before, we aim to streamline our communication by sharing updates primarily on Friday's rather than sending multiple messages throughout the week. This approach helps us maintain a manageable flow of information for our parent body.

We also strive not to send any communication after 6pm, unless it's an emergency to protect your family time. We kindly request that similar consideration is extended to our teaching staff, ensuring messages are sent prior to 6pm whenever possible. For matters regarding drop-offs and pick-ups, please contact the office admin team, as messages sent through teacher's dojo may be overlooked during the school day.

We are excited about the wonderful activities we have planned for the final four weeks of term and hope that for those involving parents you will be able to join us.

Kind Regards

Bridgette Gough

Important Update on Transition Session

We would like to inform you about our forthcoming Transition Afternoon on 26th June. We use this date as our Year 6 pupils will be attending taster sessions at their new secondary schools. This event provides a valuable opportunity for the children to familiarise themselves with their new classroom, meet their new teacher, and engage with the support staff who will be working closely with them. We believe that this session will facilitate a smoother transition and help the children feel more at ease in their new environment. To aid this process, we will be sending out next year's teacher and class information on Monday. The children may want to do a little research on suitable class animals over the weekend, in preparation!

Sports Day Excitement!

We're getting excited as Sports Day is just around the corner! A letter with all the event details is attached, and we truly hope you can join us for a fantastic day of fun and competition. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us!

Love Life and Learning

Safeguarding

As we approach another busy week at school, we'd like to remind everyone about the importance of considerate parking during drop-off and pick-up times. We've once again received complaints from residents of Bois Hall Gardens regarding vehicles bumping up onto the pavements and parking over driveways. This practice makes it incredibly difficult for parents with buggies and those with mobility issues to manoeuvre safely.

Let's work together to keep our community's pathways clear and accessible for everyone. Please be mindful of where you park to ensure a safe and pleasant environment for all. Thank you for your co-operation and support in making our school a welcoming place for everyone!

Personal, Social and Health Education programme

We are pleased to share with you our Personal, Social and Health Education programme letter, which outlines the planned Sex and Relationship Education curriculum for the upcoming term. This curriculum aims to equip our students with essential knowledge and skills related to relationships and personal well-being. We encourage parents of Year 1 – Year 6 to have a read of the letter sent out earlier. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Irene Jones, our Trust co-ordinator.

Marathon Event News

We are thrilled to announce the incredible total of funds raised by the SASHA from our recent school marathon event. A heartfelt thank you to the whole community for your unwavering support—not only in fundraising but also for turning out to cheer the children on.

Your encouragement truly made this event memorable for our pupils. The children felt an immense sense of pride, and rightly so! Together, we raised an impressive total of £2,596, which will go towards enhancing our school facilities and resources. Let's keep this momentum going as we continue to support our vibrant school community!

Preloved Uniform Sale - Sport's Day

During Sport's Day, we will have an opportunity for you to pick up some preloved school uniforms for the upcoming academic year. This is a practical way to prepare for school while also being considerate of the environment and your budget. We are also welcoming donations of uniforms, which will be sold to support our Parent-Teacher Association. If you have any items to contribute, please consider doing so. Thank you for your support in making this event possible.

Headteacher's Cup

Tiger Cub Class:	W1-Lucy W2-Lewin
Reindeer Class:	W1-Wilfred W2-Whole Class
Fennec Fox Class:	W1-Luna W2-Maisie
Panda Class:	W1-Lewyn W2-Olivia
Snow Leopard Class:	W1-Whole Class W2-Parker
Turtle Class:	W1-Whole Class W2-Layla
Seal Class:	W1-Delilah W2-Georgia



Birthdays in June

Hero	Louie
Hunter	Clara
Max S	Joshua B
Thea	Jessie
Joseph	Lucy C
Grace	Alfie S
Dolcie	
Jackson	
Olive H	
Hallie	
Rowan	
Joshua B	
Lilly-Rose	



Going For Green

Matilda & Tyller

Sports Cup

Thomas & Evie

Attendance and Fines: What You Need to Know

As you are aware, the government has introduced more consistent procedures across the country regarding term-time absences to help improve school attendance following the COVID pandemic.

We've communicated extensively about these changes, but we wanted to summarise the key information for you.

If your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period, both parents will receive a fine of £80 each. For families with two children, this could lead to a household total of £320. The only exception applies if parents live separately and one parent has no control over the absence.

It is important to note that the school does not benefit from these fines; all proceeds go to the Local Authority. We are also sending the next academic year's term dates (always displayed on our website) to assist with planning holidays during school breaks. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our children attend school regularly!

Staffing News

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of two of our class teachers. Miss Douthwaite will be relocating to the Netherlands, where she has secured a new role and will begin an exciting journey with her partner. We extend our heartfelt wishes for her success in this new chapter. Likewise, Miss Etherden is embarking on a new adventure in the private education sector, and we wish her all the very best.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Miss Douthwaite and Miss Etherden for their contributions to St. Andrew's, during their early careers here.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Amber-Rose Clackett and Mrs Kate Lee will be joining us in September. They will engage with our pupils during the forthcoming transition afternoon, and parents will have the chance to meet them informally after school that day. We look forward to welcoming them into our school community!

Collective Worship Themes and exploration

Last week, our worship theme connected once more with one of our six Learning for Life Behaviours, "Don't Give Up." We delved into the concept of resilience, highlighting the importance of bouncing back from failure and embracing mistakes as valuable learning opportunities. A lovely prayer composed by our Fennec Foxes accompanied this theme, which I have shared below for your reflection.

Dear Lord,

Guide us to understand that it is ok to make mistakes, help us to try again and bounce back when we fail. We can do this if we really want to! Mistakes can happen at any time or age but we can fix them someday.

Thank you Lord for listening to us, Amen.

This week, we shifted our focus to the Learning for Life Behaviour "Try New Things". With the end of term approaching and changes ahead for the children, it felt like the perfect time to explore this theme. We utilised some fantastic books to spark discussion, and our visit from the church allowed us to share the Parable of the Mustard Seed. I particularly recommend "What the Road Said" for any family facing new turns in their journey. As always, the children were really engaged and were open to the metaphor and made meaningful connections with Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."