

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



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## Diary Dates

### Friday 25th Nov

Non-uniform Day—Donations  
for the Christmas Raffle

### Thursday 1st Dec

Christmas Fair  
3.30pm—4.45pm

### Mon 5th Dec

Christmas Post Box opens

### Weds 7th Dec

Year 3 Christmas Production  
1.30pm & 6pm

### Fri 9th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

### Fri 9th Dec

Year 3  
Christmas Classroom Party

### Mon 12th Dec

Year 4  
Christmas Classroom Party

### Tues 13th Dec

Year 6  
Christmas Classroom Party

### Weds 14th Dec

Carols at St Martin's Church  
1.15pm

### Thurs 15th Dec

Christmas Dinner Day

### Thursday 15th Dec

Year 5  
Christmas Classroom Party

### Fri 16th Dec

School Closes for Christmas

## Headteacher's Message

In school we have been working incredibly hard to improve the children's knowledge of times tables.

Our Year 4 children will complete the Year 4 MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) in June and will be assessed on all of the times tables up to 12 x 12.

I would like to share with you some of the things which we do in school to support with this.

- Classes use the Talking Times Tables book which has a song/rap for each times tables see this for a video <https://www.facebook.com/100077356762819/videos/375308227999772>.
  - Teachers use a counting stick to count forwards and backwards with the times tables the class are focusing on.
- Classes compete weekly with TT Rockstars (see child's planner for login details)
- The heat mat from TT Rockstars is sent home in planners so that parents/carers can see which times tables need extra work
  - Year 4 pupils have all been provided with an A3 laminated poster displaying the times tables. Please encourage pupils to look at these at home and focus on learning just one calculation at a time.
  - All pupils are sent home a times tables book as part of their homework
  - Whole class lessons on teaching the strategies for learning the times tables
  - Targeted support for Year 5 pupils who did not pass the Y4 MTC
  - Use of the website URBrainy which children use to get a score out of 25 (similar to the Y4 MTC)
  - Additional tutor support for specific children who require addition support with learning the times tables

Supporting your child to learn these will help them enormously throughout their education.

If you want more advice or guidance on how to support your child in mathematics, please speak to either myself or your child's class teacher.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School



*Thank you God for this new day, in my school to work and pray.*

*Please be with me all day long, in every story, game and song.*

*May all the happy things we do, make you, Our Father, happy too!*

*Amen*

## Maths Tournament

A huge well done to Kai, Maisy, Ellis and Henry in Year 6 who took part in a maths tournament held by Imagination Gaming on Wednesday this week. The children learnt how to play the various mathematical games and had to think logically and work as a team. There were 5 local schools competing on the day and St. Andrew's achieved second place.



## Audio Books

Do you want to have audio books for your children to listen to at home?

Some of our books in the library have QR codes on the inside of the book cover.

You can also listen to a range of texts using the QR codes below. This is particularly good for children with dyslexic tendencies so that they can listen to the book whilst holding it in their hands. That way, children who may find it difficult to read can read more age-appropriate stories at a level which they will enjoy.

[https://www.booksfortopics.com/files/ugd/df731a\\_f79250f8f2ef4c8ab0ee989e2be06f70.pdf](https://www.booksfortopics.com/files/ugd/df731a_f79250f8f2ef4c8ab0ee989e2be06f70.pdf)

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online-9-11>



## 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

## Children in Need

Thank you to all the families who donated money today for Children in Need. We had the theme wear something spotty and our school council organised a super colouring competition to design the best Pudsey Bear.

Our families raised a total of £185.00



## Brighouse Rotary School Box Appeal

Just a reminder the filled boxes for the Brighouse Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal must be back in school by Friday 25th November.

Thank you

## Calderdale Cross Country Competition

Last week we sent 30 children to compete against other local schools in the Calderdale Cross Country competition. Pupils were selected based on their race times in PE. There were 8 races in total (a boys and girls race from each year group). Not only did our pupils perform exceptionally well on the day, they showed amazing sportsmanship towards each other and towards pupils from other schools. The results came in yesterday and we have 9 children going through to the next stage in the event. Letters will be sent home to those who are through to the next round where the children will compete against the whole of Calderdale to earn places in the West Yorkshire finals in March.



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

. . . . . holding our annual Anti-Bullying week. The theme this week was 'Reach Out'. Our pupils have learnt about what bullying is, what to do if it happens and how to respond to it. Pupils know who to go to if they don't feel safe.



## The Book Look



Parents/Carers are invited to come in to view their child's work in their exercise books on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 3.10-3.40pm.

This is an opportunity for parents to see the work that their child has produced in class this year.

We ask that parents enter the classroom via the playground door from 3.10pm.

Due to limited space in the classroom we are only allowing one parent (or carer) per child. Parents can walk between classes if they have more than one child in the school.

