NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th November 2026

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Diocese of Manchester



Collective Worship Theme

Light

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see our children settled, happy and embracing all that school life has to offer. As the autumn leaves fall and we look ahead to the colder months, we are reminded of the warmth, kindness and togetherness that make our school community so special.

With Remembrance Week approaching, we will take time to reflect on the importance of peace, respect and remembering others. Looking ahead, the coming weeks promise to be exciting, with plenty of learning, activities and festive celebrations for our children to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We wish all our families another wonderful term together.

Warm wishes,

All at St Andrew's

Prayer

Where there is hatred, may there be love.
Shelter all your children and keep us safe.
Help us to show kindness, so everyone can live in harmony and peace.
May your love shine in our hearts and bring hope to all.

Amen.

Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind all parents of the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. After 9:05am a late mark is recorded. After 9:24am an unauthorised absence is recorded. Please ensure children arrive on time and attend regularly, as this supports their learning and development. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, please inform the school office and provide confirmation of the appointment where required. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Jesus said *"I have come that you might have life, life in all its fullness"* John 10:10

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th November
Dietary requirements Parent drop-in 2.45-3.15pm

Wednesday 11th November
Reception Parent class worship
Remembrance Day Service at Salvation Army Citadel
Year 6 GMP workshop, Operation Sceptre

Thursday 12th November
Zoolab visit for Reception classes

Friday 13th November
Children in Need

Thursday 19th November
School Nurse visit for handwashing session in Reception classes

Friday 20th November
Year 6 Reasoning Club attend Greenbank Primary School

Monday 30th November
St. Andrew's Day - Children can wear church-affiliated club uniforms
Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm

December

Tuesday 1st December
Year 4 Hindu workshop
Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm

Wednesday 2nd December
9.30am Year 6 Goldfinch Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
2.15pm Reception Hedgehog Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm

Thursday 3rd December
9.30am Year 6 Starling Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
2.15pm Reception Rabbit Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm

Friday 4th December
9.30am Year 4 Robin Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
2.15pm Year 4 Sparrow Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend

Weather

As the weather is getting much colder, please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Children are expected to spend time learning and playing outdoors, sometimes for extended periods, so it is important that they are dressed warmly and appropriately for the weather.

School Car Park Reminder

A friendly reminder to parents that the school car park is for authorised use only. Please do not park in or use the school car park unless you have made prior arrangements with the school. This is important to ensure that the car park remains safe, accessible and available for those who have been authorised to use it. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep our school site safe for everyone.



Year 6 Big Friends

Our Year 6 Big Friends have been enjoying spending time with their Reception Little Friends! It has been lovely to see them getting to know one another, building friendships and exploring their surroundings together. The Year 6 children have been wonderful role models, showing kindness and care as they help their younger friends discover and enjoy their environment. We look forward to seeing these special friendships continue to grow!







Robinwood

What an incredible trip for our Year 6 students at Robinwood! From climbing and zip-lining to tackling challenges and escape rooms. Working as a team and stepping outside their comfort zones every step of the way! They showed incredible courage, resilience and determination. We are incredibly proud of how our children have supported one another, embraced every challenge and created memories that will last a lifetime.
Well done, Year 6! What an adventure!

Diary Dates Continued

Monday 7th December
9.30am Year 5 Owl Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
2.15pm Year 1 Otter Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
Year 6 National child measurement programme

Tuesday 8th December
9.30am Year 5 Magpie Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
2.15pm Year 1 Squirrel Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend

Wednesday 9th December
9.30am Year 3 Kingfisher Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
2.15pm Year 2 Badger Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend

Thursday 10th December
9.30am Year 3 Nightingale Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend
2.15pm Year 2 Fox Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend

Friday 11th December
Year 4 Narnia Day
2.15pm Nursery Duckling Class Christmas Celebration and Workshop - parents attend

Monday 14th December
Reindeer Run for Springhill Hospice

Tuesday 15th December
Early Years and KS1 Party Day (Nursery - Year 2 can attend in their own clothes)
Party Lunch for the children

Wednesday 16th December
KS2 Party Day (Year 3-Year 6 can attend in their own clothes)

Thursday 17th December
9.15am School Band performance for band parents to attend
Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children/Springhill Hospice (school uniform with a Christmas jumper)
Christmas Dinner for the children
School finishes at 3.30pm for half term

Fridy 18th December - School Closed

HALF TERM

Monday 4th January 2027 - School starts at 8.55am

Tuesday 5th January 2027
Year 2 (Fox and Badger Class) attend St. Andrew's Church to explore Epiphany



Eco Team

A massive thank you to some of our amazing KS2 Eco Team members, who worked incredibly hard to plant a vibrant selection of fresh flowers and bulbs in the living wall outside the Birch Room, right next to our **brand-new Reflection Garden.** We can't wait to see these take root and burst into colour over the coming seasons.



Charity Cake Sale

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated and bought delicious treats as part of our charity cake sale! We have raised an impressive total of £405 for the 'Little Pink Borough' campaign to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

LSC Football Event



Some of our Year 3 and 4 boys represented St Andrew's at a football tournament organised by LSC Greater Manchester . They took part in a number of 5-a-side games and it was great to see them grow as a team. As always, they represented the school brilliantly and enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools.

Arbor Consents

Please take a moment to log in to Arbor and check that your child's photo and food consent permissions are up to date. If your child's circumstances or preferences have changed, please update the relevant consents on Arbor as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us to ensure we have the correct permissions in place.



School Council

We had our first school council meeting of the year with both our existing and new members of the student council. We are excited for the plans we have and look forward to working together to help promote our core Christian values of Respect, Honesty, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Labels

Please can all school jumpers, cardigans and coats be clearly labelled with your child's name. This will help us return any lost items to their owners.

2026/27 Term Dates - click for the link

Training Days (school closed):
18 December 2026
22 February 2027

St. Andrew's CE
Primary School & Nursery