



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 4th October 2024

Value for October: Fairness



Helping children understand fairness is an important part of growing up and practicing empathy. When we understand what others need and perhaps what we don't, we recognise our differences and think a little beyond ourselves. We get to step into someone else's shoes for a moment and consider their life. An equal sign tells us that both sides of the equation are exactly the same ($3 + 2 = 5$).

Fair is different. Fair means everyone gets what they 'need', based on visible gaps in opportunity. And sometimes people will have different needs because we are unique individuals, e.g. Some children wear glasses and some don't. That's not equal, but it's fair because not everyone needs glasses to see and learn best.

"A just balance and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work," Proverbs 16:11

"Being good is easy, what is difficult is being just," Victor Hugo

MacMillan charity 'coffee morning' Friday 27th September

Thanks to all who generously gave money for this worthy cause. We know the pupils really enjoyed their treats.

Altogether, **you raised a total of £425** which is more than last year and our highest amount raised so far for this charity.

Feedback from the pupils was that they really enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the 'coffee morning' with friends and teachers as a whole class event.

The amount raised has been paid in and we should receive our certificate very soon.



Harvest Festival – Tuesday 8th October



Y1-Y6 are celebrating Harvest at St Andrews's church at 9.30am on Tuesday 8th October. (all parents are welcome to attend). Reception pupils are welcome to donate too.

Please bring to school non-perishable and in-date food items or toiletries that we can donate to the **Homeless Action Barnet**-foodbank.

Suggested items:

Teabags, coffee, sugar, jam, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, cereals, pouches of microwave rice or pot noodles, deodorants, shampoo, soap, shower gel, razors. **Please no packets of pasta/uncooked rice which require separate cooking in pots/pans etc**

Free Child Car Seat Checking

Did you know that 95% of car seats checked in Barnet during August/September were incorrectly fitted?

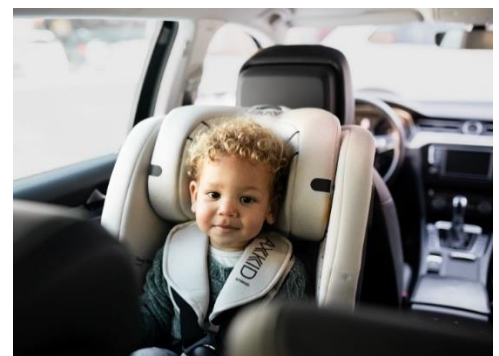
Barnet Council is offering free car seat checks across Barnet to help identify and avoid common errors in partnership with Good Egg Safety.

The last two events are taking place on:

Tuesday 8 October, from 10am to 3pm at Sainsburys, Unit 4 Hyde Estate Rd, London (NW9 6JX)

Thursday, 10 October 2024, from 10am to 3pm at Sainsbury's Broadwalk Shopping Centre, Station Road, Edgware (HA8 7BQ)

Bring your family and have your car seats checked by an expert advisor, who will correct any fixable fitting errors and provide guidance on how to install the car seat properly. No appointment needed. Visit the link for more information [Free Child Car Seat Checking | Barnet Council](#)



Shine pictures

Thank you to all who took part in our 'How I shine' homework activity by providing photographs of all of the extra curricular activities the pupils here do. We have sorted through them and are currently in the process of creating a whole school collage where photos from every individual will be included. If you sent in more than one photograph, we will return the unused photographs home.

Year 5 and 6 Police Visit



On Tuesday 1st October, Years 5 and 6 had a visit from Officer Lee, who talked to us about county lines and gang grooming in the UK. Thank you, Officer Lee, for sharing some of your experiences and making the children aware of the signs to look out for. Officer Lee is booked in for age appropriate talks in other year groups later this term.

Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Phonics meeting for Reception parents this week. It was delivered by Miss C to parents and helped them to understand the importance of home/school support. Feedback received was that parents all appreciated how it was communicated to help them at home. Those that were unable to attend were sent all of the documents shared on the day.



Can we say a huge well done to all of Reception class who have completed their first full week now that they are staying for the afternoons. They have enjoyed it and risen to all of the challenges that staying for the afternoons bring such as 'what do I do when I've finished eating?' to relishing the opportunity to see themselves as part of the whole school. They have done very well but are obviously very tired as a result. We are very proud of them.

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. If there is something you feel your child's teacher or the DSLs should know, please do make contact. We are here to help.

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 6th October 19th Sunday after Trinity for our Harvest Festival service at 10.00am.

Please join us for coffee after the service, in Church. All very welcome!

