



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 15th December 2023

Value for December: Joy



Joy is a feeling of great pleasure or happiness that comes from success, good fortune or a sense of wellbeing. Joyous people look for the good in every situation. At school we believe that children and adults achieve most through praise and encouragement. We choose to be positive and encourage children to be content so that they will be a source of joy to others.

"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you – I whom you have delivered,"
Psalm 71:23

"And the angel said to them, fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" Luke 2:10

End of Term

A reminder that school finishes for the Christmas holidays next Thursday 21st December at 1:30pm and reopens for pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2024. As the whole school will be finishing at the same time, please allow yourself plenty of time to find alternative parking in neighbouring roads as the Orange Tree car park is full each day for lunch service. Please do not block any cars in or block the slip road. The After School club will run on Thursday 21st from 1:30 – 4:20pm to accommodate the earlier finish time.

This has been a very long term and we wish you and your families a peaceful holiday with plenty of rest and relaxation – everyone has earned it!

Mealtime Supervisor required



We still have an opening on our staff team for a Mealtime Supervisor. It's a wonderful opportunity to support and assist pupils in their lunchtime play and supervise them during their lunch routines.

The hours are 11:45am – 1:15pm each day.

Please email the school office or chat to a member of the leadership team if you are interested in this opportunity, or pass this information on if you know of anyone suitable who is not currently a parent at the school.

All staff appointments are subject to an interview and enhanced DBS check

Reminder - Free Bike Checks

Barnet Council's Parking team has arranged free Dr Bike sessions run by qualified bicycle mechanics in December. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required.

The sessions will take place on the following dates between 9am and 3pm.

Watling Avenue Car Park, Burnt Oak, HA8	16/12/2023
Lodge Lane Car Park, North Finchley, N12	17/12/2023
Marsh Drive Car Park, West Hendon, NW7	23/12/2023
Stapylton Car Park, Barnet, EN5	30/12/2023

Both adult and child bicycles can have the free safety check.

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 17th December, for Parish Communion in church at 10.00am, where we start our Tiny Tree Festival which will run from 10am -6pm. Then later, at 6pm, please join us for Community Carols.

After School Club

Please be aware that the After School Club team does not have access to the office email account. Therefore, if you are giving permission for another adult to pick your child up from the club, please inform the office BEFORE 3:15pm. After this time, please phone the school number and select the option to be put through to the After School Club to pass on your message.

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.



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 15th December

Reception	Magnus – for working hard to make a lovely Christmas bell and decoration. Well done! Lucy – for working really hard with your phonics. Keep up the super work!
Year 1	Nicole – for always being a kind, thoughtful and polite member of the class. Max – for writing an excellent poem about food using interesting vocabulary and rhyming words.
Year 2	Bella – for rich narrating in the Nativity and showing great perseverance in division. Leo – for growing in confidence and making significant improvements in his handwriting.
Year 3	Teddy – for maturely supporting your classmates when carrying out research for DT. Wako – for always being well organised, ready to learn and setting a good example to your peers.
Year 4	Kenza – for consistently demonstrating our school values and always being enthusiastic about your learning. Piper – for excellent contributions in class during English and Guided Reading, keep up the hard work!
Year 5	Jiahua – for engaging more in lessons and offering thoughtful ideas. Matilda – for your increased confidence in Maths and being more resilient when presented with challenging tasks.
Year 6	Eliana H – for being a really patient and helpful learning partner. Keep it up! Theo – for being helpful in the playground especially with our younger pupils. Well done!

What's happening in December

Tuesday 19th December – Church service at St Andrew's Church 9:30am – all welcome

Tuesday 19th December – School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December – PTA Secret Room for pupils to buy family Christmas presents

Thursday 21st December – Last Day of Term 1:30pm finish

Monday 8th January – INSET Day

Tuesday 9th January – School open for pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please see attached flyers received from Barnet Children's Services.



**BELS Advisory Team
for Autistic Children and Young People**

**BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers.
An Online Parent/Carer Training Course**

A comprehensive training and support programme for parents/carers of children **aged 6-19**, with a **diagnosis of Autism**.

This course is available free of charge to **families living in Barnet**.

A 5-session morning or a 6-session evening online training course, covering topics including:

- An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic.
- Communication.
- Sensory needs.
- Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to meet each other and share experiences.

Please only sign up for **one** of these courses and please do not sign up if you have already attended this course, or the Cygnets Course.

**BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers.
Spring Term 2024 One, A 5-session morning course.**

Dates and times:

Wednesday 10th January 10-11.30am
Wednesday 17th January 10-11.30am
Wednesday 24th January 10-11.30am
Wednesday 31st January 10-11.30am
Wednesday 7th February 10-11.30am

Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/bK365QgzCL>

**BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers.
Spring Term 2024 Two, A 6-session evening course.**

Dates and times:

Tuesday 20th February 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 27th February 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 5th March 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 12th March 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 19th March 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 26th March 6.30-8pm

Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Ck9wbPpm7Z>

For any enquires please email Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk with 'BACPAC course' as the subject, thanks.