


## Dairy Dates

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Feb  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Book at Bedtime – see below**  
NSPCC Numbers Day – see attached  
Last day of Term 3  
**INSET Day** – school closed to children  
Parents' Evening – in person  
Parents' Evening – on line  
World Book Day  
Last day of Term 4  
First day of Term 5  
Bank holiday  
KS2 SATs week  
Last day of Term 5  
First Day of Term 6  
Last day of Term 6



If you are interested in science and nature and want to practise your English and maths skills, why not check out this fantastic site? It has been created by one of Mr Pike's friends and former colleague and it is great!

<https://www.naturalcurriculum.co.uk/>



## Book at Bedtime

We will be holding a 'Books at Bedtime' event on **Wednesday 31st January**, from 3:30-5:00pm. The children staying to this event after school, can bring pyjamas to change into at the end of the day. They will listen to stories in their classrooms, read by a range of adults in school. The event will be finish with hot chocolate in the school hall. This will be provided by the PTFA. We hope as many of the children as possible will be able to attend this event.

## Awards

### Week commencing 15/01/24

R/KS1 Learner of the week: Whole class Role Model: Mylee (R)  
Y 3/4 Learner of the week: Mila (Y4) Role model: Merida (Y4)  
Y 5/6 Learner of the week: Percy (Y6) Role Model: Roo (Y6)

### Week commencing 22/01/24

R/KS1 Learner of the week: Declan (Y1) Role Model: Luca (Y2)  
Y 3/4 Learner of the week: Ioan (Y3) Role model: Molly (Y4)  
Y 5/6 Learner of the week Isabella (Y5) Role Model: Lyra (Y6)

The Headteacher's award last week went to Lyra (Y6) for her positive attitude and focus. This week it was presented to Luca (Y2).



## Worship

The theme for this term's Worship is:

### Don't give up - Good things come to those who work for it

We looked at the example of the Tour De France winner cyclist Geraint Thomas and linked it to the story of Paul in the bible. On one occasion, Paul said, 'we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.' (Romans 5.4) Paul knew that being a follower of Jesus would be tough, and that it would require a lot of perseverance.

As part of our worship we watched the youtube clip <https://youtu.be/hitGKKunQVE>

Our latest worship focused on one of Aesop's fables: The Hare and the tortoise. After sharing the story, the children came up with our own morals to the story. These included:

- Not to show off.
- Don't give up.
- Everybody has their own skills and talents. Don't waste them!
- Give your best and continued effort will bring reward.
- It's not always about being the best but giving your best and you will be successful.

## Review

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, as part of our school development and partnership work, we welcomed two head teachers from schools within our Hub to complete a peer- to peer- review at St. Andrew's. Earlier this term, I led a similar review at Brimsham Green Secondary School.

The review focused on the quality of teaching and our whole school approach to writing and involved observing lessons, talking with staff and pupils and looking at books. Both Headteachers were very positive about the teaching and learning observed throughout the day and highlighted many strengths, and I was very proud of the engagement of the pupils in each class and the quality of the teaching and support given to the pupils by all staff.

## Sport

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January a squad of Y3/4 pupils travelled to KLB to compete in a Dodgeball competition. Overall there were 15 teams from a number of local primary schools taking part in the festival. The St. Andrew's team played a total of 20 matches against other schools and won 19 and drew 1. Well done to all of the pupils and thank you to all the parents who helped transport to and/or from the event.

Last Friday, we held a school KS2 inter – house dodgeball competition. Each match proved to be fiercely fought and the skill levels improved with every game.

The best team overall was Air One – well done to Isabella, James, Joey, Orla and Mya

The best overall house team was Earth – well done to Sam, Mila, Josh, Eloise, Tom, Roo, Ioan and Isabella.

In addition, we held mini Y5/6 and a Y3/4 house competitions. Congratulations to Earth who won both finals.

## Well done all!

Kind regards

Graham Pike

