

## Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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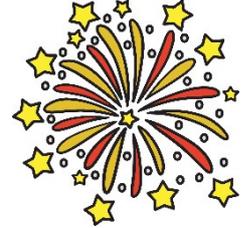
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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 8 January 2024

Our Value this half term is **HEART FOR THE EARTH**

Happy New Year to you and your families!

We would like to give a huge thank you, on behalf of all our staff, for all the beautiful and generous gifts at the end of the Christmas term.



I trust that you all had a fantastic Christmas break and hope that 2024 is set to be another great year for the children, staff and families of St Andrew's.

### Heart for the Earth



Our value this half term is Heart for the Earth, an initiative from the Diocese of St Albans to encourage church schools to reflect theologically and practically on the issues of climate change.

### HEART FOR THE EARTH



**We can use our HEADS to find out what is happening to our planet and God's creation. What do we need to do to save the planet and why is it important that we do?**



**We can use our HEARTS to express our love for all of creation – the animals, the plants and the people. Are they worth saving and why?**



**We can use our hands to make a difference to our communities and to the planet as a whole. Every little difference that we make could add up to one big difference!**

### Staffing

At the end of last term, we said a fond farewell to Miss Wilkinson and welcome back Mrs Loft after her maternity leave to teach in Year 1. Miss Newton also left at the end of Autumn term and Ms O'Neill joined us at the beginning of this term.

## **Invitation to Worship**

We would like to invite you all to 'come and see' and take part in our whole school collective worships this Spring Term 2024. These will take place on a Tuesday morning, from 9.10 am to 9.40 am and all are welcome.

- Year 6 - 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Year 5 - 30<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 4 - 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 3 - 27<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 1 - 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Reception - 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Nursery - 26<sup>th</sup> March

## **Nursery Applications**

Applications open to apply for a place in our Nursery Class opens Monday, 15 January 2024. All Nursery Admissions information and application form can be found on the school website <https://standrews236.herts.sch.uk/about-us/nursery-admissions/>

## **Playtime Development**

After the successful completion of the construction zone we are beginning work on the role play zone. To help us along we would like to request donations of any:

- Dressing up clothes
- Large pieces of fabric
- A child height clothes rail



## **Calm Room**

If you are having an after-Christmas clear out or an early spring clean, we are working on improving our quiet room, a calm and safe area for children. Mrs Lane would be very grateful for donations:

- Sit on bean bag
- Action figures
- Colouring or sticker books
- Card games
- Simple board games (with little setting up time)
- Puppets/finger puppets
- Picture books (about emotions)
- Small colourful rug
- Jigsaws

Your donations can be dropped off at the school office. Many thanks.

## After School Multisports and Gymnastics Clubs

There are spaces available at the Multisports Club on Tuesdays and Gymnastics Club on Thursdays. <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/10506/>



**You are invited to Premier's extracurricular activities**

Here's what's on near you:  
**ST ANDREWS COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY'S MULTISPORTS CLUB**  
RECEPTION - YEAR 1  
3.15 - 4.15

**THURSDAY'S GYMNASTICS CLUB**  
YEAR 1 - 6  
3.15 - 4.15

SESSIONS START W/C 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY UNTIL W/C 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (11 WVEKS) £5.50 PER SESSION

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PLACES ARE LIMITED TO 20 PLACES

**This is just about the coolest thing you can do for your children.**



They'll love keeping active, having fun and learning new skills with our before school, lunch time and after school clubs!

The NHS requires children to have 60 minutes of physical activity per day to stay healthy. With Premier, they can do this by taking part in a range of sport, arts and wellbeing activities.

**Benefits for your child:**

- ✦ Try new activities and make new friends
- ✦ Learn transferable skills for the future
- ✦ Stay focused & alert for their lessons
- ✦ Develop confidence, creativity and self-esteem

**Most importantly, they'll have so much fun!**

All of our Activity Professionals maintain links to local clubs and associations, giving children a route to develop and diversify their skills.

Identifying the stars of the future can enable them to get the right support and encouragement at an early age.



**Don't delay, book today.**  
To find out more and book, visit [premier-education.com](https://www.premier-education.com) or call 01638 751168

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## A letter from Jackie



Dear parents, children and staff,

I would like to say a massive thank you for all your lovely cards, gifts and the John Lewis gift voucher and huge card I received just before Christmas.

I was overwhelmed by the kindness shown to me and humbled to think that so many people wanted to contribute to my collection.

I thank you all sincerely from the bottom of my heart, everything meant so much to me.

Before my role as a lollipop lady I had a career in social care that spanned almost 40 years, serving the community has always been important to me.

I consider it a privilege to serve my community once again helping to keep both big people and little people safe while crossing the main road in Much Hadham.

