ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 23rd 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

Barnet Cross Country Competition

12 children from years 4-6 put their best feet forward and competed in the Barnet Cross Country Competition at Copthall Playing Fields. Luckily the weather was kind to us! Every child was amazing and should be extremely proud of representing the school in such a challenging race. They ran their hearts out and gave it absolutely everything. We even had some top ten finishers. Congratulations to all runners. Mrs Browne

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, 25th October, ***for our Communion service at 10.00am.*** *We are delighted that The Right Reverend Dr. Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of St Albans, is coming to conduct the service this Sunday. We very much look forward to welcoming him to St. Andrew's.*

Year 5's Trip to Lea Valley for Orienteering

On Wednesday, we went to Lea Valley to take part in orienteering. We were split into 4 groups and had to compete against each other. We had to find wooden posts with letters on them and we had to write them down on our sheet. There were also riddles we had to answer, each letter was worth 10 points and each riddle was 5 points. We had maps and compasses to help us and to make sure we didn't get lost. If a group got there after 11:45am they lost 5 points for every minute.

The winning team got a small prize. To win, your team needed to plan ahead and think of a strategy to collect the letters. It was a great way to get some physical exercise as well.

Leo

"The trip could not have been better. My team won and we had so much fun. I found looking for the posts with our maps very exciting"

Oleksii

"I enjoyed spending time outside, even though I got soaked. It was difficult to find the posts but we eventually found some when we started working as a team." Victoria

Just One Tree

Thank you to all who wore green and brought in money donations for the planting of new trees. Altogether, we raised £250 which will mean 250 new trees are planted as part of our St Andrew's 'forest'. Well done everyone.

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 16th October

Reception	**Alfie** – for having a positive week and trying hard with all your learning activities. Well done! **Saachi** – for always having a fantastic, positive attitude in everything you do. Keep it up!
Year 1	**Bryah-Rose** – for a brilliant effort with your reading this week – you persevered and didn't give up. Well done! **Emily** – for always listening beautifully, being ready to learn and showing great independence!
Year 2	**Frankie** – for joyfully sharing your knowledge and understanding about Yom Kippur with your classmates **Maria** – for always being kind and helpful, together with having a positive attitude to all your learning
Year 3	**Malia** – for being a supportive, caring learning partner and always demonstrating maturity and kindness. **Sacha** – for a great week all round! Excellent participation and effort across the curriculum. Keep it up!
Year 4	**Ruqayyah** – for your wonderful crocodile fact file, featuring brilliant technical vocabulary and fascinating facts **Harrison** – for being enthusiastic about maths and sharing your wonderful knowledge about shapes
Year 5	**Jacob** – for making an amazing start to your newspaper article about Shackleton's rescue of his crew. Keep up the beautiful handwriting! **Martha** – for really challenging herself in maths and showing enthusiasm for her learning
Year 6	**Theodore** – for being mature and engaged in all of your learning which is having a positive impact on your outcomes. **Henry P** – for working really hard on getting involved in all lessons and having a go even when it appears tricky without giving up.

Week ending 23rd October

Reception	**Dimitar** – for always working hard in all your learning activities and trying your best in phonics. Keep it up! **Bowie** – for a wonderful story map of the 'Owl Babies.' You worked so hard. Well done!
Year 1	**Tilly** – for some lovely imaginative writing in role as a character. Well done! **Reyan** – for sharing your ideas so beautifully during phonics. Well done!
Year 2	**Erica** – for developing a beautiful cursive style with your handwriting **Lola** – for creating a successful piece of Pop Art in the style of Andy Warhol
Year 3	**Farah** – for having such a positive outlook on your learning and trying hard to make contributions towards class discussions. **Sierra** – for your thoughtful contributions in class this week. Keep it up!
Year 4	**Deo** – for having an excellent attitude to all your learning and being a wonderful role model to the class. **Ryan** – for bringing positive energy to your learning and giving your absolute best effort!
Year 5	**Oleksii** – for your phenomenal map reading skills and enthusiasm for orienteering. **Alicia** – for your amazing learning behaviours. You always try your best and you are working hard to improve your presentation- Keep it up!
Year 6	**Liana** – for working hard in maths and it is paying off. **Hina** – for all her positive energy and working hard in everything. You are inspirational!

What's happening next month – (please also check the school website calendar too)

Monday 2nd November – **INSET day, school closed to pupils**
Wednesday 4th November – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Thursday 5th November – New Reception 2027 entry tours am
Thursday 5th November – Oral Hygiene workshops Rec-Y2
Thursday 5th November – Parents Evening Video appointments 3:50-6:30pm
Friday 6th November – PTA Glow Sticks 'Fireworks' sale after school
Friday 6th November – Netball match vs Danegrove pm
w/c 9th November – Book Fair (see available days of sale)
Monday 9th November – Year 2 at Infant Music Festival am
Monday 9th November – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Tuesday 10th November – New Reception 2027 entry tour am
Tuesday 10th November – Boys football vs Alma
Wednesday 11th November – PTA AGM 6:30pm
Thursday 12th November – Girls football vs Sacks Morasha
Thursday 12th November – Parents Evening Video appointments 3:50-6:30pm
Friday 13th November – Year 3 Viking Day
Friday 13th November – Reception Nursery Rhyme Dress Up day
Friday 13th November – Netball vs St Johns
Tuesday 17th November – School photographer in
Wednesday 18th November – New Reception 2027 entry tours am
Wednesday 18th November – Rec/Year 1/Year 2 Cinderella pantomime pm
Thursday 19th November – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Thursday 19th November – PTA Quiz Night evening
Friday 20th November – Flu Vaccination in school
Wednesday 25th November – New Reception 2027 entry tours am
Friday 27th November – 2pm finish for all in lieu of St Andrew's Day
Saturday 28th November – PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm