

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last Newsletter of this half term. 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; we do not want to be in a position where we have to put forward to the Local Authority a request to fine parents; but this is the expectation now where the absence is for 10 sessions. We therefore very 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 day of the summer term. We will continue to plan in this way, looking to support parents where we can.

Next week we are holding the school 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 we have 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 cold drinks priced at, 50p for cartons and £1.00 for cans. We would ask that you bring in the correct change on this occasion please, and this stall will be open at the end of the school's day too. We will also have a uniform sale on this day too. Please join us for 2:15 pm 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

Reflections Area & Collective Worship

Collective worship last week focused upon the theme Joy to the World and we shared the resurrection story and the gift of hope that Jesus represents for Christians all over the globe. We also shared the following picture books 'Joy' By Yasmeen Ismail and 'Where Happiness Begins' by Eva Eland. The second of these books demonstrated that happiness is sometimes not something we can control, link to looking for the positives in your life. The book begins by asking the reader a question - Are you looking for happiness? Then, gently guides us on a thought-provoking journey, allowing us to reflect on what happiness really is. It's such a great book to promote thought and as usual our children did not disappoint with their interactions with the text.

This weekend we will have a new Reflection Area; it has followed a week of focusing on the importance of struggle in each of our learning journey. Its title has been - You are a "Superhuman" – and the children have enjoyed making pipe cleaner people – they demonstrate we are all different, but all have things about us that are super...the link below has a little tutorial should children wish to make their own mini me at home!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVkDp9sIjsU>



The activity has also linked to the idea that words matter and a kind word, a compliment, politeness and thanks can make such a difference within a community. This will be the theme for the final week of this half term.

Love Life and Learning



08.05.2026

This week our Reception and Year 5 pupils took part in road safety training, and what a brilliant experience it was. The children talked about the importance of personal responsibility when walking near roads and learned how to keep themselves safe in different situations. They explored 'The Green Cross Code', discussing how to stop, look, listen and think before crossing. Pupils also identified safe and dangerous places to cross the road, using their knowledge of things like visibility impacts, near junctions or parked cars etc to make sensible decisions.

The best part of the session was putting learning into practice. Pupils went out onto the roads to practise real-life scenarios, helping them build confidence and understand how to stay safe in the community. It was wonderful to see them listening carefully, asking thoughtful questions and showing such mature behaviour. Well done to Joey and Jellyfish classes for making your teachers proud and for taking such an active interest in keeping themselves and others safe.

Headteacher's Cup

Joey Class: W1-Alexandra

W2-Joseph

Aardvark Class: W1-Lucy

W2-Olivia

Giraffe Class: W1-Whole Class

W2-Flinn

Capybara Class: W1-Niya

W2-George

Koala Class: W1-George

W2-Ben

Jellyfish Class: W1-Jacob

W2-Alice

Falcon Class: W1-Poppy

W2-Whole Class



Birthdays in May

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



MENU CHANGE

Thursday 21st May

Hotdog, Corn on the Cob, Chips
& Chocolate Sponge



Friday 22nd May

Fish Fingers & Fish Nuggets, Peas, Potato Waffles
& Mango or Strawberry Smoothie

Going For Green

Ayla & George

Sports Cup

Summer

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 provided invaluable support and 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. This preparation has also meant that 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.

As part of the SATs week traditions the children have enjoyed a communal breakfast. We have put some photos on here to share. Thanks to the kitchen for supporting this on Tuesday and Thursday, on Monday and Wednesday the children enjoyed continental breakfast choices to ensure all tastes were catered for.

They also found out about the end of term production, which has caused much excitement!!! Well-done to everyone – we couldn't be more proud of you all!!!



Father's Day Breakfast

We are very much looking forward to our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 19th June from 7.45am.

Payment should be made online through ParentMail by **Wednesday 10th June**, midday. After this time, you will **not** be able to book. Can we please ask that you book for all those wishing to attend this allows us to order enough to cater for everyone.

Play Sand Recall Update

You may already be aware that there has been a product recall on some play sand products due to concerns about asbestos contamination. The school took immediate precautionary action after the announcement while we investigated our supply chain. Our supplier was not listed on the recall list.

If you have play sand at home or coloured art sand kits, please check the latest recall information to ensure the health and safety of your children:

<https://www.gov.uk/product-safety-alerts-reports-recalls?keywords=sand>