

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



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## Diary Dates

**Weds 31st Jan**

World of Work Day  
Years 5 & 6

**Fri 2nd Feb**

Parents /Carers Coffee Morning  
9am

**Fri 9th Feb**

Always Assembly

**Fri 9th Feb**

School Closes for half term

**Mon 19th Feb**

School re opens after half term

**Wed 6th March**

Mother's Day Stall

**Thurs 7th March**

World Book Day

**Tues 12th March**

Parent's consultation evening  
School Hall  
3.30pm—6.30pm

**Fri 15th March**

Red Nose Day



## Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all of the families who were able to attend our Open Classroom on Wednesday this week. The children really enjoyed being able to show off their work and show the progress they have made this year.

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet teachers again in March during our Parents' Evenings. If in the meantime you have any concerns or want to speak to your child's class teacher, please speak to them at the end of the school day or make an appointment via the school office.

**Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School**

## Super achievement

We are very happy to announce that we were ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 97 primary schools in Calderdale for our 2023 results. Our Year 6 pupils in 2023 were fantastic and significantly above National and Calderdale Average.

## Pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths ?



A report from Halifax Courier can be found here:

<https://www.halifaxcourier.co.uk/education/education-18-of-the-best->

## Spaces in School

We have spaces available in Year 4.

If you know anybody who is looking for a space in this year or who have recently moved into the area, please do let them know. A tour of the school can be booked via the school office.



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

## Staff Changes

Mrs Harding has now moved into a new role in school and is now part of our admin team. She will work alongside Mrs Gunter and Mrs Stephenson in the main office. She will continue to work in the classroom for some of the week as a Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Bennett, who works in the kitchen, will be retiring in February after working here for 18 years! We wish her all the best and hope that she will enjoy every minute of her retirement.

Thank you to Mrs Bennett for all of the years of hard work at St. Andrew's.

THANK  
YOU!

## Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Friday 2nd February from 9.00am, all parents and carers are welcome to come along.

Our SENCO Mrs Marsden will be available to speak to during the coffee morning should you have any concerns.



## Medical Needs

In our aim to help pupils further we have made some changes to what medication we can administer.

Parents and carers will be receiving an online form to complete which will allow staff to administer Calpol or Piriton should the need arise in an emergency.

Before the medication is administered, our staff will ensure that online consent has been given and they will also call parents or carers to ask for verbal permission on the day.

Staff will ask parents whether any medication has been administered at home that day and if so, how much. This is to ensure the child is given the appropriate dose.

## Wild and windy weather

Should we have severe snow which would impact on the school closing, school will follow our Emergency Closure Procedures.

A text message will go to parents and our website will also be updated. Please assume that if you have not received a text to tell you otherwise or seen information on our website, that school is open as usual.



## 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

## Young Voices

Our wonderful choir enjoyed participating at Young Voices at Sheffield Arena earlier this month. The children sang their socks off and were a credit to the school.



## Huddersfield Town School Trip

On Tuesday, Mrs Brearley took a small group of pupils for a special tour of Huddersfield Town. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were so well behaved that Huddersfield Town have said that they would like to work with us more in the future.

The children all received a family ticket to watch a game too. What a treat! (And thank you to Mrs Brearley, one of Huddersfield Town's top supporters, for organising this trip!)



## Parent & Child Cooking Club

Phunky Foods will be running a Parent and Child cooking club after school on the following dates in June 6th, 13th and 20th

More details will follow nearer the time



## World of Work Day (WOW Day)

On Wednesday, the pupils in Years 5 and 6 will be having a very different day to the usual. The children will have various presentations throughout the day from different speakers. Pupils will have the chance to learn about the profession and what the route to this profession looks like. Visitors include farmers, professional skateboarders and information about working with transport.

We're hoping that this day is inspirational for our pupils and gives pupils some more information about what jobs are available for when they are older.



## Attendance

It's really important that your child comes to school every day.

We understand that children can become unwell and that this may lead to time off school.

