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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

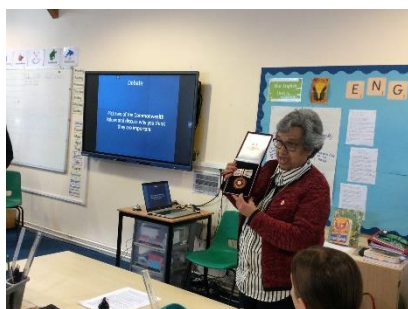
Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Before School</b>	Daily Mile 8.30am	Daily Mile 8.30am	Daily Mile 8.30am	Daily Mile 8.30am	Daily Mile 8.30am
<b>Lunchtime</b>		<b>Choir Club</b> <b>Y5 &amp; 6</b> Miss Sharp	<b>Speed Stacking</b> <b>Y2 &amp; 3</b> Mrs Handley		
<b>After School</b>	<b>Drama Club</b> <b>Y5 &amp; 6</b> Mrs Clarke 3.15 – 4.30 pm  <b>Football Club</b> <b>Y5 &amp; 6</b> Mrs Watson 3.15 - 4.15 pm (moving from Thursdays)	<b>Netball Club</b> <b>Y5 &amp; 6</b> Mrs Small 3.15 -4.15pm  <b>Crochet Club</b> <b>Y4</b> Mrs Nuttall 3.15 - 4.30 pm  <b>Summer Sports Club</b> <b>YR – Y4</b> Premier Education* <a href="https://www.premier-education.com">https://www.premier-education.com</a> 3.15 – 4.15 pm	<b>Art Club</b> <b>Y3 – Y6</b> Mrs Clark's Secret Art Club* <a href="https://www.carolineclarkartist.com/">https://www.carolineclarkartist.com/</a> 3.15 – 4.30 pm	<b>Gymnastics</b> <b>Y2 - Y6</b> Premier Education* <a href="https://www.premier-education.com">https://www.premier-education.com</a> 3.15 – 4.15 pm  <b>Cricket</b> <b>Y4 - Y6</b> HECC Sport Cricket* <a href="https://www.heccsport.com/">https://www.heccsport.com/</a> 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 2023-2024:**

- 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.

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



## School Noticeboard

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ST ALBANS	GARDEN FIELDS SCHOOL	30th July 31st July 1st August
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SAFFRON WALDEN	RA BUTLER SCHOOL	6th August 7th August 8th August
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HERTFORD	ST JOSEPH'S IN THE PARK	13th August 14th August 15th August
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BISHOP'S STORTFORD	WINDHILL SCHOOL	19th August 20th August 21st August
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