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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

On the last day of term, St Andrew's celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the biggest party the school has ever seen! After a special Jubilee assembly the children set off to their classes to make crowns, bunting and other decorations for the party.

To the backdrop of famous songs from the last 70 years, wearing our crowns and red, white and blue, we had a special Jubilee Picnic on the field with lots of wonderful party food produced by Emma and her team. The picnic was followed by a string of traditional party games including musical statues, musical bumps and Mrs Dimond's absolute favourite, sleeping lions! It was a very joyful end to a busy half term!



Please 'ctrl+click' on this One Drive link to see the children playing musical bumps [musical bumps](#)

Year 6 Brenscombe Trip



Year 6 had a lovely time at Brenscombe before half term. They showed kindness, encouragement and friendship to one another during this memorable trip to Dorset. Miss Broomfield and her team are extremely proud of the children and very much feel that these Year 6s were one of the best groups they have ever taken away! A wonderful time was had by all!

Year 6 Cake Bake Sale – Friday, 10th June 2022



Year 6 children invite you to join them for their cake bake after school on Friday, 10 June 2022. Please do come along and support them. Cakes will be priced 50p - £1.

Home/school value - Friendship

Our home/school value this half term is Friendship. The children will be exploring this value in collective worship and in the classroom. If you would like to explore this more at home please see below.



FRIENDSHIP

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Friendship

Learning to be a good **friend**, Someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

Anon

That's a lot of gold! Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



FAMILY FOCUS Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



READ TOGETHER... Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

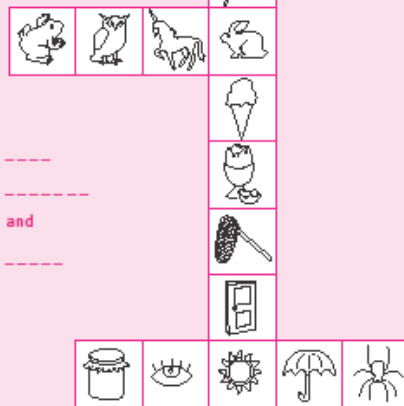
Knottling ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-9



QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.



Attendance – Did you know?

A pupil who takes 10 days absence will miss 50 hours of education that cannot be repeated; in addition, their attendance will automatically fall by 5.3%.

Children who are often absent from school may struggle with friendships and their absence can affect their social and emotional development.

Children whose absence drops below 10% are considered persistent absentees and their attendance is monitored by the school and county.



Diary Dates 2021/22

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

Friday, 10/06/2022 – Inter-house Talent Show

Friday, 10/06/2022 – Year 6 Cake Bake after school at 3.15 pm

Tuesday, 14/06/2022 – Collective Worship YN parents

Tuesday and Wednesday, 14&15/05/2022 – Fathers Day Gift Room (PTA)

Thursday, 16/06/2022 – Early Years Sports Day (morning)

Tuesday, 21/06/2022 – Collective Worship YR parents

Wednesday, 22/06/2022 – Music Festival Y2 & Y5

Tuesday, 28/06/2022 – Collective Worship Y1 & Y2 parents

Thursday, 30/06/2022 – St Andrew's Come and See Day

Friday, 08/07/2022 – Dress up Day (PTA)

Tuesday, 05/07/2022 – Collective Worship Y3 & Y4 parents

Wednesday, 6/07/22 – KS1 Trip to Shepreth ****new date****

Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12/07/022 – Y5 and Y6 Production ****new date****

Tuesday, 12/07/2022 – Whole School Sword in the Stone production

Thursday, 14/07/2022 – Moving up Day

Saturday, 16/07/2022 – Summer Fair (PTA event)

Tuesday, 19/07/2022 – Collective Worship Y5 parents

Wednesday, 20/07/2022 – Year 6 Leavers' Service in the Church at 9.30 am

Wednesday, 20/07/2022 – Last day of term and school finishes at 2.00 pm

Diary Dates 2022/23

Monday – Wednesday 10-12/10/2022 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Term Dates for 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022	
Thursday, 1 September 2022	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Friday, 2 September 2022	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 5 September 2022	Term begins
Monday, 24 October 2022 – Friday, 28 October 2022	Half Term
Friday, 25 November 2022	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 21 December 2022	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2023	
Thursday, 5 January 2023	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 6 January 2023	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 9 January 2023	Term begins
Monday, 13 February 2023 – Friday, 17 February 2023	Half Term
Friday, 31 March 2023	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2023	

Monday, 17 April 2023	Term begins
Monday, 29 May 2023 – Friday, 2 June 2023	Half Term
<i>Monday, 5 June 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 21 July 2023	Term ends 2pm

Contact email for the Friends of St Andrew's School:

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School Noticeboard



For the next two weeks Hertfordshire Libraries are celebrating Hi Vis fortnight from 6th-19th June 2022. They are highlighting free library services for people with vision or print impairment.

Did you know that Hertfordshire Libraries offer services and stock specifically for children with dyslexia and other print impairments?



font help children with dyslexia enjoy a huge variety of exciting books.

- **Barrington Stoke:** We have a large collection of amazing Barrington Stoke books. Barrington Stoke publishes books specifically designed to be accessible for children with dyslexia or who experience visual stress. The yellow pages and large, dyslexia friendly



- **Borrowbox:** Borrowbox is an App which you can use for free with your library membership. It has hundreds of eBooks and Audio Books for children. You can change the font/colour of the text and change the background colour on eBooks to make them dyslexia friendly. Or you can listen to an Audio Book!



- **Libby and Pressreader:** these free Apps have hundreds of magazines and newspapers which children can browse for fun or to help with schoolwork. You can change the font size and colour of the text. Pressreader even has an option to listen to newspapers!