

Dates for your diary

Mon 13th Nov	Odd Socks Day – see below
Weds 15th Nov	School Photographer Sportshall Athletics at KLB
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need Day (see below)
Mon 20th Nov	Open afternoon for Reception 2024
Thurs 30th Nov	PTFA Christmas shopping & Christmas Jumper Day – see below
Fri 1st Dec	Christingle Service 2.30pm
Mon 11th Dec	R/KS1 Nativity 2pm
Tues 12th Dec	R/KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Wed 13th Dec	KS2 Carol Service 9.15am & 6pm in church Christmas Lunch
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas parties
Fri 15th Dec	Santa Dash (see below) & Last day of Term 2
Tues 2nd Jan 2024	Start of Term 3 INSET DAY
Mon 19th Feb 2024	Start of Term 4 INSET DAY



Awards

This week's role models of the week are Phoebe (Y1), Molly (Y4) & Leo (Y5).
Last week's role models were Marnie (Y2), Libby (Y4) & Lyra (Y6)

This week's learners of the week are Seren (Y1), Mila (Y4) & Maya (Y6).
Last week's learners of the week were Lily (Y2), Josh (Y3) & Isabella (Y5).

Last week's recipient of the Headteacher's special award was Alfie (Y5) & this week it is Hunter (Y3)

Parent Forums

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the forums this week. At the meetings, parents were asked to complete feedback forms for both the school and the PTFA. If you are able to complete the attached forms and send back to the school by Monday 13th November, it would very much be appreciated. We are happy if parents want to complete a feedback form each or one as a family.

The value for this term is: **Trust.**

This week we have looked at the theme of: Knowing Jesus is with us in stormy times linked to the story The Storm on the Lake **Mark 4:35-41**



Congratulations to all our KS2 children who ran in the 1st **Cross country** event at the beginning of the holidays. Overall there were approximately 300 children at the event. In rather wet and muddy conditions the children all did really well in their age groups and enjoyed the event. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children.

Reading buddies

Each pupil in Year 1/2 has a reading buddy from Y5/6. The children are reading together every Friday afternoon and have the opportunity to share books. The Year 5/6 pupils have responded well to their leadership roles.



Times Tables!

England Rocks – National Times Tables Competition

Thank you to all parents and carers who are encouraging their children to use Times Table Rock Stars at home. This will really help them to improve their speed of recall. Each week we have a competition between each class, with the top three points earners from each class receiving a certificate in our Friday celebration worship.

We have also signed up for a national times table competition called England Rocks. The top three schools in the country will win Amazon vouchers for their school. This competition runs from 7.30am on Tuesday 14th November until 7.30pm on Thursday 16th November. Children can play in any game mode, with every correct answer earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Star's platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school, and in the competition as a whole, will be the ones with the highest average. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player.

Please encourage your child/children to earn points for St Andrew's!

Mrs Woodcock

Thursday 30th November

30th November is Christmas Jumper Day. Payment for such fun is the donation of an item for the Christmas hampers. Please find all the details in the PTFA newsletter attached.

Children In Need

Are you up for the bearpees challenge? As a school we are going to aim to complete over 1000 bearpees during the week of Children in Need (13 – 17 November) in school time. If your child wants to be sponsored to complete a total of bearpees over the course of the week in or out of school (or both!), there are sponsorship forms available on:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/bearpees/>



Click on the link below to find out how to complete a bearpee.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/introducing-pudsey-bearpees/learn-how-to-bearpee/>

The PTFA will be holding a **cake sale** after school on the Friday (17th November) and ask for parents/ carers to send in cake donations. Pupils will be allowed to wear non- school uniform on the day for a donation of £1.



Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 13th to Friday 17th November 2023.



Next week is National Anti-Bullying week and the theme for this year is 'Make a noise about Bullying'. Over the week we will be looking at different activities, focussing on 'Banter and how it can turn in to something more hurtful'.

To launch the week we are taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 13th November. Odd socks day is a national event organised by the Anti-bullying Alliance, children & adults are invited to wear odd socks into school to celebrate what makes us unique. We would like everyone to come into school wearing their brightest, oddest socks for the day (normal school uniform applies).

Inter-Faith Day

We will be celebrating Inter-Faith day on Tuesday 14th November when we will be focusing on the UK's religious diversity and the ties between communities of different faiths and beliefs.

We will be doing lots of activities and even taking part in a national online assembly

