



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 2nd October 2026

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

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for your generous donations for our Harvest Festival service. Margaret Peart joined us to celebrate and was amazed by your generosity which filled the entire front of the stage.

A special thank you to our caretaker, Gavin, who transported all of the donations over to the Church on Thursday – there was a lot to carry but he managed to do the entire job in one morning on his own!

The items will be added to by the parishioners of St Andrew's Church this Sunday before being handed over to Homeless Action in Barnet charity.



Phonics Meeting for Reception parents – Tuesday 6th October



A reminder there will be a Phonics meeting for Reception parents next Tuesday after morning drop off in the Dining Room. It will be delivered by Ms C to parents to help you to understand how the children will learn to read and the importance of home/school support with this. Those unable to attend will be sent all of the documents shared on the day.

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.

Introducing this year's Sports Leaders...

Congratulations to Christian, Disha, Mia and Taigi in year 5 who have been selected as this year's Sports Leaders. Our Sports Leaders are responsible for working with our younger KS1 pupils to create games, get them active and encourage positive and fun lunchtime experiences. On Thursday 24th September, our Sports Leaders attended a training morning hosted by Barnet Partnership for School Sports, which gave them opportunities to develop their leadership skills, get ideas for different inclusive activities and they are really excited about putting their new knowledge into practice at school



Virtual Skipping Challenge



Every year the school takes part in a virtual skipping challenge against other schools across Barnet. Children across KS1 and KS2 dusted off their skipping ropes and spent play times as a class practising and recording their skipping achievements. I am pleased to announce that St. Andrew's KS1 pupils won the skipping challenge across the borough last year! Well done to last year's Year 1 and Year 2 (current Y2 & Y3) for your efforts. This year's skipping challenge starts with Year 6 next week. Watch out for when it's your child's class turn as we'd love to equal last year's score!

Lunches

Please put a reminder in your phone calendar to book your child's lunch choices each week by the previous Thursday evening e.g. the opportunity to book lunch choices for next week closed last night. Booking is done via Parentpay, and you can book more than one week in advance if you wish. In the event that you forget to book, we will still of course provide your child with a meal, however, pre-booking ensures your child has a full choice of options.



Our Link with St Andrew's Church

*Please join us this Sunday, 4th October, for our Harvest Celebration at 10.00am.
Please join us for coffee after the service. All very welcome!*

Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school every day. There are bottle re-fill points in the school should a water bottle need replenishing, but the children are unable to take a drink directly from the water tap. In the event that your child forgets their bottle, please tell them to inform their class teacher so a refillable cup can be provided to ensure they are drinking sufficient fluids throughout the day.

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 25th September

Year 1	Elina – for fantastic speaking and listening during History. Poppy – for a brilliant effort with all of your learning, especially your wonderful family picture and writing.
Year 2	Jax – For enthusiastically asking probing questions when interviewing 'Tom, The Great Explorer' Yasmin – For using colour effectively to show emotions in your artwork
Year 3	Felix – for being a wonderfully kind and thoughtful learning partner. Mei – for a superb start to Year 3 with a brilliant attitude towards all of her learning.
Year 4	Marley – for persevering with column subtraction with 4-digit numbers and trying really hard to remember her times tables Oscar – for stepping brilliantly into Corky's shoes to write a thoughtful and creative advice letter to Ruskin, in English lessons this week.
Year 5	Christopher – for confidently using scientific vocabulary when describing how air resistance is affected by the surface area of an object. Eva – for being a supportive and encouraging learning partner. You have a superb attitude towards your learning- Keep it up!
Year 6	Zac – for persevering and nailing multiplying and dividing decimals by 10,100,1000 Teddy – for writing some tense sentences using ambitious adverbs in our horror story.

Week ending 2nd October

Year 1	Cameron – for writing some excellent sentences about Little Red Riding Hood – you included a lot of the vocabulary from the story. Well done! Hikari – for always following our classroom rules. You are always ready to learn and a brilliant learning partner.
Year 2	Elinor – For super reasoning skills when discussing the qualities of significant explorers Lorenzo – For being a mature, supportive learning partner and an excellent role model to your peers
Year 3	Ayaka – for fantastic determination towards your English work this week. Well done and keep it up! Joshua - for asking interesting questions in lessons and having such a positive attitude towards your learning.
Year 4	Maxwell – being a caring, supportive learning partner and always getting on with his work straight away and making the right choices Ezra – bringing enthusiasm into all his learning, showing kindness to his friends and always being eager to share his ideas with the class
Year 5	Mia – for writing an exceptional motivational speech as Ernest Shackleton. Well done you used effective emotive and persuasive language! Rebeka – for always having great learning behaviours. You always show enthusiasm for your learning and your work is always beautifully presented.
Year 6	Henry L – for working at improving his independent writing efforts. Joseph – for having a mature and hard working attitude to the entire curriculum.

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 – (please also check the school website calendar too)

Monday 5th October – Year 5/6 Bikeability commences
Monday 5th October – PTA Penny Challenge class competition commences
Wednesday 7th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour am
Thursday 8th October – Hand Hygiene workshops Y1-6
Thursday 8th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Thursday 8th October – Girls Football team vs Foulds
Thursday 8th October – PTA Strategy Meeting 8pm Dining Room
Monday 12th October – Height and Weight checks Reception and Y6 pupils
Tuesday 13th October – Drama Workshops Rec-Y3 am
Tuesday 13th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Wednesday 14th October – Y6 visit to Natural History Museum
Thursday 15th October – Cross Country competition pm Year 3-Year 6
Thursday 15th October – PTA 2nd hand uniform sale from 3pm
Friday 16th October – Just One Tree Day – dress in green and brown for £ donation
Monday 19th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour am
Wednesday 21st October – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Monday 26th October – Half Term commences