

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Fri 26th May
School Closed
Half Term

Mon 5th June
School re-opens

Weds 7th –Weds 14th June
Art Exhibition at
Brighouse Library

Weds 14th June
Open classroom
3.10pm—4.00pm

Thurs 15th June
Year 2 Parent's Information
Evening
(for September New Starters)

Mon 19th June
Year 3 Trip
Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Fri 23rd June
Summer Fayre
3.30pm—5.00pm

Thurs 29th June
Sports Day from 9am



Headteacher's Message

We've had a busy few weeks at St. Andrew's Junior School. Our Year 5 children have participated in a Fair Trade Workshop. Visitors came into school to speak about what Fairtrade is and how it impacts on so many people. The children learnt lots and asked some super questions.



Our Year 5 children also went on a river walk last week as part of their learning about rivers and land use.

Last week a group of Year 6 children attended the Calderdale netball tournament. The girls on the team played 6 matches and came in second place. Well done girls. We're all incredibly proud of you.

Also last week we introduced a lunchtime calm room for pupils who want to eat their lunch in a quieter environment. The Jigsaw room is open from 12-12.30 daily for any pupils who want to eat their lunch in a quiet zone.

After half term our Year 4 children have the multiplication check. I would encourage our Year 4s to keep working hard on the times tables they're not familiar with.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable half term break.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School





Dear God,
 You made me,
 To jump for joy,
 To sing happy songs,
 To run fast,
 To climb high,
 To spin and twirl.

You made me
 To dance with excitement,
 To clap with thanks,
 To laugh lots,
 To shout loud,
 To be a brilliant me!
 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

Calderdale Netball Tournament

A huge well done to the Year 6 girls who competed against other Schools at the Calderdale Netball tournament. The team won 4 out of 5 matches and received a silver medal. All girls had a fantastic attitude and demonstrated great teamwork. You should be really proud of yourselves. Go St Andrew's!



Can you help at the summer fayre?

We have our annual summer fayre planned for Friday 23rd June. If you can help at this event then please let the PTA know. They have a Facebook site where you can contact them. <https://www.facebook.com/thePTAofstandrews/>

Transition



Our Year 6 pupils have had a special visit from Calderdale Open Minds. The children worked on transition to secondary school and the feelings around this. We know that transition can be a tricky time for some children which is why we look at and review the transition activities in place each year.

In the next half term, pupils in Year 6 will continue to work with their secondary schools and will have 2 visits. One visit will be on Friday 7th July. This is the Calderdale transition day where the pupils will make their own way to secondary school. The second visit (for all students regardless of whether or not they're attending Brighouse High) will be on Monday 10th July for 4 Nations Day. The children will walk to the 6th Form Centre with staff from St. Andrew's and spend the day getting to know other pupils who are in feeder schools for Brighouse High.

Pupils in St. Andrew's (Years 3, 4 and 5) will use these two days to go up into their new class and meet their new class teacher.

Year 5 River Walk

Year 5 have been learning about rivers and land use, so they went on a walk down to the River Calder to see real life examples of erosion and deposition. They looked at the difference between the river and the canal and learnt about how canals were used originally compared to how they are used today. They also measured the temperature of the canal and compared it to the river, before getting into the river to measure the depth and speed of flow. The children all had a fantastic time.



We keep our children safe by

. . . having a First Aid Week in school. Each class has learnt a bit about first aid in their PSHE lessons. On Monday we had a special visit from a paramedic. He spoke to the whole school about what he does and how he helps others.



Builder Clubs—Bricktopia

Bricktopia are planning their summer holiday programme of LEGO building sessions, known as Builder Clubs. Parent should register their children directly with them via www.clubbricktopia.co.uk

Next half term they intend to provide all the children who attend the Lego after-school club a voucher for a free session as well as the chance for a free LEGO mini figure. We do have some places left in this Club if children wish to attend. The sessions are £5 per session which means the cost would be £35 for next term. If your child would like to join Lego Club we require names by Monday 5th June and payment in full via School Money by Wednesday 7th June—thank you

BRICKTOPIA!

Year 6 Leaver's Party

The pupils in Year 6 are invited to attend the Year 6 leaver's party. This will take place in school on Friday 14th July 6.30-8pm and is organised by our PTA. More information for Year 6 parents to follow.

Chat around the table

Can you have a chat with your child about water safety? Every year we hear of tragic events in canals and rivers when the weather is warm. Please speak about the importance of not swimming in open waters and the dangers that this can bring.



Open Classroom



On Wednesday 14th June, parents and carers are invited to come into their child's classroom to look at their child's work in their books.

We ask that prams are left in the playground as there is limited space in the classroom. Ideally, we ask that parents and carers do not bring younger siblings due to space restrictions.

Parents and carers are welcome to come from 3.10pm onwards and can take their child home when they are ready. The classrooms will remain open until 4pm. Children (unless attending after school clubs) must be supervised by a parent or carer by 3.25pm. If you have two or more children in the school and wish to visit more than one class, please walk into the playground to make your way to the next classroom rather than walking through the school as we have a number of clubs going on around school. Children's work must remain in school after the open classroom. Please do not take books home.

Household Support Fund

The Government announced a further extension to the Housing Support Fund from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. It closely mirrors the scheme previously run and makes use of existing mechanisms meaning money can be sent to individuals and families as efficiently as possible.

Please remember to check your eligibility for this scheme.

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/benefits>

Calderdale
Council

Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HALF TERM FUN

29th May to 2nd June 2023

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during Half Term!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

Calderdale Council

ACTIVE CALDERDALE

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE

HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in **free, fun** activities during the half term holidays! Scan the QR code to find out what activities are available to book.

Find out what's on and book your place at... www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Whether it's abseiling or caving, drama or dance there is something for everyone.

Calderdale Council are providing free activities for young people eligible for free school meals aged 5-16.

Calderdale's Healthy Holidays Half Terms provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe & fun environment, during the school holidays.

Calling all 5-16s on Free School Meals - Book your place now!

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Lower Valley



YOU'RE INVITED TO
LOWER VALLEY FREE SPRING EVENT!

TUESDAY 30TH MAY 10AM-12PM
AT BOWLING GREEN SCHOOL, STAINLAND
ROAD, HX49HU

THIS IS A BOOKABLE EVENT. TO SECURE YOUR PLACE PLEASE CONTACT
01484 714768
PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS BEST SUITED FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-8 YEARS.



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& District Branch PRESENTS



K9 PARTY IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 2ND JULY

FUN DOG SHOW 11AM - 5PM

(Registration from 11am - Classes from 11.30am)

**HAVE A GO AGILITY
DEMONSTRATIONS & PARADES
LOTS OF STALLS, GAMES, INFO &
ADVICE FOR YOU & YOUR DOG!**



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