

# St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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## Headteacher's Message

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 5th Oct &  
Thursday 6th Oct**

Parents Consultation Eve in  
school 3.45pm—5.45pm

**Friday 14th Oct**

Coffee Morning 9am—10am

**Monday 17th Oct**

Harvest Festival Assembly

**Tuesday 18th Oct**

Nasal Flu Spray

**Weds 19th Oct—Fri 21st Oct**

Year 6 Robinwood Trip

**Friday 21st Oct**

Always Assembly 2.45pm

**Friday 21st Oct**

School Closes for Half Term

**Monday 31st Oct**

School Closed—Training Day

**Tuesday 1st Nov**

School re-opens



It has been great to see so many of our pupils accessing the lunchtime and after school clubs. The clubs have proved to be very popular and if your child hasn't signed up to an after school club, do remind them that they can turn up to any lunchtime clubs on offer without a booking.

Children in Years 5 and 6 were selected to visit the famous author Tom Palmer today. They had the opportunity to listen to him talk about his new book 'Resist' and answer any questions they had about how he became an author. We hope that the children have been inspired by this visit and of course we have ensured that our school library is now topped up with his books for all of our pupils to enjoy.

Yesterday, a group of students from across the school were selected to represent St. Andrew's at the Calderdale Boccia Tournament. Boccia is a game which is quite similar to bowls and is designed for athletes of all abilities to participate. A huge well done to the children who took part, they were a credit to our school.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School

## PTA Update

Last year's Summer Fayre raised an amazing £549.

This year the PTA are raising money to buy each child a new book for Christmas and they hope to raise funds to help with improving the trim trail in the playground. Further information around this will follow.

The next PTA event is the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you (or someone you know) would like to book a stall, the PTA are charging £10 per table with all money raised going to the PTA. Please get in touch with the PTA for more details or pass your information to the school office.

children communication committee  
fundraising PTA school rewarding events ideas  
pupils staff parents organisation teachers



Dear Lord,

*Children in the streets,  
children in houses, give  
them love, give them a  
true home.*

*They are gifts of the  
Lord to every parent on  
earth. They are precious  
little ones who love with a  
big heart.*

*Give them love, give them  
a home. For they deserve  
a life they can call their  
own.*

Amen.

### OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a  
caring, Christian community

**Confident** - We embrace challenge and  
persevere

**Aspire** - We aim high

**Respectful** - We are friends and  
cherish God's world

**Inclusive** - We welcome everyone and  
are all of equal worth

**Nurturing** - We look after each other  
so we can all flourish

**Generous** - We give to each other and  
our community



"Love each other as I have loved  
you."

John 15:12







## Parents' Evening



Our Parents' evenings will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. A link has been sent to enable parents/carers to book an appointment. Please book your appointment asap as the booking system will close on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 12 noon. Please contact the office if you would like any support with booking a time. The appointments are face to face in school and are an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and discuss how they have settled into their new class.

## Harvest Festival

On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** we will be celebrating Harvest with a special Harvest Festival Worship in school. Unfortunately, due to the space in the hall, we are unable to invite parents/carers to this celebration. We would like to ask that during the **week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, children bring in a donation to support the wonderful support that Brighthouse Central Foodbank provide. Suggested items include;

-  Tinned veg
-  Tinned fruit
-  Tinned meat curry, chilli, ham, mince in gravy
-  Fray BENTOS pies
-  Toilet roll
-  Baby food

Children can bring the items into their classrooms.

**.St Martin's Church, Brighthouse are holding their Harvest Sunday Service on**

**2nd October at 10.45am.**

**All welcome**



## Chat around the table

This half term we have been thinking about Harvest and who we can support during the Harvest Festival. Can your child identify charities which are in the local area? Perhaps they could spot which charities are supported in our local supermarkets or which charities they think school should support during Harvest.



## Healthy Holidays Activities

Lots of families have benefitted from the Healthy Holidays activities which run throughout the school holidays. It's worth keeping a close eye on what's coming up in the future holidays and reserving a space if you're interested in any of the events. Whilst the events are free to some eligible families, there are lots of discounted places available for those families not eligible for the free support.

See <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/healthy-holidays-calderdale> for more details.

