

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



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## Diary Dates

### Mon 19th June

Year 3 Trip  
Yorkshire Wildlife Park

### Fri 23rd June

Non-uniform day  
Donations for  
bottle tombola and raffle prizes

### Fri 23rd June

Summer Fayre  
3.30pm—5.00pm

### Thurs 29th June

Sports Day from 9am

### Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Leavers Production  
1.45pm & 6pm

### Fri 14th July

Madi's Day of Fun  
(Sponsored run)  
Non-uniform or  
wear something purple

### Weds 19th July

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly  
9.30am —10am

### Fri 21st July

Last day of term  
School closes for the  
Summer Holidays



## Headteacher's Message

We've had a very busy two weeks at St. Andrew's. Thank you to the families who were able to attend the Open Classroom on Wednesday to look at their child's work. I know our pupils were really excited to show off their work.

Our wonderful Year 3 & 4 gymnasts team took part in the Key Steps Gymnastic competition this week and came 4<sup>th</sup> which is an amazing achievement. Well done to all the pupils who participated and represented our school.

We have started our transition work this half term and this will only increase in the next few weeks. Pupils in Year 5 have written to their Year 2 buddies and next week will walk to the Infants to meet them. We look forward to welcoming our Year 2 pupils into school over the next few weeks.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School

## Voices Together Concert

Huge well done to our choir who participated in the Voices Together event last week at the Victoria Theatre. The choir sang beautifully and were all a credit to themselves and the school.





Dear God,

Please give me the strength to endure this situation, and to find the blessings and lessons that it contains.

Please give me the endurance to continue ahead.

Please guide my thoughts, words and actions, so that I walk your path of peace and love.

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

## Key Steps Gymnastic Competition

We are incredibly proud of our St. Andrew's gymnastic team who competed against 11 other local Schools in the Key Steps competition. The girls put a lot of hard work and effort into practising their routines and blew the judges away on the day achieving 4th place. Go St. Andrews !



## Chat around the table

It would be wonderful if parents and carers could talk to their child about all the things in school which will stay the same when they move year groups. This could help pupils feel better about the changes they are facing.



## Art Gallery Visit

Year 3 really enjoyed their visit to Brighthouse library and Art exhibition. The children spotted lots of St Andrew's amazing artwork.



## Our School Vision

At St. Andrew's our school vision is reflected in all that we do. This has been demonstrated, in the last two weeks, in a number of ways:

Confident	Last week our choir performed at the Victoria Theatre. Our pupils have the confidence to perform in front of others.
Aspire	We aim high. Our pupils performed at the Key Steps Gymnastics. We have fun competing.
Respectful	Our pupils respect the environment. They collect litter and make sure our playground is always looking its best.
Inclusive	Our teachers and learning mentors have made sure that the children who need additional transition visits are getting them so that our pupils feel ready to move up to the next year group.
Nurturing	We look after everyone, including our wider community. Last week 6 pupils went to Bridge House Care Home and baked buns with some of their residents. Not only did the residents have a wonderful time meeting our students, our children enjoyed making new friends and getting to know more about them.
Generous	We are working closely with Madison this week to make sure her fun day of fundraising raises lots of money for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

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

. . . asking parents and carers not to park in the staff car park. There are some very difficult bends in the car park which means it is not so easy to see children if they stand in the car park. We ask that parents and carers park on the roads outside of school, including when picking up from Kids Club. Thank you .

**NO  
PARKING**

## PE Hoodies



From September, pupils will be able to wear a St. Andrew's hoodie for PE only. This is not to replace the school jumper or school cardigan. It can be used for PE lessons and when representing the school at sports events throughout the year. The PE hoodie is an optional part of the PE kit. Pupils can continue to wear plain navy blue hoodies for PE with no sports labels as per our school uniform policy. The St. Andrew's hoodies can be purchased at Frank Harrison's (Kershaw Garden Centre).



## Baking at Bridge House

Some of our children from Years 5 & 6 were invited to Bridge House Care Home to bake with some of their elderly residents. The children had a wonderful time as did our lovely hosts!



