



# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## Value for December: Joy



Joy is the expression of inner happiness and contentment. 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.

As Christians approach the birth of Jesus, they celebrate the happiness they experience. As the birth of any baby is a joyous occasion, Christians enjoy the forthcoming birth of Jesus as the promise God made to send this son to earth.

*"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people," Luke 2:10*

*"When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!" Matthew 2:10*

*"We need joy as we need air," Maya Angelou*

## Our Link with St Andrew's Church

*Please join us this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent) for Communion Service at 10.00am followed by coffee afterwards. All are welcome to join us!*

## PTA Christmas Fair – 30<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you so much to all who came to the fair and supported the PTA's fundraising activities. Whether you helped prepare the school, helped out on a stall or activity, tidied up afterwards or just visited you all made a difference.

It was a lovely day and it was clear to see everyone's enjoyment – particularly the wonderful treats to eat and drink!

Our PTA treasurer is busy working out the amounts made and will share this information with you as soon as possible.

We are very fortunate to have such a committed and hard working PTA of our school.



## Infant Nativity performances Reminder



Please make a note of the dates for parents and carers performances:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm

If you are attending, please ensure you are on time as late entry is not always easy and often distracts the children.

As previously advised, **there will be no opportunity to record the performances by parents** as this is overwhelming for the pupils and interrupts other parents viewing pleasure.

The school will arrange a recording that will be available for distribution.

## 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.

## Year 5 Greek Worshop Day



On Wednesday 27th November, Year 5 immersed themselves in an exciting Ancient Greece workshop! Students had the opportunity to bring their History lessons to life by participating in a variety of hands-on, creative activities inspired by Greek culture. These included mosaic creation, tile painting, crafting Greek herbal medicine, designing laurel wreaths, and even making clay charm bracelets. Dressed as Ancient Greeks, the children delved into the contrasting lives of Spartans and Athenians, gaining a deeper understanding of this fascinating period in history. It was a day filled with fun, creativity, and interactive learning—a perfect way to enrich our classroom-based studies! Well done to Year 5 for their enthusiasm and brilliant costumes!

## Breakfast/After School Club reminder

If you are using these clubs, you must complete the necessary registration forms and return them completed to either the school office or the clubs directly. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate your child without these forms as they are required for emergency contact details in case the clubs need to contact you outside of school hours.

## Year 5 Junior Roadwatch



On Monday, 2nd December, our Year 5 students participated in the Junior Roadwatch Safety program in collaboration with Barnet and the local traffic police. As part of this initiative, the children had the unique opportunity to engage with speeding drivers, asking thoughtful questions about why they were exceeding the speed limit and whether they understood the impact of their actions. In total, Year 5 helped stop six speeding drivers! The day was an incredible, hands-on learning experience that left a lasting impression on the students, teaching them important lessons about road safety and responsibility. A huge thank you our local traffic officers for making this possible



### 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  
**NUT FREE**



THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Ryan</b> – for your enthusiasm and involvement in all activities. Keep it up! <b>Mason</b> – for your wonderful contributions to class discussions in RE. Well done.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Olivia</b> – for being honest and expressing yourself. Keep it up! <b>Benji</b> – for doing a lovely piece of RE work about giving to others. Well done!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Lexi</b> – for always having an infectious enthusiasm for learning <b>Marley</b> – for settling into our class beautifully – you've made a very positive start at St Andrew's
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Cristina</b> – for always being kind and helpful and an excellent role model to others. <b>Reevhan</b> – for being a patient and kind learning partner this week.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Liana</b> – for persevering in Maths and using resources to support your understanding. <b>Luca L</b> – for suggesting ways to help friends resolve problems positively.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Jason</b> – for editing your English work thoroughly as you write and making better vocabulary choices. <b>Riya</b> – for being helpful and thoughtful in our Greek workshop this week. Your kindness made such a difference to the morning.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Mark</b> – for making a difference by being a good listener to your friends. <b>Felix</b> – for creating a fantastic monologue as Macbeth.

Week ending 6<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Akash</b> - for working really hard in your learning activities and creating lovely artwork. <b>Yifei</b> - for your positive attitude and wonderful involvement in our nativity rehearsals. Well done!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Felix</b> – for making a fantastic story map and including vocabulary from the text. Keep it up! <b>Bella</b> – for always being kind and including everyone. Well done!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Eva</b> – For making lovely vocabulary choices to accompany your visualisation of our story. <b>Ewan</b> – For making a difference to our class by always being kind, thoughtful and helpful.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Abira</b> – for writing such an interesting and informative recount of our pantomime trip. <b>Naila</b> – for demonstrating an excellent attitude towards your learning and showing perseverance and determination.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Theodore</b> – for engaging well in English and independently writing a diary entry in character. <b>Kylie</b> – for always having a positive attitude to learning and being a kind and supportive learning partner.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Zac</b> – for being a conscientious learner, thoughtful talk partner and challenging yourself in class. <b>Evie</b> – for your thoughtful contributions in class this week. Well done!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Rojhat</b> – for having a positive attitude to all of his learning and supporting your class mates in maths. <b>Vinnie</b> – for writing a powerful monologue as Macbeth.

## 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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity rehearsal performance to rest of school

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity performance to parents 2pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity performance to parents 2pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – PTA 'secret room' – opportunity to buy Christmas gifts in school library

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol service at Church 9:30am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of term 1:30pm finish for all**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

## From the PTA

### Food Donation Competition



We are pleased to announce the winners of the food donation competition this year are **Year 1** ( we will be in touch with Mrs Moran to organise the class prize ) Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the food stall, the range of dishes was fantastic, and we are very lucky. The food is a huge, delicious part of the fair and contributes immensely to the success of the day. We would like to give a special mention to Cassie's mum Ginny in Yr1 for her donation of an amazing number and selection of handmade pies.

### ASDA Cashpot Final Figures

**Thank you!**  
Together we have raised:  
**£110.44**  
for St Andrew's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School, Totter...

Thank you to all who signed up we've raised a total of £110.44 which will come in handy for much needed school supplies.

If anyone sees any schemes like this, please email us so we can see if we can apply.