Due to space we ask that parents (if possible) avoid bringing younger siblings.

If pushchairs need to be brought, please leave them outside the classroom door (in the playground).

## Christmas Fayre

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December we'll be hosting our Christmas Fayre!

We would like to ask that parents/carers bring in cakes, buns or biscuits on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> December so that we can sell them on our popular cake stall.

Please make sure you put your name on any containers which you would like returning.

As we have children with nut allergies we ask that no products are sent with nuts in them.

Our school choir will also be performing!

We look forward to seeing you there from 3.30-4.30pm.



## Non-uniform Day - Fri 25th Nov

A reminder that we have a non-uniform day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and ask that instead of a donation of money pupils bring in either a bottle of something for our bottle tombola (alcohol sent to the office please) or a prize for our 'normal' tombola such as toiletries, new games etc or something for our school raffle prizes.



## Chat around the table



Continuing with our 'Reach Out' theme discussed for anti-bullying week. Can you talk to your child about how they can reach out to others?

### HOW CAN WE REACH OUT TO OTHERS?

1. Sharing a smile



2. Asking 'are you OK?'



3. Inviting someone to join in a game at break time, especially if you notice they have no one to play with



4. Offering to help someone in a maths lesson if you notice they are finding something difficult



5. Pass on a compliment - tell someone something you like about them



## Polite reminder re e-scooters

E-scooters are not permitted on the school premises and they are illegal to ride on a public road, therefore they cannot be used to travel to and from school.

<https://southleedslife.com/wp-content/uploads/E-Scooter-A4-Poster.jpg>

## Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who attended our school book fair this week. It has been a huge success and means that we have raised money to buy more books for our school. A special thank you to our Year 6 pupils who stayed behind after school to run the stalls.



## School Christmas Dinner

Miss O'Neill and her assistants will be cooking the ever popular School Christmas Dinner on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

A text will be sent to all parents with an accompanying order form. For catering purposes **ALL PARENTS** must complete and submit their child's order as soon as possible. **All orders must be returned by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.** There will be no other meal options available on this day so if your child does not want a Christmas Dinner, please select the 'they will bring a packed lunch' option on the order form.

The menu for the day is:

### Roast Turkey Breast with Stuffing

Sausage and Bacon Roll

Carrots

Sprouts

Roast and New Potatoes

Gravy

Vegetarian options

Veggie Nuggets

Christmas Pudding

Or Ice Cream Pot



## Wonderdome



Year 5 had a visit from the Wonderdome this week. This is a huge dome with a planetarium inside. As Year 5 are currently learning about space, they were all very excited to learn even more about the solar system and the universe. The dome had a spectacular show that spread across the ceiling. The children had to lie down to see it fully. They learnt lots of new information, including hearing about a new mission to the moon. We have lots of children wanting to be astronauts. Who knows, maybe they could be the generation that finally land on Mars!

## Coffee Morning

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we will be hosting our next coffee morning. It starts at 9am and lasts an hour. Free tea, coffee and cake is available. Myself and Mrs Brearley will be available to talk to. There will also be advice available on:

- Money Worries
- Tackling your debt problems
- Debt Advice
- Neurological Development Assessment Patient choice (for parents who are awaiting an assessment of their child for ADHD or ASD)
- Family Support Telephone advice line
- Family Support Friends Group - 12 week programme aimed at women in our community. Promoting healthy lifestyle and wellbeing, making new friends, new to the area, low in confidence or just wanting a brew and a chat.
- Calderdale Staying Safe - Domestic Violence support service
- Calderdale OpenMinds Emotional Health and Wellbeing guide for Families
- Budget friendly recipe book
- Healthy Futures - Health and wellbeing support - Who we can refer to

and of course just the chance to meet other parents/carers and have a chat.



**St Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School  
Term Dates 2022 – 2023**

***Updated November 2022***

<b>Term Dates 2022 – 2023</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>	
<i>Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)</i>	<i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022</i>
School re-opens	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
School closes for Half Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
<i>Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)</i>	<i>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022</i>
School re-opens	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022
School closes for Christmas	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Spring Term 2023</b>	
School re-opens	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
School closes for Half Term	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<i>Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)</i>	<i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023</i>
School re-opens	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2023
School closes for Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
<b>Summer Term 2023</b>	
School re-opens	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<i>May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)</i>	<i>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</i>
<i>Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday (school closed)</i>	<i>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023</i>
School closes for Half Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School re-opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
School closes for Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
<i>Staff Training Day (school closed)</i>	<i>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023</i>
<i>Staff Training Day (school closed)</i>	<i>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023</i>

### Community Streets Consultation

**Community Streets Consultation (proposed launch date - 28th November 2022): Area around St Andrew's Junior School - Calderdale Council**

As part of the wider A641 scheme the proposed **Community Streets scheme** seeks to deliver improvement to the area around **St Andrew's Junior School** to reduce the dominance of road traffic, make it easier to walk and cycle, and create well used community spaces. For further information please click on the link below:

[A641 Bradford - Brighouse - Huddersfield | Calderdale Next Chapter](#)



# JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

## HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE WINTER PROGRAMME

This Winter, during the December school holidays, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our Healthy Holidays Calderdale programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment during the school holidays.