## Non-uniform Day

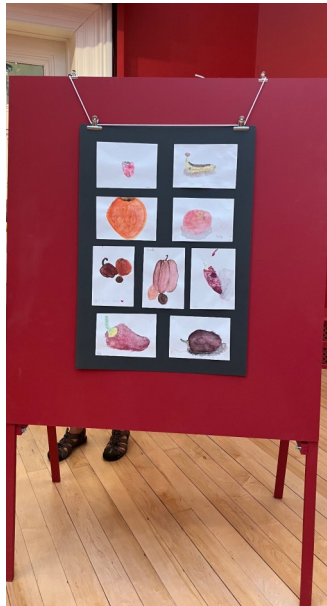
**NON-UNIFORM DAY**

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd June (our Summer Fayre day) and are requesting donations for the Summer Fayre. Please can you send in any bottle donations for our 'Bottle Tombola' and any other items that can we use for raffles prizes. Items can be sent before the 23rd June. Please can we ask that any bottle donations come via the school office. Thank you

## Gallery Images

Our wonderful students have produced some fantastic artwork which has been on display at Smith Art Gallery (in the same building as Brighthouse Library). A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Lawley who have worked with our art co-ordinator, Miss Haley, to bring this together. The link below will take you to the 'Friends of the Rydings' website where further information and images can be found.

<https://friendsoftherydings.co.uk/events/>





## Measles

*This year, there has been a national increase in measles. Although there are no cases in Calderdale at present, vaccination rates are low in some areas, which means that if we do get a case it is more likely to spread. Measles can be very serious for some people, but the good news is that it can be avoided by getting a vaccination.*

*If you're not sure if you have been vaccinated, you can check your records on the NHS app or you can check your children's vaccination record in their red book. Alternatively, you can check with your GP.*

*If you or your family have not been vaccinated it is not too late. Contact your GP and they will book you in for a first dose followed by the second dose 2 months later to ensure you are fully protected.*

Find out more about measles here: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



Find out more about measles vaccination here: [Childhood Vaccinations - Essential information :: West Yorkshire Healthier Together \(wyhealthiertogogether.nhs.uk\)](http://www.wyhealthiertogogether.nhs.uk)

## Brighouse High School Transition & High School Open Evening Information

### Brighouse High Transition

Brighouse High School have put together some useful transition information for our current Year 6 pupils. This can be found on the link below:

<https://www.brighouse.calderdale.sch.uk/key-information/year-6-transition/>

We are aware that the Brighouse open evening takes place when our pupils are away at Robinwood. Parents will still be able to attend the open evening and we are in communication with Brighouse High trying to arrange time for the pupils to look around at a different time.

### Secondary School Open Evenings

Brighouse High School	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Heckmondwike Grammar School	21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> June (closing date for entrance exam application is 26 <sup>th</sup> June)
North Halifax Grammar	20 <sup>th</sup> June (closing date for entrance exam application is 30 <sup>th</sup> June)
The Crossley Heath Grammar School	22 <sup>nd</sup> June (closing date for entrance exam application is 30 <sup>th</sup> June)
Hipperholme Grammar School	5 <sup>th</sup> July & 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Rastrick High School	TBC
Lightcliffe Academy	TBC

# Join The Fun This Summer and enjoy a healthy holiday!

**Keep the kids entertained in the Summer holidays with fun activities and fed with healthy meals.**



The Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme returns this Summer with thousands of places available for young people to access during the 2023 school holidays.

A diverse programme of activities will be available with something new for all. From abseiling, tai-chi, boxing, bikeability, cooking clubs, high ropes, swimming and much more, young people will be kept entertained. Everyone attending will receive a healthy and nutritious meal.

Places are free for school aged children Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. There may also be sessions for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

Places will be available to book from the middle of June 2023



**“Amazing summer holidays for child and stress-free for a parent was very good for my son, he needed to play in the summer, was a good break for me”**

Parent / Carer of children attending Healthy Holidays Programme

**“I felt safe and loved the experience, I want to learn to swim now”**

Child, aged 7, attending the Healthy Holidays Programme



You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

To book scan the QR code or visit [healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/](https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/)

**Facebook:** @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

**Twitter:** @HAFCalderdale

**Website:** [www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/healthy-holidays-calderdale](https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/healthy-holidays-calderdale)

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

**Call:** 01422 288001

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





Families are invited to attend a Kids Craft Session at  
St. Martin's Church.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

3.30-5pm

Juice and biscuits and a brew for the grow-ups

All welcome

18TH  
JULY

Schools out for Summer

**KIDS**

# Church

St Martins, Brighouse  
3:30pm-5:00pm

- ✓ Music and Dancing
- ✓ Stories
- ✓ Summer themed Crafts
- ✓ Juice and Biscuits

Children must be supervised by an adult