ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 13th November 2026

Value for November: Peace



'God blesses those who make peace. They will be called his children.' Matthew 5:9.

We consider Jesus as the ultimate peacemaker who sacrificed his life to restore our relationship with God. We look for opportunities to repair our relationships if they breakdown. We are given the opportunity to experience stillness, quietness and reflection in our daily lives.

Reception Nursery Rhyme Week



Reception have had a wonderful time celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week! Throughout the week, the children took part in the 'Rhyme a Day' challenge, singing along to classic rhymes and joining in with fun, themed activities. Everyone loved dressing up as their favourite nursery rhyme characters and exploring rhythm by playing percussion instruments together. It has been a fantastic week filled with lots of music, laughter, and learning!

Lunches



A plea from the school office to please put a reminder into your phone/diary/calendar to prebook your child's lunches by Thursday evening each week. Parents forgetting to do this is creating a lot of additional work for the office team, as well as the kitchen. You can book more than one week at a time too! The Parentpay glitch has been fixed but parents now need to ensure bookings are in place once again.

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 15th November, ***for our Communion service at 10.00am.***
This will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.
5pm there will be Choral Evensong.

Children in Need

Thank you to all in the school who gave a donation to this charity today while also wearing non uniform. It is times like these that we realise how privileged we are. Altogether, we raised £272.

Infant Music Festival

On Monday morning, Year 2 joined together with Woodridge Primary school to take part in one of BEAT's annual 'Infant Music Festivals'. This year's songs were all inspired by the book, *The Koala Who Could* by Rachel Bright. The children sung with confidence and enthusiasm, tackling complex rhythms and singing in parts, all whilst keeping up with energetic performance actions. Well done Year 2 – you truly shone!









Just a couple of our talented pupils…



Please be aware that Bryella Y3 has recently been filmed for Blue Peter demonstrating her skills in go kart racing. Her episode is due to be shown TONIGHT at 5pm. Also, Naila in Y5 will be performing the role of Mrs Wormwood at the Bull Theatre in Barnet for an amateur production of Matilda Jr at the end of January.



Year 1 & Year 5 Remember Together



Year 1 and Year 5 walked to St Andrew's Church together to look at the poppies. We discussed the meaning of Remembrance, why people choose to wear poppies and how the money raised supports veterans and their families. It was a great opportunity for the children to spend time with their buddies and share their thoughts together.

St Andrew's Church Visit by Reception & Year 6



This week, our Reception and Year 6 children visited St Andrew's Church to see the lovely poppy decorations. Walking beautifully with their buddies, the Year 6 pupils took the lead and showed the younger children around.
Reception learned all about the church, discovering new vocabulary like pew, altar, organ, pipes, reverend, and congregation.
An interesting and exciting time was had by all!



Boys Football team vs Alma

On Tuesday 10th November St Andrews faced Alma Primary School in a crucial league game at power league Finchley. The game started off with a stunning goal by Renato who rifled it into the roof of the net. After that, the goals kept coming including a goal from Arlo, a brace from Theodore and a closing goal from Henry sealing the 5-0 Victory in style for St Andrews. From Local dictating the midfield to Teddy L.F controlling the defence (and receiving player of the match.) In addition, Krish made an amazing assist. St Andrews definitely deserved their first league victory ever. By Luca R-D and Renato

Oral Hygiene Visits to Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes were thrilled to welcome **Eva from the Barnet Health Team** back to our school this week! The children had a fantastic time using their tongues to feel their teeth, learning about how we use them to chew and talk, and counting all 20 of their baby teeth.

We played a fun sorting game to discover which foods make our teeth "happy" or "sad." The children learned about the Eatwell Plate—including how dairy keeps our bones strong and how crisps and chocolates should be occasional treats. We were all shocked to explore hidden sugars, discovering that a single can of Coca-Cola contains 13 sugar cubes! (A child's maximum recommended daily allowance is just 5 cubes).

