

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. We are less than a month away from the end of term, which is incredible to think, but we are certainly packing events into every inch of the time we have left. With Sport's Day to look forward to, transition events such as new entrants visits the EY graduation, saying goodbye to our leavers end of term productions it is all go.

On Monday we will be sharing class organisation information with parents ahead of next week's transition afternoon. This will include teaching staff and where known support staff.

With the warmer weather expected, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a clearly named water bottle, sun hat and sun cream to be applied before school.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and promoting children's wellbeing, we take appropriate measures to ensure children are safe in the sun. We ask for your support by providing the items listed above. Thank you for helping us to keep all children safe, healthy and happy during the warmer weather.

Bridgette Gough
Headteacher

Safeguarding

Recent Legislation Changes for Parents: Online Safety and Child Protection

Parents in England have a crucial role in helping children stay safe online, and recent legislation has introduced stronger protections to support this. One of the most important updates is the new rules designed to protect children online, which place greater responsibility on online services to reduce harmful content, improve safety measures, and make platforms more suitable for younger users.

These changes matter because children and young people are spending more time online for learning, socialising, and entertainment. While the internet offers many positives, it can also expose children to risks such as harmful material, bullying, and contact from strangers. The new legislation aims to make digital spaces safer by requiring services to take child safety more seriously from the start.

Parents can read the official government fact sheet here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online>

It is a helpful document that explains the latest changes in clear terms. As a parent, it may be useful to talk with your child about what they do online, review privacy settings together, and encourage them to speak up if something feels uncomfortable. Working together, families and schools can help children use technology safely and confidently.

Love Life and Learning

Collective Worship and Reflection Table

Our Reflections Area has followed the theme of Peace and I have asked the children to add to a Peace Garden, to make a flower or tree with a sentence stem to complete. This has encouraged pupils to think about when they feel calm, and peaceful or when peace happens. I have included some images here, one with some of their lovely garden additions.



Last week our theme for worship was Parables and Fables, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Reverend Richard who explored the Parable of the Pearl. The Collective worship Committee explored Spirituality with our community, we always love it when they take the reins! I shared the Fable of the North Wind and the Sun focusing on the power of gentle persuasion and encouragement and the idea of carrot or stick to support guidance.

This week the theme has been role models, linked to Father's Day. We have been able to reflect on Jesus as a role-model and the idea of God the Father. We have shared some lovely children's picture books and a No Outsiders image to promote deep thought and discussion. I have included the image here and hope that the children can explain its choice and the thinking it promoted.



Headteacher's Cup

Joey Class:	W1-Florence
	W2-Alexandra
Aardvark Class:	W1-Whole Class
	W2-Bella
Giraffe Class:	W1-Ava
	W2-Darcey
Capybara Class:	W1-Isabella
	W2-James
Koala Class:	W1-Whole Class
	W2-Jack
Jellyfish Class:	W1-Whole Class
	W2-Chloe
Falcon Class:	W1-Max
	W2-Sofia



Birthdays in June

Clara	Oliver
Ronnie	Isla M
Hero	Alfie
Hunter	Joseph
Joshua B	Max
Jackson	Jameson
Jessie	Thea
Grace	
Lucy	
Dolcie	
Lilly-Rose	



Going For Green

Mya

Sports Cup

Louie & Mila

Holiday Tennis Camps - now at St Andrew's Site in Halstead

TennisLessons4U's holiday camps are now running from St Andrew's site, offering a practical option for families looking for structured fun and active days for their children during the school holidays. The camps are designed to be supportive for working parents, with sessions that help provide childcare, while children stay active and engaged. PPG Activity vouchers can be used towards attendance, meal provision can be part of the day, too.

More information is available at <https://www.tennislessons4u.com/holidaycamps>.

Father's Day Breakfast Success

Thank you to all our dads, grandads, uncles ... for making our Father's Day Breakfast such a success and a really special event for the children. We hope you enjoyed it. These enrichment elements, where you join us, are really memorable for your little people and for you. We are so glad that you make them the success they are. Your support, smiles and time helped create a warm, fun morning that everyone will remember.



Farewells and Welcomes

At the end of term, we have some changes to share with our community.

Miss Clacket is moving on at the end of the Summer Term, we thank her for her contribution to St. Andrew's and as the teacher of the Koala Class. We wish her all the best in her next step.

We welcome back to the St. Andrew's team Miss Susie Price, who will be taking the role of EYFS lead for All Saints Academy Trust. We are excited to have her back on the staff and know how lucky we are.

RSE/ PSHE – Statutory Updates to the Curriculum

Mrs Jones, in her role as PSHE lead, and myself have recently met with our Parent Consultation Group to consult about the new changes to statutory guidance and policy. We are sending a copy of the new policy, updated following on from the meeting. Letters will be circulated to each class, ahead of teaching the content, just so that you are ready for any resulting questions the children may have. Below Mrs Jones has shared some information.

Attached is the Secretary of State's rationale for the 2026 Statutory changes which begin in September. The full document is attached and please click on the link to read electronically.

"Relationship and Sex Education in Primary school's represent a huge opportunity to help our children and young people develop. The knowledge and attributes gained will support their own, and others', wellbeing and attainment and help young people to become successful and happy adults who make a meaningful contribution to society."

Love Life and Learning

Transition Afternoon: A Warm Welcome to New Classes

We are excited to invite children to our upcoming Transition Session, a lovely opportunity for pupils to begin their journey into their new classes. This special event will include our much-loved new animal identity activity, helping children to settle in and feel a sense of belonging straight away. This will take place on Friday morning.

During the session, pupils will also meet their class representatives and begin talking about class culture — the kind of atmosphere they want in their rooms, rather than just a list of rules. We hope children will share ideas about what makes a classroom feel calm, kind and happy.

Most importantly, this is a chance to start building positive relationships with staff through fun, get to know you type activities.

For the first time this year, we will also be running an additional storytime with new teachers, where they will share a favourite book with their new children. This will take place in the penultimate week, giving children time to chat and connect in a relaxed way.

Early Years Transitions

Our new intake will be joining us for a couple of induction sessions over the coming weeks, they will have the opportunity to meet new staff and become familiar with our EYFS environment.

Dates : Friday 26th June and 7th July

Transition Days for Secondary Schools - 25th and 26th June

Just a reminder for Year 6 parents of the forthcoming Year 7 Transition Days. Staff from our local secondary schools have been out to meet staff or conducted calls in readiness for these visits. We wish all our Year 6 pupils a great time and know they will demonstrate to our feeder schools how lucky they are to be receiving them into their communities. Enjoy these events, Year 6!

Cricket

On Wednesday, we went to the Essex County Cricket grounds. First, we got in a mini bus - it was a 45-minute drive. When we got there, we were full of excitement.

We begin by completing a scavenger hunt and won free sunglasses. Then, we went and watched a cricket match (it was so hot). Part way through the game, we were taken to an indoor hall and were put into pairs. We were able to play a few games of cricket. After, we went to watch another part of the game before then having a go at some cricket skills on in an outdoor area.

By 2pm, it was time to head back to school. We really enjoyed experiencing our first cricket match.

