



# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Value for January: Compassion



Compassion is a feeling of deep sympathy for another who is affected by misfortune or suffering; coupled with a powerful desire to alleviate that pain.

Teaching children compassion is a vital part of their childhood learning journey – and a skill that will help them throughout their life.

Through learning the importance of compassion, children will learn how to be kind to themselves, others and help those in need.

*“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle,” Plato*

*“The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion,” Psalms 116:5*

## Danger – frozen pond

The current freezing weather conditions have resulted in the pond outside The Orange Tree freezing over.

We have been alarmed by reports that parents are allowing their children to walk across it, including jumping on the surface to create cracking sounds.

Can we ask you not to allow your child to walk on the surface as it isn't secure and, in the event that your child falls in, the freezing temperatures could be extremely dangerous.

There have already been reports of secondary pupils from neighbouring schools falling in!



## Free Bike Checks – Extended dates

The Local Authority will continue to run these through January, February and March at the following locations/dates/times on a rotating basis each month:

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	24/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	31/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	07/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	14/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	28/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	06/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	13/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	20/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	27/03/2024	4pm to 7pm

The free Dr Bike sessions will be run by qualified bicycle mechanics. 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, all for free.

## Our Link with St Andrew's Church

*Please join us this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January for our Parish Communion at 10am. Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall after the service. All are welcome!*

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Cassie</b> – for an excellent week, being super helpful and a lovely learning partner. Well done. <b>Sacha</b> – for a fantastic attitude to learning and trying really hard in phonics. Keep it up!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Olivia Lewis</b> – for persevering and not giving up in Maths. Keep it up! <b>Dominic</b> – for excellent contributions during a discussion in Science about materials. Well done!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Rebeka</b> – for writing a really exciting poem about the city. <b>Maria</b> – for working really hard at solving word problems on length.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Soren</b> – for being enthusiastic and passionate about your writing. <b>Zac</b> – For effort and contributions in Science. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and ideas with the class.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Oliver</b> - for working hard to contribute more in class discussions – keep it up! <b>Sophia S</b> - for being a patient, kind, and compassionate learning partner.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Alessia</b> – for being a kind friend to your talk partners and helping others in class. <b>Vinnie</b> – for excellent scientific answers explaining air resistance and for creating a winning spinner in class!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Louis</b> – for enthusiastic contributions in group work. Well done! <b>Eliana G</b> – for improved listening and relevant contributions in class. Keep it up!

## What's happening this half term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – St Andrew's Boys vs Trent football match 3:45pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – St Andrew's Girls vs Whittings Hill football match 3:15pm  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – St Andrew's Netball vs Christ Church at Foulds school 2:45pm  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Candlemas Service at school led by Revd Cate  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 2 trip to Pudding Lane (Great Fire of London topic)  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – St Andrew's Netball vs Underhill 3:10 pick up  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 London Eye and River Cruise trip  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Egyptian Day in the hall  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Firefighters to visit Reception class  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Y4 Roman Day in the hall  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – End of half term **USUAL FINISH TIMES**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Start of Half Term holiday