



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends of St Andrew's

Friday 3rd February 2023

Eco Pod



The Eco Pod should be completed shortly. We are excited for all the new learning opportunities this new space will allow.

Focus Group

Our Parent Focus Group met last week and the minutes are available on the school website. Thank you for all your comments. The next meeting is Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 3.45pm. New parents are always welcome and any suggestions discussed.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day raised £273.75 for 'Save the Children'. Thank you!

Election.

Last week we held our School Council Elections. The children from Years 1 – 6 all voted and the results will be shared in a special Assembly next week. Thank you Councillor Ashley Dearnley for arranging the use of the polling station and ballot box.

Eucharist

Year 6 (Starling and Goldfinch Class) attended mid-week Eucharist at 10.30am on Thursday 2nd February at St Andrew's Church. Parents and relatives are always welcome to attend mid-week Eucharist.



Trust Reading Competition

As a trust, we want to foster a love of reading. We are holding an exciting competition where children are challenged to find one of their favourite books and use their creativity to recreate the book cover. Here are some examples.



All entries are to be submitted by Tuesday 28th February 2023 with their name, school and age. You can hand in your entry to school or email an electronic copy to competition@watergrovetrust.co.uk. Winners will be selected from each school for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and prizes will be awarded to the chosen designs. We cannot wait to see your creations!

Football Tournament



Well done to our Year 5 and 6 footballers who competed in the UKS2 football tournament last week. The team demonstrated great skill and determination. Well done!

Worship Themes

30 th January	Learning from Jesus
6 th February	Gentleness
13 th February	Forgiveness
27 th February	Lent

Watergrove Trust CEO



On Wednesday morning, Year 6 were visited by the Watergrove Trust CEO, Mark Moorhouse. The children presented to Mr Moorhouse on their roles in school as Year 6 Leaders. Mr Moorhouse then spoke to the children about his job and the techniques he uses when speaking in front of audiences. A lot was learnt by all and the children plan to implement the tips given in their next presentations. Well done everyone!

World Class Schools Quality Mark

Children in school have been working hard to show our 'World Class Schools Quality Mark characteristics'. World Class Schools Quality Mark tweeted "We really enjoyed reading the submission from @St Andrews_CE for #worldclass accreditation."

Literacy Kicks

Thank you Literacy Kicks - the children in Years 5 and 6 have thoroughly enjoyed your sessions and have been very inspired! Literacy Kicks tweeted - "It was brilliant to arrive at @St Andrews_CE today and be presented with this report, written by a Year 5 student in their own time after one Literacy Kicks session. One of many talented sports writers at the school". Year 4 Robin and Sparrow Class will have a session next week.

St Andrew's Church



Year 2 (Fox and Badger Class) children attended St Andrew's church to 'explore Epiphany'. The children were able to ask and answer questions and spend time with Rev Rachel at St Andrew's Church.

Eco Team



The Eco Team have been working hard in the garden and harvesting sprouts and carrots!

Regards Mrs J Rainford and all St Andrew's staff

Dogs

Please be aware dogs are not allowed on school site. We appreciate your support in this matter.



Safer Internet Day 2023

Celebrations and learning on Safer Internet Day 2023 is based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'

Specsavers

A **big thank** you to Specsavers for the donation of 50 high visibility vests.

They will be really useful when going out into the local areas and on school trips



Lunar New Year

Reception celebrated Lunar New Year making lanterns and learning about Chinese traditions.



Diary dates

Monday 6th February	'Keeping Safe Week' in school
Tuesday 7th February	Watergrove Book Club at St Andrew's
Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day 'Want to talk about it.'
Thursday 9th February	Year 5 Owl Class attend Eucharist at St Andrew's Church
Thursday 9th February	Year 2 (Fox/Badger Class) Book Look and Coffee & Catch up at 9am
Thursday 9th February	Year 4 (Robin/Sparrow Class) Book Look and Coffee & Catch up at 2.30pm
Thursday 9th February	Year 3/4 G&T Computing group St Andrew's and St James'
Monday 13th February	'Creative Week'
Monday 13th February	IPLCN LKS2 Dodgeball Competition at Norden Primary School
Wednesday 15th February	Year 4 Literacy Kicks Writing Workshop
Wednesday 15th February	Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition at Sparks Gym
Thursday 16th February	Year 3/4 G&T Computing group St Andrew's and St James'
Thursday 16th February	Year 5 Magpie Class attend Eucharist at St Andrew's Church
Thursday 16th February	Year 1 (Squirrel/Otter Class) Book Look and Coffee & Catch up at 9am
Thursday 16th February	Year 6 (Goldfinch/Starling Class) Book Look and Coffee & Catch up at 2.30pm
Friday 17th February	Children Art Exhibition in the school hall from 3pm (more details to follow)
Friday 17th February	Children finish at 3.30pm
HALF TERM	
Monday 27th February	Staff training day at St Andrew's (school closed)
Tuesday 28th February	School starts at 8.55am
Wednesday 1st March	St David's Day (Uniformed groups may attend in uniform eg cubs, rainbows)
Wednesday 1st March	Year 3/4 Rochdale Borough Games Multi Skills event
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day (children are welcome to dress up as a book character)
Thursday 9th March	Year 2 Computing with Mr Chaudry
Thursday 9th March	Year 4 Sparrow Class attend Eucharist at St Andrew's Church
Friday 10th March	Nursery Class visit to Barkers Wood (more details to follow)
Wednesday 15th March	Reception (Rabbit and Hedgehog Class) visit St Andrew's Church
Thursday 16th March	Year 5 Computing with Mr Chaudry
Thursday 16th March	Year 4 Robin Class attend Eucharist at St Andrew's Church
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day children attend in school uniform
Week Beginning 20th	Reception Balanceability (Letter to follow)
Tuesday 21st March	IPLCN LKS2 Netball at Marland Primary
Tuesday 21st March	Watergrove Book Club meeting at Wardle Academy
Thursday 23rd March	Year 5 Computing with Mr Chaudry
Thursday 23rd March	Year 3 Nightingale Class attend Eucharist at St Andrew's Church
Thursday 30th March	Year 6 G&T Group Workshop
Thursday 30th March	Year 3 Kingfisher Class attend Eucharist at St Andrew's Church
Thursday 30th March	St Andrew's Local Governing Board at 6pm
Monday 3rd April	Holy Week
Monday 3rd April	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 5th April	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 5th April	Year 3 (Kingfisher and Nightingale Class) Explore Easter at St Andrew's Church
Thursday 6th April	Maundy Thursday
Thursday 6th April	Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition
Thursday 6th April	Children finish at 3.30pm
EASTER BREAK	
Monday 17th April	School starts at 8.55am

Computing



Year 1 (**Squirrel and Otter Class**) explored algorithms in Computing where they controlled the spheros using an iPad. They moved the Spheros and changed the colour.

