

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Fri 22nd Dec
School Closes for Christmas

Mon 8th Jan
School Re-opens

Mon 8th Jan
Young Voices Concert—Sheffield

Mon 15th Jan
After School Activity Clubs
commence

Weds 24th Jan
Open Classroom Event
(3.15pm—4pm)

Thurs 25th Jan
Elland Silver Band working with
Year 3 and 4

Weds 31st Jan
World of Work Day
Years 5 & 6

Fri 2nd Feb
Parens /Carers Coffee Morning
9am

Fri 9th Feb
Always Assembly

Fri 9th Feb
School Closes for halt term



Headteacher's Message



We've had a busy few weeks in the build up to Christmas with parties, pantomimes, carols and nativities. I am sure that our pupils are ready for a well deserved break.

I know that our pastoral team have worked hard to ensure that our families most in need have extra presents and food hampers this Christmas. As part of our Christian Vision, 'Promoting excellence within a caring, Christian community,' we always aim to ensure we care for our families and this is just one example of this. Thank you to all the charities and local business who have helped. Special thanks go to Focus 4 Hope, Tescos and Jodi at Soulstation for ensuring that many of our families get additional support this Christmas. It means a lot to me that we give to all that we can and also that our community comes together to help. This is what makes St. Andrew's so very special!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School



Panto



Our pupils had a wonderful time at the Victoria Theatre on Thursday. They behaved beautifully and were a real credit to the school. It was lovely to see the children's faces light up as they entered the theatre and was a wonderful Christmas treat to end the term with. Thank you to the PTA for providing our pupils with treats for the trip and donating half of the cost.



*God, our Father, we pray
that you will protect our
children.*

*Keep them safe from harm
and help them to grow
healthy in mind and body.
Give them strength to keep
their faith in you, and keep
alive their joy in the birth
of Jesus at Christmas time.*

Amen

Promoting Excellence

Parents and carers should have received their child's Promoting Excellence reports yesterday. If you have not yet received your child's please contact the school office and we will arrange for this to be sent to you. There is more information available on our school website about what the different colours mean.



See <https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/promoting-excellence/> for more details.

Charitable Donations

Thank you for your recent charitable donations. The following amounts were raised;



Royal British Legion—£131.51



Overgate Hospice (Christmas Jumper Day) - £60

Young Voices

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

A reminder that the pupils in choir who are attending Young Voices will do so on our first day back after the Christmas break. The children will attend Sheffield Arena on Monday 8th January. Please speak to the office if you require further details. The link below will take you to the letter regarding arrangements for the day.

<https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Young-Voices-Jan-24-arrangements-letter-1.pdf>



Christmas Dinner Day



A huge thank you to the kitchen team who made a tremendous Christmas dinner and catered for over 200 children on Thursday. We know how much effort has gone into this preparation. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed it.

Choir

Our choir have had a busy few weeks. Last week they performed at Bridge House Care Home and also Brighthouse Library. Both events were lovely and enjoyed by many. Well done to the choir for spreading Christmas cheer!



After School Activity Clubs

After School Activity Clubs will start the week commencing **Monday 15th January**. Information regarding the clubs that have been allocated will be sent out in the first week of term—thank you

Attendance

We have had a few children poorly recently which we understand, particularly at this time of year. However, we ask that parents and carers try to ensure that their child has good overall attendance. Attendance below 95% is monitored closely and needs to improve. It might be that one of our Learning Mentors calls parents to discuss what is preventing your child coming to school regularly or that discussions are had as to how we can help to improve your child's attendance. For example, some pupils may be given an attendance plan which is shared with parents and shows which strategies school can put in place to help. Parents and carers can see their child's current attendance on the Promoting Excellence reports.

Any persistent poor attendance will be referred to our Education Welfare Officer (EWO).



Polite Request

If parents or carers would like to speak to the class teacher at the end of the day, please can we ask that they wait for the teacher to dismiss all the pupils so that their safety can be our priority. Teachers are happy to talk once all pupils have been dismissed.

Support Available in Calderdale



Please click on the link for information on support services available in Calderdale over the Winter months.

<https://www.vsialliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-11/Winter%20Directory%202023.pdf>

Christmas Message from Bricktopia (Lego Club)

On behalf of Debbie, myself, and our team we'd like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a special "thank you" for your support during 2023.

With 9 years of providing activities for children under our belt we're grateful to be able to return to pre-covid levels ... but there's always room for improvement!!

If you are made aware of any parents or casual staff looking for part-time work then please consider directing them our way! We're actively trying to recruit additional team members!

