



# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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

## Y1 visit to church



Following our Harvest Festival celebration at Church, Year 1 learnt about what happens at a Christian Baptism with Rev'd Cate Irvine at St Andrew's Church. Cate showed children the font, the baptismal candle, holy oils and the cross. Rev'd Cate also went through the ceremony of baptism and shared special prayers for the baby with the children and discussed the role of godparents. The bags you see in the pictures are all of the Harvest goods donated by the school for Homeless Action in Barnet charity.



## Our Link with St Andrew's Church

*Please join us this Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity for our communion service at 10.00am.*

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

### **Boys football match**

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the St Andrew's 'mixed' football team had their first match against Woodridge Primary School. Even though St Andrew's didn't secure a win, the boys played brilliantly as a team and showed resilience right until the very end. Well done, St Andrew's!



### **Cross country**

On Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 12 children from Years 4, 5, and 6 represented our school in the borough cross country competition. Despite the heavy rainy weather and challenging conditions, our young athletes demonstrated incredible resilience and determination, powering through the mile-long run. The atmosphere was electric, and all of the children did a fantastic job!

Special congratulations go to Sophie, who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Year 6 girls' race (photo to the right). What an amazing achievement!

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful parents and carers who came along to cheer on and support the children. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for better weather at the next competition in the Spring term!



### **Introducing our Sportsleaders this year**



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, George, Leo, Maya, and Milana in Year 5 attended Sports Leaders training at Hendon Leisure Centre. They will now use their new skills to encourage younger pupils to be more active through fun, organised playground games and activities. The children were enthusiastic during the training and are excited to bring their ideas to life at school!

## **Barnet Fostering**



The poster features two photographs of children. On the left, two young boys of African descent are smiling. On the right, a girl is hugging a younger child. The central text reads 'BARNET Fostering' in large yellow letters, with 'The difference is you!' below it. A QR code is present, followed by 'Our offer to you:' and a list: '• 24/7 SUPPORT' and '• EXTENSIVE TRAINING'. At the bottom, it says 'Caring for people, our places and the planet' and provides contact information: 'FOSTERING@BARNET.GOV.UK • WWW.BARNET.GOV.UK/FOSTERING • 020 8359 6274'. The Barnet London Borough logo is in the bottom right corner.

### **Barnet Fostering – The Difference is You!**

Every 20 minutes, another child in the UK finds themselves in need of a foster family. In Barnet, we are on a mission to provide the best possible care for our looked-after children.

Thousands of new foster families are needed each year, especially for teenagers, parent and child placements, sibling groups, disabled children, and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. The challenges of the pandemic and the cost of living have made fostering recruitment even more critical. In Barnet, we need at least 20 new fostering households each year to meet the growing demand.

Barnet Council continues to provide good quality support to existing foster families. We believe in encouraging the community in Barnet to consider offering care to the children and young people who need foster families because they are unable to live with their birth families.

Any of us can foster a child or young person and we need your support to take part in fostering and provide children and young people with love and care. Fostering can sometimes be demanding, but the fulfilling experience can make a real difference in someone's life.

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, please get in touch with Barnet Fostering recruitment team today on 020 8359 6274 or [fostering@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@barnet.gov.uk).

### ***Follow our social media***



Website: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/fosteringinbarnet>



### **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.

### **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.

## Reminder - We are a nut free school

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.

THIS SCHOOL IS  
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THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Zac</b> -for your super contributions during class discussion in RE. Well done. <b>Christopher</b> - for fantastic effort during phonics. You are working really hard on your letter formation. Keep it up!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Serena</b> – for a brilliant effort using key story vocabulary in your writing. <b>Malia</b> – for a wonderful first few weeks in Year 1! You are polite, conscientious and kind to everyone.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Nia</b> – For composing your own thoughtful prayer and reading it aloud beautifully in our class assembly. <b>Oscar</b> – For consistently demonstrating our school values – you are an excellent role model to the class.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Leo</b> - for offering interesting answers and asking thought-provoking questions in class discussions. <b>Valerie</b> - for demonstrating an excellent attitude towards your learning and showing perseverance and determination.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Sienna</b> – for improved contributions in lessons. Keep it up! <b>Joseph</b> – for effective use of similes in descriptive writing. Well done!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Charley</b> – for your resilience and determination at Cross Country. <b>Max</b> – for always completing your work thoroughly and not rushing through.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Aarush</b> – for always being kind to others and embracing all of our school values. <b>Mahe</b> – for her excellent historical writing on Queen Victoria.

## What's happening this half term

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – PTA calendar photo shoot

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – St Andrew's girls' vs Christ Church 3:45pm kick off

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Just One Tree charity fundraising – all wear green

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Speech & Language (SALT) workshop for Reception parents am

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Y6 trip to Ragged School

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 5 Class Assembly

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – PTA Quiz 7:15pm