I have so much fun on the crossing talking to the children and hope I make them smile as much as they make me smile.

I look forward to being your lollipop lady for some time to come and dressing the crossing up on special occasions.

Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and generosity.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy New Year.

Jackie

## Courageous advocacy from Year 4

Some of our Year 4 children have chosen to spend their free time making jewellery in order to raise money for charity. Well done Olivia, Florence, Seren and Hayden.

The Little  
Bracelet  
Company



From 3:15 till 3:30 after school

Please bring cash only. The bracelets are from £1 to £3 and we are selling mini gift bags for 20p.

SINCERELY SIGNED OLIVIA, FLORENCE, SEREN, AND HAYDEN FROM YEAR 4.

We will be running a jewellery stall to raise money for charity. Our chosen charities are Cancer Research UK, The Salvation Army, and The British Red Cross. The stall will be outside school on February, 2nd and then every first and last Friday of the month. We hope you can come along to help raise money for these wonderful charities. Thank you!

## Our School Development Plan

### **School Development Priorities – St Andrew’s three main priorities 2023-2024:**

- 1 For pupils to play a more active role in their learning journey – including a greater awareness of their own progress towards the end points for each subject.
- 2 To improve children’s emotional literacy across the school, to help them articulate their feelings positively.
- 3 To improve the school’s carbon footprint and the children’s understanding of creating a more sustainable future.

Mrs Dimond looks forward to sharing our progress against these priorities at the end of each term.

## News from the Friends of St Andrew’s School

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

The Friends

[friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com)

## Diary Dates 2024

**\*\* Parents and carers are invited to the events that are highlighted \*\***

Tuesday, 23/01/2024 – Year 6 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 30/01/2024 – Year 5 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 06/02/2024 – Year 4 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 13/02/24 and Wednesday, 14/02/2024 – Parent Teacher Consultations

Tuesday, 27/02/2024 – Year 3 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 05/03/2024 – Year 2 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

W/C Monday, 11/03/2024 – Y6 Bikeability week

Tuesday, 12/03/2024 – Year 1 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 19/03/2024 – Year Reception Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 26/03/2024 – Year Nursery Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

W/C Monday, 13/05/2024 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

03/06/2024 – 07/06/2024 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

## Term Dates for 2023/2024

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<i>Friday, 1 September 2023</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<b>Monday, 4 September 2023</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 23 October – Friday, 27 October 2023	Half term
<i>Friday, 24 November 2023</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, 19 December 2023</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<i>Wednesday, 20 December 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
<b>Thursday, 4 January 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 19 February – Friday, 23 February 2024	Half term
<b>Thursday, 28 March 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
<b>Monday, 15 April 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
<i>Monday, 3 June</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 19 July 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<i>Monday, 22 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
<i>Monday, 23 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

## Term Dates for 2024/2025

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<i>Monday, 2 September 2024</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, 3 September 2024</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, 4 September 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 28 October - Friday 1 November 2024	Half term
<i>Friday, 29 November 2024</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 20 December 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
<i>Monday, 6 January 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, 7 January 2025</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 17 February to Friday, 21 February 2025	Half term
<b>Friday, 4 April</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 22 April 2025</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 26 May to Friday, 30 May 2025	Half term
<i>Monday, 2 June 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, 3 June 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, 23 July 2025</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>



# ILLUMINATE THEATRE ACADEMY



## MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS

MONDAY 4-5.30 (MINIS AGE 4-7)

MONDAY 5.40-6.40 (INTERS AGE 7-9)

THURSDAY 4-6.45 (SENIORS) (AGE 7-11)

VENUE: MUCH HADHAM VILLAGE HALL

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# Within my Reach

**An online programme for parents of neurodiverse children who are living together or apart**

This programme is designed specifically for parents living together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environment.

## Who should attend?

- Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child
- Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and co-parenting their neurodiverse child.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child.



**These 2 courses will be delivered by MS Teams, over 8 sessions, on the following dates/times:**

- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 27th February to 21 March 2024, 7.00pm to 9.00pm
- Wednesdays & Saturdays from 28th February to 23 March 2024, (Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm & Saturday 10am -12pm)

**For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699**

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# Parenting SEN children when separated online programme



A 6-session programme, specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.

## Who should attend?

- Separated parents raising children with SEND.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and strategies for co-parenting SEN children more consistently.
- Parents wanting to create a positive and supportive environment for their child's development.



**Three courses will be delivered by MS Teams, from 7pm to 9pm, over 6 sessions, on the following dates:**

- Thursdays: 11, 18 & 25 January and 1, 8 & 15 February 2024
- Mondays: 29 January, 5, 12 & 26 February and 4 & 11 March 2024
- Mondays & Wednesday: 29, 31 January & 5, 7, 12, 14 February 2024

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