Packed Lunches



We are aware that some of our older pupils choose to have a packed lunch instead of a cooked school dinner. Please be advised that packed lunches are required to be as healthy as possible with a balanced diet within. Biscuits bars or a cake are allowed but sweets or bars of chocolate must not be part of a packed lunch and should be a treat enjoyed out of school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We're hiring!

We currently require a Mealtime Supervisor to support the pupils with their lunches and supervise their playtime activities. The position is 5 days per week from 11:45 – 1:15pm Monday to Friday, term time only to start as soon as possible. Further details, including an application form, can be found on our website under News & Events. All staff are subject to an enhanced DBS certificate before employment can commence. Please chat with Ms Devine or Mrs Bonfield if you are interested/want to find out a little more about the role.

Class Whatsapp Groups

Class or Parent/Carer WhatsApp groups are a very useful and efficient way of communicating to the whole class or groups of parents. The aim of using WhatsApp is to send messages to an entire group, which are relevant to school or to the parents in the group.



The messages in WhatsApp groups either come from parents in their personal capacity or are messages forwarded on behalf of the school. The school does not post directly on any WhatsApp parent/carer groups and are unable to reply to your queries or comments made on this forum.

Please contact us directly if you have any queries, worries or concerns and we are happy 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.

Flu vaccines – Thursday 3rd October

Well done to all pupils who had their flu vaccine yesterday in school who showed such bravery, particularly those who were being given the injections in their arms, instead of the nasal squirts. It was lovely to be part of the process and see the smiles and relief on the faces of all once they had received their vaccine when they realised it was nothing to be frightened of. All those who were absent or missed the vaccination will be given it during the second catch up round on Monday 11th November when the nurses make their next visit to the school.

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 27th September

Year 1	Bella – for using amazing vocabulary when retelling Little Red Riding Hood. Well done! Sacha – for an excellent effort in Maths and carefully listening to feedback. Keep it up!
Year 2	Amila – for confidently expressing your opinion, clearly explaining your reasons. Nicole – for challenging yourself to successfully complete word problems involving more and less.
Year 3	Alexander - for working hard to demonstrate his prediction and inference skills in guided reading sessions. Eva - for being so engaged in Maths lessons and working hard to demonstrate your understanding through using and applying number and addition knowledge.
Year 4	Juhe – for listening carefully and writing an excellent persuasive letter. Well done! Theo – for great focus this week and applying your skills across the curriculum. Well done!
Year 5	Sophia I – for your resilience in Maths when rounding numbers this week. Piper – for being a responsible and thoughtful learning partner.
Year 6	Daphne – for a fantastically written balanced argument. Albert – for settling into Y6 and offering to help tidy up at lunch time.

Week ending 4th October

Reception	Edward – for being a fantastic listener and demonstrating our St Andrew’s values. Keep it up! Eliana – for always giving your best effort during carpet sessions and in every activity. Well done!
Year 1	Hana – for an excellent attitude to learning, especially with your writing this week. Keep it up! Kevin – for great listening during Maths. You could write down two excellent number sentences. Well done!
Year 2	Darcey – For a super effort writing a postcard in role. Susie – For confidently explaining your column method working to the whole class.
Year 3	Victoria – for being a patient and kind learning partner this week. Micah – for excellent listening and demonstrating passing skills in PE this week.
Year 4	Henry L – for your excellent attitude and focus in Maths this week. Well done! Aarohi – for improved listening and contributions in lessons. Well done!
Year 5	Shay – for answering more questions in class and settling in quickly in the mornings. Well done! Jessica – for using fantastic scientific vocabulary to explain our findings in our investigation.
Year 6	Tiam –for your engineering contribution to our history lesson on The Industrial Revolution. Jack – for a well composed persuasive speech written in role.

What’s happening this half term

Monday 7th October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
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Tuesday 8th October – 9:30am Year 1-6 Harvest Festival at St Andrew’s church
Tuesday 8th October – Y3-Y6 Cross Country competition at Copthall playing fields
Wednesday 9th October – New Reception parents’ coffee morning 9:15am in Dining Room
Thursday 10th October – 4 pupils complete Bronze ambassadors training at Hendon Leisure Centre
Thursday 10th October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Thursday 10th October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)
Thursday 10th October – PTA AGM in library 6:30pm
Monday 14th October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Monday 14th October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)
Wednesday 16th October – PTA calendar photo shoot
Thursday 17th October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Thursday 17th October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)
Thursday 17th October – St Andrew’s girls’ vs Christ Church 3:45pm kick off
Friday 18th October – Just One Tree charity fundraising – all wear green
Friday 18th October – Speech & Language (SALT) workshop for Reception parents am
Tuesday 22nd October – Y6 trip to Ragged School
Wednesday 23rd October – Year 5 Class Assembly
Thursday 24th October – PTA Quiz 7:15pm