



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 10th January 2025

Value for January: Compassion



COMPASSION

We teach children that their attitudes and actions must reflect kindness and compassion. Compassion is much stronger than sympathy; if you have compassion you step into someone's shoes, share their experiences and sufferings and want to support them or act on their behalf. It is not just feeling sorry for someone but actually doing something about making their life or situation better.

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help. We can talk together about:

- how we can show compassion and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with compassion
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show compassion in times of natural disasters
- how nations show compassion to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help

The lord is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made (Psalm 145: 8-9)

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 12th January for Communion Service at 10.00am followed by coffee afterwards in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us!

New Term, New Year

Happy New Year to all – although it seems strange to be stating this when we're already 10 days into the New Year.

Everybody seems to have had a good rest and are ready for all of the challenges a new term will bring.

The VERY cold weather hasn't dampened everyone's spirits and the minus temperatures will have killed off any remaining flu germs etc still hanging around after the holidays.

Can all parents & carers please ensure their children are equipped for the weather by having warm coats, shoes/boots, scarves, gloves and hats – make it a new year's resolution for your children to remember all of these items!



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our pupils is of utmost importance to all staff. Should any parent or carer have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please get in touch with either Ms Devine or Mrs Bonfield who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in the school. In cases where school staff have a concern, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one/both of our DSLs to seek further advice. In turn, the DSLs may feel an incident needs to be shared with safeguarding staff within the Local Authority. If there is something you feel your child's teacher or the DSLs should know, please do make contact. We are here to help.

Reminder - We are a nut free school

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school due to a growing number of our pupils having extreme allergies. This means that nuts or nut products cannot be consumed within the school building, this includes the staffroom as well as the After School Club.

Items such as peanut butter, Nutella and certain cereal bars cannot be eaten on the premises.

Please do not be offended if we have to return treats that contain nuts instead of being eaten or shared.

Stars of the Week



Well done to **all** of our pupils for another fantastic week here at St Andrew's
A special well done to our stars of the week:

Week ending 10th January

Reception	Ceciliana – for fantastic work when representing numbers to 5 in different ways. Well done! Elinor – for having a super week and beautiful writing about what you got for Christmas. Well done!
Year 1	Magnus – for an amazing effort with your writing about a character. Well done! Isla – for using our magic maths words when comparing numbers. Keep it up!
Year 2	Harrison – for being a kind, supportive friend and demonstrating our value of compassion Jiro – for giving clear explanations when solving word problems involving length
Year 3	Aarian – for working hard to participate in class discussions and share your ideas more. Well done! Taigi – for being a patient, respectful and kind learning partner this week.
Year 4	Diaa – for excellent focus and effort in Maths. Keep it up! Krish – for engaging and responding well in lessons this week. Keep it up!
Year 5	Oliver – for a great start to the new term. Keep it up! Risa – for your thoughtful contributions in class this week.
Year 6	Divya – for writing an engaging News Report using a journalistic style. Ren – for being able to work with decimals up to 4 dp with speed and accuracy.

Dates for your diary

Want to make sure you know about all upcoming events? Why not link your smart phone/tablet to our school website calendar? It's really easy to do and means you instantly are informed of everything that's coming up.



What's happening this half term

Tuesday 14th January – Year 1 Toy Workshop am
Wednesday 15th January – Drama workshops for Rec, Y1, Y2
Monday 27th January – Year 3 & Year 4 Visit to Hindu temple
Tuesday 28th January – Year 6 visit to Shakespeare's Globe
Wednesday 12th February – Year 2 Great Fire of London Trip
w/c Monday 17th February – HALF TERM WEEK