

## Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

### Walk to School Week



This week, St Andrew's is taking part in the Living Streets **Walk to School Week**. The children are encouraged to travel actively to school every day of the week. Much Hadham Village Hall have kindly agreed that parents and carers who have to drive to school may leave their cars in their car park to allow the children to park and stride.

### Premier Education – The Big Kick

This week your child will be bringing home some information about St Andrew's Primary School Euro 2024 Speed Kick Challenge which will take place in school on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This sponsorship event will raise money for charity and for the school, with opportunities for prizes to be won by all the children.

### Reverend Tayo

We were delighted to be joined by Reverend Tayo this week during our whole School Worship. Tayo taught the children the importance of being '*stronger together*'. It was a joyous service with lots of smiles all round! Rev'd Tayo will be joining us more regularly both in school and at St Andrew's Church over the coming weeks and month.

## **KS1 Sports Afternoon**



Thank you to everyone who came to support our KS1 Sports Afternoon in spite of the rain! The children enjoyed themselves and embraced the various sporting challenges with real enthusiasm. Thank you to the Friends for providing ice lollies for the KS1 children and the Y6 helpers. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Small for organising and coordinating the whole event.

Due to the terrible weather forecast for today (which seems to be correct so far), the KS2 Sports Day is postponed until Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at 1.15 pm. We look forward seeing you there.

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. All Nursery parents are invited to collective worship at 9.10am before the Sports Morning begins at 9.45am.

## **Coming to School on Time**

Unfortunately, we still have a number of children who are often late for school in the mornings.



I thought it might be helpful to remind you of our morning routines here at St Andrew's, in order to show how important it is for children to be in school on time:

- 8.30 am School is open for the Daily Mile. All children on site between 8.30 am and 8.45 am should report to the member of staff supervising the daily mile please.
- 8.45 am classroom doors open.
- 8.45-8.55 am children carry out 'early morning work' during registration time.\*
- 8.55 am classroom doors close.

Any children arriving after 8.55am will be registered as 'late' and will need to report to the school office.

\* Children who are in school consistently for 8.45 am receive 50 minutes a week of extra work time compared to peers who arrive at 8.55 am. Those who are even just 5 minutes late each day, not only miss out on 25 minutes of work time, but also disrupt the rest of the class.

Children should be in class by 8.55 am at the latest. Many thanks to the majority of our families who are consistently on time for school.

## **Class Photographs**

The Class photographs are now ready for viewing on line using your QR code. Please note that the free delivery back to school date ends on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 for those wishing to benefit from this offer.

## 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 the end of 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, 23/05/2024 – Year 6 Crucial Crew

Thursday 23/05/2024 – Year 5 'Come and See' Maths in Action morning – 9am until 10am

### **Half term**

03/06/2024 – 07/06/2024 – Year 6 Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

Monday 03/06/2024 – 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 - Year 3 and Year 4 Museum Trip to Cambridge

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

Wednesday, 19/06/2024 – KS2 Sports Afternoon \*NEW DATE\*

Tuesday, 25/06/2024 – Year Reception Collective Worship  
 Wednesday, 26/06/2024 – Diocesan Heart for the Earth filming day  
 Thursday, 27/06/2024 – Year 5 Colchester Zoo Trip  
 Friday, 28/06/2024 – PTA Summer Fair  
 Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Year Nursery Collective Worship  
 Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Early Years Sports Morning from 9.45am  
 Friday, 05/07/2024 – YR trip to Church Farm Ardeley  
 Tuesday, 09/07/2024 – YN Pop up Town in school  
 Tuesday, 09/07/2024 – The Selfish Giant  
 Thursday, 11/07/2024 – Moving Up Day  
 Thursday, 11/07/2024 – PTA Quiz Night  
 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, 16/12/2024 pm – Pantomime Trip to South Mills Arts Centre – 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

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

# School Noticeboard