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2024



St. Andrews Junior School—Diary Dates



Spring Term 2024



EVENT	DATE
School Re-opens	Monday 8 January 2024
Young Voices Sheffield	Monday 8 January 2024
After School Activity Clubs start	Monday 15 January 2024
Open Classroom – Parents/carers welcome to come and see their child's work in the classroom.	Wednesday 24 January 2024 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Elland Silver Band working with year 3 and 4	Thursday 25 January 2024
World of work day for years 5 and 6	Wednesday 31 January 2024
Parents / Carers Coffee Morning	Friday 2 February 2024 9.00am
Always Assembly	Friday 9 February 2024 2.45pm
School closes for half term	Friday 9 February 2024 3.25pm
School Re-opens	Monday 19 February 2024
National secondary school offer day	Friday 1 March 2024
Mother's Day Stall	Wednesday 6 March 2024
World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character, bring in a favourite book, come in uniform or non-uniform. Swimmers no face paint please.	Thursday 7 March 2024
Parent's Consultation Evening in the school hall	Tuesday 12 March 2024 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Red Nose Day (bring buns in for sale in school). Full school uniform	Friday 15 March 2024
Easter service at St Martins Church – parents to arrive from 1pm	Wednesday 20 March 2024 1.15pm
Parent's Consultation Evening in the school hall	Wednesday 20 March 2024 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Always Assembly	Friday 22 March 2024 2.45pm
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 March 2024 3.25pm
School Re-opens	Monday 8 April 2024



Infant School Diary Dates



Spring Term 2024	
Monday 8th January 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 12th January 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 4 Family Worship
Monday 15th January 2024	Clubs begin for 4 weeks
Thursday 18th January 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parents/Carers Coffee Morning
Friday 19th January 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 3 Family Worship
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Bun Sale Fundraiser (send in buns – no nuts)
Friday 26th January 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 2 Family Worship
Friday 2nd February 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 1 Family Worship
Tuesday 6th February 2024 – 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase
Wednesday 7th February 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase
Friday 9th February 2024 @ 9:05 – 9:35am	Always Assembly
Friday 9th February 2024	SCHOOL CLOSSES – HALF TERM
Monday 19th February 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS
Thursday 22nd February 2024 @ 9:05 – 9:35am	Class 5 Family Worship
Monday 26th February 2024	Clubs begin for 4 weeks
Thursday 29th February 2024	Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
Friday 1st March 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 6 Family Worship
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character
Friday 8th March 2024 – 9:05am – 9:35am	Mothers' Day Worship - Reception
Tuesday 12th March 2024 @ 3:20pm – 6:20pm	Parents'/Carers' Pupil Progress Meetings (booking info to be sent out closer to time)
Wednesday 13th March 2024 @ 3:20pm – 6:00pm	Parents'/Carers' Pupil Progress Meetings (booking info to be sent out closer to time)
Thursday 14th March 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parents/Carers Coffee Morning
Friday 15th March 2024	Red Nose Day – wear something red!
Friday 15th March 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 4 Family Worship
Tuesday 19th March 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase
Wednesday 20th March 2024 @ 9:10am	Easter Service & Eucharist at school
Wednesday 20th March 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase
Friday 22nd March 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Always Assembly
Friday 22nd March 2024	SCHOOL CLOSSES

Huddersfield Town ticket initiative for the Huddersfield Town v Plymouth Argyle game which is to be played on Saturday 13 January at 3pm at the John Smiths Stadium.

They are offering schools in the local area discounted tickets to attend the game priced at £10 for an adult and £5 for a concession. Seats are located in the Big Red Lower Tier behind the goal.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
vs PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
 SATURDAY 13 JANUARY – 3PM KICK-OFF

A FAMILY DAY OUT WITH SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES BEFORE KICK-OFF!

ADULTS £10
CONCESSIONS £5

ENTER CODE 'SCHOOLSPLY'
AT CHECKOUT AT HTAFC.COM/TICKETS

T&Cs APPLY. TICKETS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE. THIS PROMOTION IS FOR TICKETS IN THE BIG RED LOWER TIER. PLEASE NOTE THIS AREA IS UNCOVERED.

@htafc ★ ☆ ☆



Calderdale
Music



Debut Keys

For children Y3 – Y6 with some experience playing piano/keyboard and would like to perform with others in a group

Saturdays

10:00am – 10:45am

The Old Courthouse, Halifax

Come along for FREE in
January!



Scan the QR code for more details or visit
www.calderdalemusic.co.uk