**HEALTHY  
HOLIDAYS  
CALDERDALE**

## The Healthy Start Scheme



Support for families: The Healthy Start scheme is available to help support families buy healthy food and vitamins. This is available for eligible families who are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under the age of 4. Other forms of support are also available.

Go to <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/money-and-wellbeing-calderdale#children> to find out more.

## Support into Employment & Training

There are local organisations who help residents of all ages get into work, apprenticeships and training. For more details go to:

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/money-and-wellbeing-calderdale#employment>

## Sleep Matters

Does your child need a bed, a mattress or both? We have been sent information from a local charity to end bed poverty. If your child needs this then please speak to either Mrs Jocelyn or Mrs Brearley. Any requests made will be dealt with discreetly and with no other members of the school community knowing. We want to ensure that all of the children in our care get the best sleep possible and if we can help with this we will.



## Reminder — Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The Immunisation Team are visiting school on 18/10/22 to administer the flu vaccine. Please click on the link below to see the letter and find the link to enable you to give consent or to state you do not consent. **A response is required from every parent.**

<https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu>

## Polite Reminders

### Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am. Please do not send your child to the out of school provision before this time.



### Car Park

Our car park is for staff only. It is **not** safe for our pupils to walk through. Please avoid using this car park, particularly when picking up from after school care. We understand that parents/carers are often in a hurry but the car park is dark and has hidden spots making it difficult for drivers to see if a child was stood there. Please keep your child safe by abiding by this request.

### School Gates / School Opening Times

Our school gates to the playground open at 8.30am and the classroom doors open ten minutes before the school day starts at 8.40am. Our school day officially starts at 8.50am. Please do not arrive at school before our doors open unless you are using our Breakfast Club. We open our doors 10 minutes early to allow parents or carers time to get to the Infant School. It is not necessary to arrive at school before 8.40am as it causes congestion on the paths meaning that families need to walk on Waterloo Road to get around families waiting by the gate. The ten minute drop off window should provide a sufficient amount of time to drop off your child. Thank you for your understanding.

## Open days at St Andrew's Infant & Junior Schools

Our Infant School is holding Open Days on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** for parents and carers who have children who would be starting Reception in September 2023. If you have a child or know a child who will start school next year, please encourage them to attend.

An Open Day will also be held at our **Junior School** on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** for parents / carers of Year 2 children who will go into Year 3 in September 2023.

10.00am—12pm and 1.30pm—4.30pm

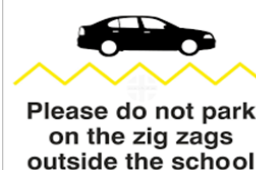


Please see the poster attached to the newsletter for more information.

## We keep our children safe by . . . . .

ensuring all of our staff and governors have annual safeguarding training and by putting pictures of our school Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) around school so that children know who to go to if they have a concern.

We would also like to remind parents not to park on the yellow lines outside school so that our pupils can cross Waterloo Road safely.



## Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline



If your child is in Year 6 and you have not yet completed the online application for secondary school and need support with this, please speak to the school office or our Learning Mentor (Mrs Brearley) and they will be happy to help you.

The deadline for **Y6 parents/carers** to complete the secondary school application is **31st October 2022**. Please click on the link below for those who live in Calderdale.

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Please note that pupils who live outside of Halifax (e.g. Huddersfield or Bradford postcode) need to apply through the Local Authority where they live and NOT CALDERDALE.

Children from St. Andrew's Junior School are prioritised on Brighouse High's Admissions Criteria, however, I must stress the importance of completing the application form online on time to guarantee a place at Brighouse High School.

### Dates for 2022 Secondary Schools Open Evenings

School	Date and time
<u><a href="#">Brighouse High School</a></u>	Thursday 6th October.
<u><a href="#">Calder High School</a></u>	Thursday 6th October (5.30 to 8pm).
<u><a href="#">The Crossley Heath School</a></u>	Tuesday 21st June (5 to 8pm).
<u><a href="#">The North Halifax Grammar School</a></u>	Thursday 23rd June (5 to 8pm).
<u><a href="#">Park Lane Academy</a></u>	Wednesday 28th September (6.15 to
<u><a href="#">The Brooksbank School Sports College</a></u>	Thursday 22nd September (6 to
<u><a href="#">The Halifax Academy</a></u>	Wednesday 5th October.
<u><a href="#">Rastrick High School</a></u>	Thursday 29th September.
<u><a href="#">Todmorden High School</a></u>	Thursday 13th October (6 to 8pm).
<u><a href="#">Trinity Academy Halifax</a></u>	Thursday 9th June (5.15pm);
<u><a href="#">Trinity Academy Grammar</a></u>	Wednesday 14th September.
<u><a href="#">Ravenscliffe High School</a></u>	Tuesday 27th September (4 to 5pm); and Thursday 29th September (10 to
<u><a href="#">Lightcliffe Academy</a></u>	Wednesday 28th September.
<u><a href="#">Ryburn Valley High School</a></u>	Thursday 13th October.

## Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for both a Catering Manager and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) at our Infant School. Please see the information below and visit their website for all relevant documents. If you have any questions about the roles, please contact the Infant School office. Please be mindful, the closing dates for both vacancies is **9am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**.



### St Andrew's C.E. (VA) Infant & Junior Schools

*'Promoting Excellence in a Caring Christian Community'*



We currently have the following vacancy based at the Infant School to start as soon as possible:

#### **Catering Manager**

**Permanent position. 30 hours a week (term time only plus 3 days)**

**Suggested working pattern: Monday – Friday 8.00am – 2.00pm (some flexibility is possible)**

**Scale 4/5 dependant on experience**

**Actual salary: £13,972 -£17,032**

The Federated Governing Board of St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant and Junior Schools is looking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic Catering Manager who can deliver a high-quality catering service for pupils, staff and visitors at our Infant School.

The role will include managing staff, planning menus, cooking, budgetary control, stock management and ensuring kitchen health and hygiene regulations are met. You will manage a team of two kitchen assistants to plan, prepare, cook and serve high quality meals that meet the School Food standards for approximately 160 children a day. You will also support the whole school in developing food and healthy eating awareness through the curriculum.

You will have:

- Previous experience within a similar catering environment
- Supervisory/management skills and the ability to lead and motivate a team
- A relevant professional catering qualification
- A good understanding of budgets
- Knowledge of health and safety requirements
- Good verbal and written skills
- A collaborative and positive approach

#### **About Us**

St. Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School is a happy, inclusive two-form entry school. We have been rated 'Good' in our most recent Ofsted and 'Outstanding' in our most recent SIAMS inspections. We have an incredible team of staff and supportive governors who work well together to make our school a warm and welcoming place to be. We take great pride in providing an excellent all round education for our pupils.

**For more information about the post, or to arrange a visit, please phone 01484 712895 between 9.00am and 3.00pm.**

*The school is committed to safeguarding the rights, welfare and safety of all children. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced Criminal Record Check (Disclosure) from the Disclosure and Barring Service before the appointment is confirmed.*

**Further details and application form can be obtained from the school website. <https://st-andrews-infants.calderdale.sch.uk/>**

**Completed application forms should be returned to the school office or by email to: [admin@st-andrews-ifs.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-andrews-ifs.calderdale.sch.uk) by 9:00am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

We anticipate that interviews will be held during **w/c Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.



## St Andrew's C.E. (VA) Infant & Junior Schools

*'Promoting Excellence in a Caring Christian Community'*  
Lightcliffe Road, Brighouse, West Yorkshire HD6 2HH



We currently have the following vacancy based at the Infant School:

**Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)**  
**Permanent position 30 hours per week, term time only**  
**Scale 4 (SCP 7 - 11). Actual salary £14,026 - £15,182**

We are looking for a highly motivated and talented individual to join our successful Church of England School. You will initially be based in our Year 1 classes and will ideally have previous experience of covering in KS1 year groups and/or have HLTA status.

**We are looking for someone who:**

- Is able to work unsupervised / work as a team as directed by the Head of School, Assistant Head or Class Teachers supporting and delivering learning to classes, groups and individuals.
- Is proficient in the use of ICT in the classroom, including the use of interactive smartboards.
- Can provide short-term cover for the class teacher (for PPA, training release etc.)
- Is able to maintain high standards of behaviour, ensuring continuity in the class teacher's absence and acting in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

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**You will benefit from:**

- Working with enthusiastic, friendly and supportive staff, governors and parents.
- Being part of a wider Federation with support and networking across the school sites.
- Children who are enthusiastic about their learning.
- Full support with training needs and continuing professional development.