Eva's Top Tips to Practise at Home:

- 🪥 **Spit, Don't Rinse!** After brushing, spit out the toothpaste but *do not* rinse with water. Leaving the fluoride on the teeth protects the enamel.
- ⏰ **2x2 Rule:** Brush for 2 minutes, twice a day (morning and night), using a pea-sized amount of toothpaste. Don't forget to brush the tongue!
- 💦 **Bedtime Routine:** Only a sip of water is allowed after night-time brushing—no bedtime snacks or juice. Remember to keep drinking water throughout the day, too!

Thank you to Eva for making dental health so interactive and fun!





Dates for your diary

Want to make sure you know about all upcoming events? Why not link your smart phone/tablet to our school website calendar? It's really easy to do and means you instantly are informed of everything that's coming up.



What's happening this month – (please also check the school website calendar too)

Tuesday 17th November – School photographer in
Wednesday 18th November – New Reception 2027 entry tours am
Wednesday 18th November – Rec/Year 1/Year 2 Cinderella pantomime pm
Thursday 19th November – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Thursday 19th November – PTA Quiz Night evening
Friday 20th November – Flu Vaccination in school
Wednesday 25th November – New Reception 2027 entry tours am
Friday 27th November – 2pm finish for all in lieu of St Andrew's Day
Saturday 28th November – PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm

Stars of the Week



Well done to **all** of our pupils for another fantastic week here at St Andrew's
A special well done to our stars of the week:

Week ending 6th November

Reception	**Yara** – for sharing your experiences of visiting the dentist during our oral hygiene workshop. They were very informative! **Amyra** – for your super contributions during our 'senses' discussion. You had a wealth of knowledge to share. Well done.
Year 1	**Céline** – for fantastic engagement across all your learning this week, particularly in phonics. Well done! **Philip** – for making a brilliant effort to make positive choices and focus on your learning. Keep it up!
Year 2	**Ari** – for clearly explaining your Mathematical reasoning using the correct vocabulary. **Teddy** – for persevering with your handwriting and beginning to develop a cursive style. Keep it up!
Year 3	**Jack** – for settling well into our school and being enthusiastic about making new friends. **Melissa** – for being enthusiastic about Maths and persevering to complete your tasks.
Year 4	**Lexi** – for demonstrating brilliant skills in computing and always offering a helpful hand to classmates when they're stuck **Andrew** – for settling into our class so brilliantly and confidently raising his hands to share ideas
Year 5	**Christian** – for your amazing enthusiasm for your learning and your inferences about Odysseus' characteristics. **Micah** – for your fantastic work in maths this week, learning to order negative numbers on a number line.
Year 6	**Luca L** – for his increased determination in maths and mastering long division. **Juhe** – for taking pride in all her work and displaying all of our schools values.

Week ending 13th November

Reception	**Casey** – for your wonderfully creative Mehndi hand and Diya lamp when learning about Diwali. Well done! **Gabriel** – for working exceptionally hard during phonics and improving your writing skills. Keep it up!
Year 1	**Pippa** – for an excellent effort with your writing and attempting challenges. Keep it up! **Nehma** – for being such a kind, caring and helpful friend!
Year 2	**Noah** – for beginning to apply reasoning when solving mathematical problems. **Reeva** – for making an excellent start at St Andrew's! You have a positive attitude and are settling in beautifully.
Year 3	**Isla** – for fantastic determination and perseverance towards your learning this week. Keep it up! **Zohe** – for a fantastic diary entry in role as Hogarth from our English text. Well done!
Year 4	**Kasra** – for producing brilliant thought-out writing filled with creative and ambitious language and always consistently sharing valuable contributions during class discussions **Olivia** – for showing great perseverance this week learning about tenths as fractions, decimals and on a place value chart. Times table storming through
Year 5	**Aarian** – for fantastic work this week in maths finding equivalent fractions **Maya** – for making amazing and insightful inferences in guided reading.
Year 6	**Daniele** – for showing more maturity with his learning and a much better focus in his work. **Wako** – for consistently working hard across the curriculum.