You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this December by visiting: [www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays)

Please book your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the winter programme please contact:

**Email:** [healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk)

**Facebook:** @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

**Twitter:** @HAFCalderdale



SCAN  
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No internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.

Brighthouse Central Methodist  
Church Presents

# FROM BETHLEHEM TO BRIGHOUSE

Global to Local Nativity Festival



**NOVEMBER 26TH 10AM-4PM**  
**NOVEMBER 27TH 12PM-4PM**

**Nativity Trail, Pop-Up Nativity & Nativity Crafts,  
Plus Christmas Fair and Food Served**

# Electric Scooters

**It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.**

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.



## Current law

You can buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on a private land.

## Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEV's), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have numberplates, signalling ability and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

## What happens if I'm stopped by the Police

The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take it home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

## E-scooter trials

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

Enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.

## Further information

Further details can be found on the following government website:  
**Powered transporters - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))**




 Books for  
Topics

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	 SCAN ME <a href="https://bit.ly/2ze1Sk1">https://bit.ly/2ze1Sk1</a>	<p><b>How to Train Your Dragon</b>  <i>Cressida Cowell</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract – full book also available chapter by chapter!)            Read by <b>Cressida Cowell</b></p>
	 SCAN ME <a href="https://bit.ly/2SL76dT">https://bit.ly/2SL76dT</a>	<p><b>You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!</b>  <i>Andy Stanton &amp; David Tazzyman</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract)            Read by <b>Andy Stanton</b></p>
	 SCAN ME <a href="https://bit.ly/2L92ryi">https://bit.ly/2L92ryi</a>	<p><b>The Great Chocoplot</b>  <i>Chris Callaghan</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract)            Read by <b>Chris Callaghan</b></p>
	 SCAN ME <a href="https://bit.ly/2WA7Wvb">https://bit.ly/2WA7Wvb</a>	<p><b>Sam Wu is NOT afraid of the DARK</b>  <i>Katie Tsang, Kevin Tsang, Nathan Reed</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract)            Read by <b>Katie &amp; Kevin Tsang</b></p>


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## The Boy who Grew Dragons

*Andy Shepherd*

Storytime (extract – full book also available chapter by chapter!)

Read by Andy Shepherd



<https://bit.ly/3cdGQRF>

## Gangsta Granny

*David Walliams & Tony Ross*

Storytime (extract)

Read by David Walliams



<https://bit.ly/3dnHgae>

## Amelia Fang and the Memory Thief

*Laura Ellen Anderson*

Storytime (extract)

Read by Laura Ellen Anderson



<https://bit.ly/2WcNnWQ>

## The Apprentice Witch

*James Nicol*

Storytime (extract)

Read by James Nicol



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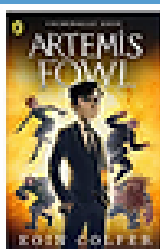
SCAN ME

<https://bit.ly/3e6Qzms>

## Murder Most Unladylike

*Robin Stevens*

Storytime (extract)  
Read by Robin Stevens



SCAN ME

<https://bit.ly/3h1LaEx>

## Artemis Fowl

*Eoin Colfer*

Storytime (extract)  
Read by Eoin Colfer



SCAN ME

<https://bit.ly/2NNGo7Hts>

## Kid Normal and the Rogue Heroes

*Greg James, Chris Smith & Erica Salcedo*

Storytime (extract)  
Read by Greg James & Chris Smith



SCAN ME

<https://bit.ly/3b0JaE0>

## A Pocketful of Stars

*Aisha Bushby*

Storytime (extract)  
Read by Aisha Bushby



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Recommended for **ages 9-11**



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## Charlie Changes Into a Chicken

*Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne*

Storytime (extract – full book also available chapter by chapter!)

Read by Sam Copeland



<https://bit.ly/2b8LwGf>

## Orphans of the Tide

*Struan Murray & Manuel Sumbeac*

Storytime (extract)

Read by Struan Murray



<https://bit.ly/2Ubo6cl>

## The Girl of Ink and Stars

*Kiran Millwood Hargrave*

Storytime (extract)

Read by Kiran Millwood Hargrave



<https://bit.ly/2bhwQnX>

## Four Children and It

*Jacqueline Wilson*

Storytime (extract)

Read by Jacqueline Wilson



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