**For more information about the post, or to arrange a visit, please phone 01484 714964 between 9:00am and 3:30pm.**

*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants to posts that are exempted from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act will require a DBS (formerly CRB) from the Disclosure and Barring Service before the appointment is confirmed.*

Further details and application forms can be obtained from the school website: [St. Andrew's CE \(VA\) Infant School \(st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk\)](http://st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk)

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## Open Day Poster

Our  
excellent  
OFSTED reports are  
on our websites

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### St. Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Karen Smith



### St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School

Waterloo Road, Brighouse, HD6 2AN

Tel: 01484 712895

Email: [admin@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk)

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Karen Smith



## INFANT SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

**PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Saturday 8th October 2022**

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

Visit with your child and join us for activities, refreshments, and a tour of the Infant School.

**Thursday 17th November 2022**

**10:00am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm - 4:30pm**

Come and join us on our open day. See our children and staff during a normal school day at both schools (Infant and Junior).



**Both schools offer Wrap Around Care**

**Infant School: 7:30am— 5:30pm**

**Junior School: 7:45am— 6:00pm**



**For current places in other year groups, please contact the school offices on the numbers above.**



## Calderdale Openminds CAMHS

Calderdale Openminds CAMHS have created a range of new parent workshops to support a wide variety of concerns that many parents may be experiencing.

All workshops are via Zoom and are totally free.

The courses are running on dates in 2022/2023.

Please take a look at the link below and follow the instructions to book your place in any you may be interested in.

<https://openmindscamhs.org.uk>

Click on the tab at the top of the page - Parent/Carer workshops

Click on the required workshop and book a free place via the link

Courses available are -

- Supporting & Understanding Anxiety
- Understanding & supporting low mood
- Self- harm awareness
- Managing emotions
- Teenage brain
- Sleep difficulties
- Understanding Autism traits
- Sensory Difficulties
- Difficult Behaviours
- Supporting self-esteem
- Social Media & Wellbeing
- Supporting Transition



## Cost of Living Factsheet for Frontline Workers in Calderdale



The cost of living factsheet at the end of the newsletter aims to provide you with information about the cost-of-living crisis and what this means for Calderdale. This crisis is everyone's business with wider impacts being seen on education, employment, housing, crime and health and wellbeing.

The Money and Wellbeing Information Centre is updated regularly to support residents and frontline workers with the latest local information. "Everybody is doing an amazing job in supporting the growing number of people who are facing financial hardship". Councillor Jenny Lynn, Cabinet Member for Public Services & Communities, Calderdale Council.

## Cycling UK / Clean Wheels

Cycling UK are trying to encourage more people to dust off their bikes and get some exercise in the Great Outdoors.

Clean Wheels have been chosen by Cycling UK to deliver a series of 10 **FREE** guided cycle rides in our area.

Please see the poster for further details, it also has a QR code that will lead directly to the booking pages. This can also be reached via the following link.

[Cycling UK delivered by Clean Wheels Events | Eventbrite](#)

**The BIG BIKE Revival** **we are cycling UK**

Encouraging people to cycle through fixing bikes, teaching skills and leading bike rides

**FREE GUIDED BIKE RIDES**

**Spenn Valley Greenway (Dewsbury to Cleckheaton) 1st October - 29th October - 26th November**

**Hebble Brook Trail, Halifax (Siddal to Sowerby Bridge) 2nd October - 30th October - 27th November**

**Sustrans Route 66 (Luddenden Foot to Hebden Bridge) 15th October - 5th November**

**Calder Valley Greenway (Mirfield to Huddersfield) 16th October - 6th November**

**Start 12.00pm - 3.00pm Finish**

Open to all – Children welcome when accompanied by parent/guardian  
Cycle Helmets mandatory – All bikes must be in safe working order  
Participation at own risk

First 100 riders to take part in any 2 rides will receive a free "cycle goodie bag" – max 1 bag per person

**Delivered locally by:**

**"Clean Wheels"**  
Complete Mobile Bike Care @



Department for Transport

#BigBikeRevival  
**BigBikeRevival.org.uk**

Scan QR Code for further ride details and to book your place or visit [www.Cleanwheels.bike](http://www.Cleanwheels.bike)

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**Councillor Jenny Lynn, Cabinet Member for Public Services & Communities, Calderdale Council**

### Click the icons for further information



**Retail and food prices** continue to rise, especially domestic produce which have been impacted by poor harvests, labour shortages, and rising global food prices. 85% of Britons have noticed an increase in the cost of groceries. 3,150 people access [food support](#) on a monthly basis across Calderdale. Partners are working together to look at how more affordable food options can be made available. The Council's [welfare assistance](#) scheme can help people with essential household items, such as a cooker and fridge

**Health & Wellbeing:** The cost-of-living crisis is having an impact on [mental health](#), especially for those most vulnerable, and it's important this isn't ignored. Worrying about money problems and other things that are happening in the world, can affect your health and wellbeing. To find out more about the kinds of support available click the image.



