



St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery
Tower Hill, Much Hadham
Hertfordshire SG10 6DL

Headteacher: Mrs Caroline Dimond

Tel: 01279 842626

Email: admin@standrews236.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.standrews236.herts.sch.uk



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 3rd July 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

EYFS Sports Morning



On Tuesday, Early Years braved the drizzle for their Sports Day. The children participated in a carousel of gaming challenges with guidance from Year 2 sports assistants. The morning culminated with a very energetic running race and the children gave it their all! Thank you to parents and carers for coming along to support the event, to the PTA for providing refreshments, Y2, staff and governors for helping with events. And finally, a thank you to Mrs Small for her enthusiasm and effort in the organisation and coordination of all our sports days.

Y5 Fun Fundraising Afternoon

A huge thank you to all those, who contributed to and took part in the Y5 Fun Afternoon. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities, including obstacle courses, football games, wet sponge throwing and raffles – all organised by Year 5 for their Young Leadership Award. We are delighted to have raised £291.96, which will be used to purchase some new playground equipment for the whole school.



Y5 School Trip to Colchester Zoo

Year 5 enjoyed a brilliant (if a little warm) day out at Colchester Zoo last week. We had a brilliant time seeing all the amazing animals and were lucky enough to have our lunch alongside the elephants! We also saw lions, giraffes, bears, rhinos, chimps, komodo dragons and some very cute meerkats. The feeding of the tigers was a particular highlight for many of the children but the whole day was filled with awe and wonder.



Heart for the Earth

Last Wednesday we welcomed a film crew into school to help create a Heart for the Earth promotional video for the Diocese! It was all very exciting as they filmed the whole school during one of our joyful Outside Worship assemblies, popped into some of the classes to find out what the children had learnt about air pollution and re-created our Peaceful Protest. Xanthe, Ellis and Sofien were then interviewed about how the Heart for the Earth work we have carried out in school had affected their 'Head, Heart and Hands' when thinking about caring for our environment. I was a very proud headteacher!

As soon as the final cut has been produced, I'll look forward to sharing it with you.

Mrs Dimond

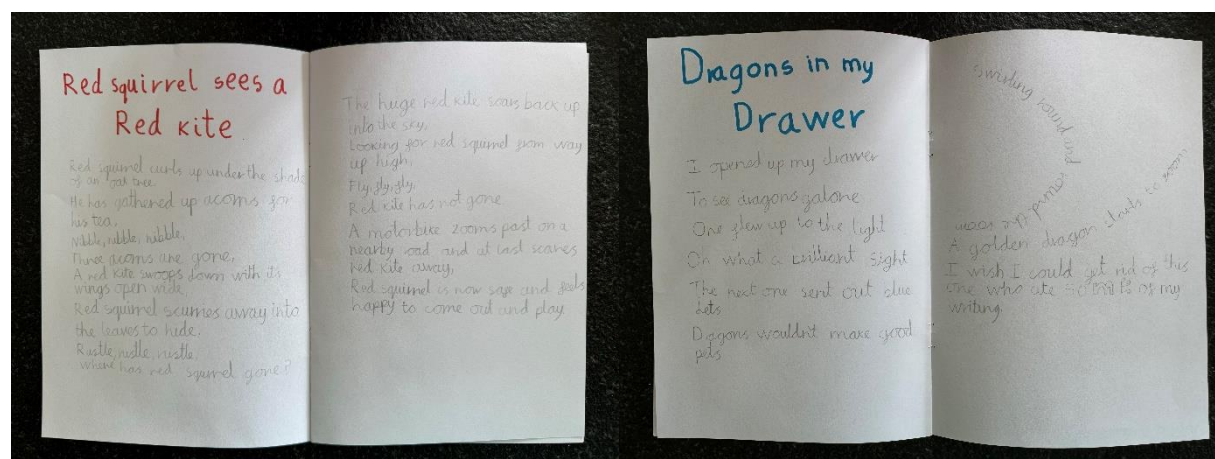


Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Summer Fair last Friday. We were lucky to have good weather and such a good turnout. Everyone had lots of fun. A huge thank you to the PTA for all their hard work and time spent making such a wonderful and enjoyable event. Thank you.

Orson's writing

Following a recent writing workshop with the poet Coral Rumble, Orson has written up and finished his poetry from the day and wanted to share it with us.



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 Summer clear-out.

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, 04/07/2024 – Y3 *Come and See* - recent trip to Cambridge

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 – Performances at 2 pm and 5.30 pm

Thursday, 18/07/2024 – Y6 Leavers Day

Friday, 19/07/2024 – Last day of term. School finishes at 2 pm.

Summer Holidays

Monday, 02/09/2024 and Tuesday, 03/09/2024 – INSET Days (no school)

Wednesday, 10/09/2024 – First day of term

Monday, 15/09/2024 – Nursery starts

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

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

Monday 02/06/2025 – Friday 06/06/2025 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

(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 2024	
Monday, 2 September 2024	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Tuesday, 3 September 2024	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 4 September 2024	Term begins
Monday, 28 October - Friday 1 November 2024	Half term
Friday, 29 November 2024	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 20 December 2024	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2025	
Monday, 6 January 2025	<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
Monday, 2 June 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 3 June 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 23 July 2025	Term ends 2pm



GRANGE PADDOCKS LEISURE CENTRE

Join our award-winning swimming lessons for all ages!

- Learn a life skill
- Have fun and interact in a safe environment
- Meet friendly and professional teachers
- Track your child's progress through Sports passport
- Certificates and awards upon completion of stage

SCAN HERE
TO JOIN



GRANGE PADDOCKS LEISURE CENTRE

Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2HH
Telephone: 0127 965 2332



everyone
ACTIVE

THE SECRET ART HOUSE PRESENTS



SUMMER ART CAMP

with artist **Caroline Clark**

£30*

**4-11 years,
different activities
every day**

Dates for 5-7 years, 9am-1pm:

22 July - **Bag/Pencil Case Painting Day**

14 August - **Decoupage Boxes Day**

Dates for 7-11 years, 9am-3pm:

23 July - **Cyanotype Photography Day**

24 July - **Decoupage Boxes Day**

15 August - **Bag/Pencil Case Painting**

16 August - **Jellyfish Lights**

**plus much more
arty fun and
messy madness
every day**

Book now at: www.carolineclarkartist.com

07847 269 734

*(early bird booking £30,
then £34 from 10/07/24)

Address:

The Secret Art House
Behind Sheering Village Hall
Sheering
CM22 7LX



**Visit the
chickens,
play games
in the outside
space**

