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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 1st May 2024

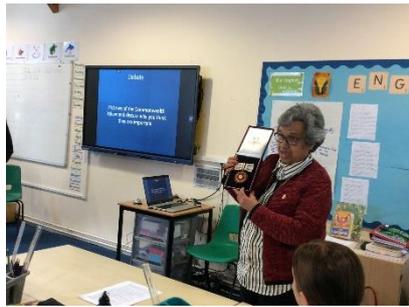
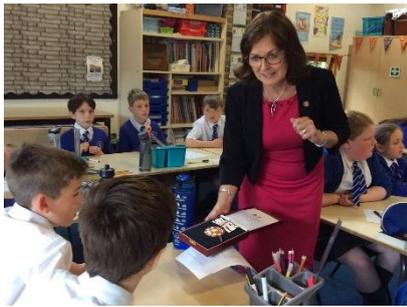
Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

Homework Survey for St Andrew's Parents and Carers Summer 2024

We really would welcome every family's feedback on homework at St Andrew's. The survey in the link below should take no more than two minutes to complete. Many thanks in advance.

[Homework Survey](#)

Lieutenancy Visit



Last Friday, Year 6 had a visit from the Lord-Lieutenant's office. The Deputy Lieutenants talked about the Commonwealth Values and the Royal Family. The children found out about the role of the Lord Lieutenant and some fascinating facts about the Royal Family, such as the fact that Prince Charles' favourite cake is a Victoria sponge and he rather likes orange squash!

Early Years Sports Morning – Tuesday, 2nd July 2024

We are delighted to let you know that we have a date! Nursery Class and Reception Class Parents and Carers are invited to come and join us for our Early Years Sports Morning on Tuesday, 2nd July 2024.

Hats and Water Bottles

As the weather finally seems to be improving please remember to bring sun hats (named) and water bottles to school every day. Also, please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named as cardigans and jumpers can get muddled up when they are taken on and off at playtimes. Thank you.





Good School Travel Plan

We are delighted to announce that St Andrew's has been awarded the 'Good School Travel Plan' award for its work so far towards more sustainable travel to and from school! Many thanks to all the families who have supported this venture.

Later this term we will also be taking part in 'Walk to School Week' and 'Cleaner Air Day' with more details to follow in future editions of our newsletter.

After School Clubs

These are the clubs for Summer Term. Please click to follow links for further information about the fee paying clubs. Contact the school office for further information about all other clubs.

School Clubs - Summer Term 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School	Daily Mile 8.30am	Daily Mile 8.30am	Daily Mile 8.30am	Daily Mile 8.30am	Daily Mile 8.30am
Lunchtime		Choir Club Y5 & 6 Miss Sharp	Speed Stacking Y2 & 3 Mrs Handley		
After School	Drama Club Y5 & 6 Mrs Clarke 3.15 – 4.30 pm Football Club Y5 & 6 Mrs Watson 3.15 - 4.15 pm (moving from Thursdays)	Netball Club Y5 & 6 Mrs Small 3.15 -4.15pm Crochet Club Y4 Mrs Nuttall 3.15 - 4.30 pm Summer Sports Club YR – Y4 Premier Education* https://www.premier-education.com 3.15 – 4.15 pm	Art Club Y3 – Y6 Mrs Clark's Secret Art Club* https://www.carolineclarkartist.com/ 3.15 – 4.30 pm	Gymnastics Y2 - Y6 Premier Education* https://www.premier-education.com 3.15 – 4.15 pm Cricket Y4 - Y6 HECC Sport Cricket* https://www.heccsport.com/ 3.15 – 4.15 pm	

***Fee paying clubs** – Please click on the links to join/for further information or contact the School office.



Heart for the Earth filming

Over the past year, the children have been engaging with the Diocese of St Albans' *Heart for the Earth* initiative. We have been exploring across school life how we might use our 'heads, hearts and hands' to bring about a more sustainable future where people and planet can thrive.

This term, we will be visited by the resource creators and a professional filming company. The purpose of their visit is to hear more about how we have used the resources as a school and the difference they have made to the school community's thinking and actions regarding environmental issues, including climate change.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals – Reception, Y1 and Y2

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to Year 2 with a free meal every day, many families do not apply for means-tested free school meal provision until their child reaches Year 3. This **could mean parents are missing out on other sources of support they are entitled to**, linked to household income and the benefits of associated pupil premium funding. Please see link below to check eligibility:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>



As part of our ongoing effort to become more environmentally friendly we are starting a 'reduce, reuse and recycle' section here in the newsletter. Please consider donating your items to school if you have a clearout.

Our School Development Plan

School Development Priorities – St Andrew's three main priorities 2023-3024:

- 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.

Diary Dates 2024

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

Thursday, 02/05/2024 – Photographer - whole class photographs

Monday, 06/05/2024 – May Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday, 07/05/2024 – Year 5 Collective Worship

Friday, 10/05/2024 – PTA Quiz Night

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

Tuesday 21/05/2024 – KS1 Sports Afternoon

Tuesday, 21/05/2024 – Year 4 Collective Worship

Wednesday, 22/05/2024 – KS2 Sports Afternoon

Thursday, 23/05/2024 – Year 6 Crucial Crew

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

Tuesday, 04/06/2024 – Year 3 Collective Worship

Tuesday & Wednesday 11&12/06/2024 – Someone Special Shop (PTA)

Tuesday, 11/06/2024 – Year 2 Collective Worship

Tuesday, 18/06/2024 – Year 1 Collective Worship

Tuesday, 18/06/2024 – Drama Club Production 'Beauty and the Beast'

Tuesday, 25/06/2024 – Year Reception Collective Worship

Friday, 28/06/2024 – PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Year Nursery Collective Worship

Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Early Years Sports Morning

Tuesday, 09/07/2024 – The Selfish Giant

Thursday, 11/07/2024 – Moving Up Day

Tuesday, 16/07/2024 – KS1 Shepreth Trip

Tuesday, 16/07/2024 – Y5/Y6 Production

Wednesday, 25/09/2024 – Friday, 27/09/2024 – Y5 at Aylmerton

02/10/2024 and 03/10/2024 – Photographer – individual and sibling portraits

Monday, 16/05/2024 – Pantomime Trip – Robin Hood

(Collective Worship starts at 9.10 am and lasts approximately 20 minutes)

Term Dates for 2023/2024

Summer Term 2024	
Monday, 15 April 2024	Term begins
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
Monday, 3 June	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 July 2024	Term ends 2pm
Monday, 22 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
Monday, 23 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

Term Dates for 2024/2025

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

School Noticeboard

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AMAZING EARTH

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CAMBRIDGE QUEEN EDITH SCHOOL 23rd July
24th July
25th July

ST GARDEN FIELDS SCHOOL 30th July
ALBANS 31st July
1st August

SAFFRON RA BUTLER 6th August
WALDEN SCHOOL 7th August
8th August

HERTFORD ST JOSEPH'S 13th August
IN THE PARK 14th August
15th August

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STORTFORD SCHOOL 20th August
21st August

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28TH - 31ST MAY

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