

Dates for your diary

Thurs 30th Nov	PTFA Christmas shopping & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 1st Dec	Christingle Service 2.30pm
Mon 11th Dec	R/KS1 Nativity 2pm at the chapel
Tues 12th Dec	R/KS1 Nativity 9.30am at the chapel
Wed 13th Dec	KS2 Carol Service 9.15am & 6pm in church Christmas Lunch
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas parties
Fri 15th Dec	Santa Dash & 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 Declan (Y1), Hunter (Y3), Isabella (Y5)
Last week's role models were Lily (Y2), Merida (Y4) & Chloe (Y6)

This week's learners of the week are Mabel (Y1), Aluna (Y3), Percy (Y6)
Last week's learners of the week were Wilfred (Y2), Josh (Y3) & Harley (Y5).

Last week's recipient of the Headteacher's special award was Frankie (Y2) & this week it is Tilly (Y2)



Reading at St Andrew's

Please see the attached letter about **Reading at St Andrew's School**, for information on all the exciting reading opportunities in school, including 'star readers' & even a book at bedtime event.

Collective Worship

This week's theme: Putting trust in others. We listened to the story of the boy who cried wolf and reflected on people who trust us to do the right thing and who we also put our trust in.

Sports

Last Wednesday, a squad of our Year 5 & 6 pupils travelled over to KLB to compete in an indoor athletics competition against 6 other school teams. Everyone was entered in to two track and two field events over the course of the morning, scoring points for their individual times and distances. Overall as a team, St. Andrew's finished in 3rd place which was a fantastic achievement. Well done!

On Saturday 18th November, it was the second of four cross country events. It was wet, windy and very muddy, but despite the 'ideal' conditions, all of our runners did well in their respective races. We look forward to the third run on Saturday 9th December.

If your child is interested, there are still places available for the KS2 mixed tag rugby club held on a Monday after school and the Swift KS2 Multi- sports club on a Tuesday.

Children in Need



A huge thank you to everyone that supported our Children In Need Day. The children managed an incredible **6864 Bearpees** – well done all!

Please could you send in all sponsorship forms/money by Friday 1st December so that we can work out the final fundraising total.

Just a reminder that if you would like to sign your child up for Breakfast or After School Club, please make sure you do so on the Friday of the week before. This helps us manage numbers, staffing & food!

Thank you



Attendance

Please find attached a copy of our Attendance Policy (updated October 2023) for your information.

We would like to make you particularly aware of the table at the end of the policy which shows the consequences of taking your child out of school for just a few days across the year – see overleaf

We would also like to remind you that the school gate is opened at 8.30am each morning & closed promptly at 8.45am. We expect all children to be in school before 8.45am, ready to start the day. Children arriving late (there were 11 late arrivals one day this week) are very disruptive to the whole class.

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Good attendance: the consequences of missing a few days across the school year.

Attendance	Number of school days missed	
100%	Zero days off	Excellent! A child can take full advantage of the learning opportunities
98% +	Less than a week	Very good. This will help all aspects of their progress and life in school. A child should reach his/her full potential, leading to the best possible start to their formal education.
97% – 98%	5 days – a school week	
96% – 97%	6 days	Good attendance. A child has a good start to their schooling and make the most of all opportunities to do their best
95.2% - 96%	8 days	Satisfactory, just above the average. A child is likely to achieve their targets; however, they should strive to build on this.
93% - 95.2%	10 days – two school weeks	Below the national average. If a child has more than two weeks away from school they may fail to make the expected progress.
91% - 93%	15 days – three school weeks	Poor attendance. Absence is now affecting attainment and progress in school. Parents will need to work with the school to improve the situation.
Below 90%	20 days – four school weeks. Level of concern	Unacceptable A child will now be finding it extremely difficult to keep up and achieve their best. Below 90% attendance is considered persistent absenteeism and the local authority may become involved to take action. Where this is due to a genuine medical reason, an Individual Health Care Plan will be considered.
Below 85%	Serious concern	Children with this level of attendance are missing a day for every week in school. Absence is causing SERIOUS CONCERN. It is seriously affecting attainment and progress and is disrupting the child's learning. Where absences are unauthorised, the school will be supported by the Local Authority to take action against the parents/carers.