**Energy bills** for gas and electricity have increased rapidly in the last year. The energy price cap recently rose from £1,277 to £1,971 meaning a 54% increase in energy bills for the average household. There are lots of ways to save energy in the home. Citizens Advice Calderdale can offer advice on energy saving measures. For further signposting information and help with energy bills [click here](#).

### Support for families:

The **Healthy Start scheme** is available to help support families buy healthy food and vitamins. This is available for eligible families who are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under the age of 4. It's important that eligible families are given the support to access the scheme. There are other forms of support available. [Click here](#) to find out more about them, including [Healthy Holidays](#) for children and young people on free school meals.



### Support into employment and training:

There are [local organisations](#) who help residents of all ages get into **work, apprenticeships and training**. If you are a local business, you can receive free support from [Business Growth Calderdale](#).

### Support for older people

£6.8 million of **Pension Credit** is unclaimed in Calderdale. Figures suggest that around a third of our eligible residents might not be getting the benefits they are entitled to. There are extra entitlements that come with claiming, including free NHS dental treatment, free sight tests, Cold Weather Payments and a free TV licence to name a few. To find out more, click the piggy bank.



## Cost of Living Factsheet for Frontline Workers in Calderdale (June 2022)

### Support with budgeting and paying rent

It has never been more important to know how to manage a household budget and many people don't have these skills. There are lots of resources online, but if face to face support is needed, there are a range of organisations who can help maximise your client's income and they are listed [here](#). If you are worried about a client's risk of becoming homeless, contact the [Housing Options](#) team. The demand for rental housing is extremely high, making it challenging for low-income households to move. Where possible, staying put may be the best option, but if you're unsure, please contact the Housing Options Team.



Managing **household costs** is becoming increasingly more challenging for more families and households, but there are some schemes in place to help:

- All households will be given a £400 [cash discount](#) on energy bills this autumn.
- All households in council tax bands a -d will be receiving a [council tax rebate](#) of £150.
- Low-income households on means tested benefits will receive a £650 **cost of living** payment (lump sum payments to be made in July and then the autumn of 2022)
- Pensioners qualifying for the winter fuel payment will receive a one-off payment of £300 towards the end of the year to help with energy costs.
- People claiming disability benefits will receive a one-off disability payment of £150 in September.
- [Warm Home Discount](#) and [Winter Fuel Payments](#) will be available to eligible households.
- The local [welfare assistance](#) scheme is a discretionary scheme run by Calderdale Council and provides emergency support for people in most need with household items.
- Top tips for a warmer, healthier home can be found [here](#). It contains some simple measures to make homes cheaper to heat.
- It's also easy to find out if someone is eligible for help to pay rent or Council tax [here](#). If a client is still struggling to pay their rent, they may be eligible for [discretionary housing payment](#).

Since September 2021, Calderdale Council has been distributing [household support](#) directly to vulnerable households. A total of £3,666,006.92 will have been spent by end of September 2022.

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Frontline services are busier than they ever have been, and clients should be enabled wherever possible to build on their financial knowledge, confidence and budgeting skills to relieve the ongoing demand for services.

Hints and tips on maximising household income and managing a household budget will be scheduled over the coming months as part of our planned cost of living campaign. Please visit the [Calderdale Money and Wellbeing Information Centre](#) regularly to find out more.

We know that a nudge from a loved one can be a powerful motivator so if you are talking directly to friends and family, use this factsheet to encourage them to find solutions to any money worries.

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#### Further links:

- Money Saving Expert <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com>
- National Energy Action <https://www.nea.org.uk/get-help>

Produced by Calderdale's Anti-Poverty Partnership. Enquiries to [antipovertyaction@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:antipovertyaction@calderdale.gov.uk)

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