



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 9th 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

Hand Hygiene workshops in Reception, Y1 & Y2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic hand hygiene workshop run by Eva from the Barnet Health Team!

Our children had a wonderful time learning how to become official "Germ Busters."

Through interactive games and discussion, the children learned that while germs are invisible without a microscope, they live all around us (though some are actually good germs!). We talked about the key times we need to wash our hands to stop bugs from spreading and making us poorly.

The highlights of our morning included:

The NHS Handwashing Song: Learning a fun song to remember every step of proper handwashing.

The Sneeze Experiment: Pretending to sneeze to see how easily germs spread when we hold hands.



The "Magic" Torch: Using a special light to inspect our hands and check if they were truly clean.

A Germ's Journey: Watching a fascinating salt and pepper experiment to see how germs run away from soap. It was a highly educational morning!

Lunches



A plea from the school office to please put a reminder into your phone/diary/calendar to prebook your child's lunches by Thursday evening each week. Parents forgetting to do this is creating a lot of additional work for the office team, as well as the kitchen. You can book more than one week at a time too!

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 11th October, for our Communion service at 10.00am.

Please join us for coffee after the service in the Parish Hall. All very welcome!

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 9th October

Reception	Lenora – for making a fantastic start to Reception , always choosing to do the right thing , and working hard every day. Finley – for putting amazing effort into your artwork and creating beautiful, imaginative masterpieces. Well done!
Year 1	Eleonora – for having a wonderful attitude to learning and always having a go at challenges. Liam – for reading your poetry book so beautifully to the rest of the class.
Year 2	Mackenzie – For making informed historical comparisons Ryan – For taking responsibility for helping your classmates and being a mature, sensible role model
Year 3	Kevin - For a fantastic attitude towards your learning and trying your best even when the work gets tricky! Yigit - For working hard to demonstrate and share your understanding of pictograms and bar graphs in Maths this week.
Year 4	Eva – becoming more confident in sharing your ideas during class discussions Enea – always solving maths problems with clear working out and explanations
Year 5	Victoria – for always being so enthusiastic about her learning. You showed great perseverance this week in maths multiplying a 2 digit number by a 2 digit number Demitris – for always showing kindness and compassion to those around him. You help make our classroom a peaceful place- thank you!
Year 6	Aarohi – for developing a love for reading which is feeding into improving your written work. Renato – for settling into Y6 with a great attitude to all his learning and making 29 new friends.

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 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

Friday 16th October – Netball match vs Church Hill primary

Monday 19th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour am

Wednesday 21st October – Year 5 Trip to Lea Valley

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Friday 23rd October – **School finishes for half term at usual time**

Monday 26th October – Half Term commences