If your child struggles to come to school please speak to one of our learning mentors who may be able to help. We have lots of support available.

Parents and carers were informed of their child's level of attendance in the Promoting Excellence sheets sent home at the end of term.

Please ensure all absences are reported to school by telephone or text before 9.00am

Thank you



## Science Club

Miss Gledhill's science club started this week (on Tuesday) and the children had a great time experimenting with making ice cream!

This club is suitable for children in Years 5 and 6 and still has a couple of spaces if your child is interested in science. Please enquire via the school office



## Elland Silver Band



This week our children have been fortunate to have a visit from Elland Silver Band.

Sam, the leader of the youth band, has taught the children all about what they do and the instruments they play. Children in Years 3 and 4 participated in a special music workshop and enjoyed playing some new instruments. If your child particularly enjoyed this and are interested in joining the group, more information can be found here:

<https://ellandsilverband.co.uk/youth-band/>.

## Parking

Please can we politely remind parents and carers not to use the Zig Zag parking areas directly outside the school entrance for parking, dropping off or collecting your child please.

## Job Vacancy—St Andrew's Infants School

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor at the Infant School to work

Monday - Friday from 12:00pm -1:20pm.

This role would start as soon as possible. The main duties of the role would be to support the children in dining hall during lunch, supervise the children outside and run and engage in fun activities with them.

If you would be interested in this role, please contact the Infant School on 01484 714964.



**If your child would like to access free Healthy Holiday clubs over February half term, please visit <https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/>**

Some places are free and some places are subsidized.

### **Who is eligible?**

Those that can access clubs free of charge are:

- ✦ school aged children from reception to Year 11
- ✦ who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals in Calderdale

**There are funded or subsidised places for some other children, which include:**

- ✦ Children assessed by the local authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable.
- ✦ Young carers.
- ✦ Children in care or children previously in care.
- ✦ Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities who have been identified will benefit from HAF.
- ✦ Children who have low attendance rates at school or who are at risk of exclusion.
- ✦ Children living in areas of high deprivation or from low-income households who are not in receipt of free school meals.
- ✦ Elective home educated children.
- ✦ Young offenders.

## Message from Calderdale Music Trust

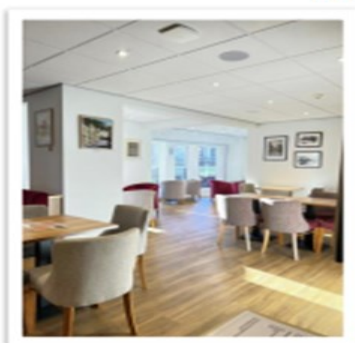
We'd also like to announce that we are launching another music group with free sessions - Debut Ukes. This group is for pupils who can play C and F chords on a ukulele, perfect for anyone learning ukulele in the classroom!

We are having 3 free sessions on Thursdays, 5:15pm - 6:00pm at The Old Courthouse in Halifax for ages 8 - 12 years.



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### Get In Touch



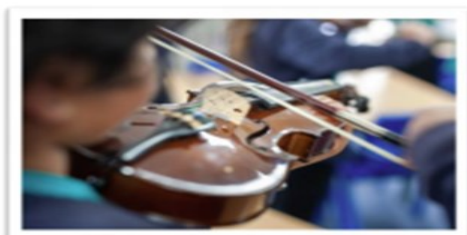
#### Room Hire

Our space is available to hire.

From small meeting rooms to our stunning Performance Space, there's a room suitable for any occasion.

Catering options available.

[roomhire@calderdalemusic.co.uk](mailto:roomhire@calderdalemusic.co.uk)



[www.calderdalemusic.co.uk](http://www.calderdalemusic.co.uk)

01422 401260

#### Rhythm & Brews

Unfortunately Rhythm & Brews is closed until further notice.



#### Music Lessons

We offer music lessons in school, at The Old Courthouse and at our music centre in Hebden Bridge.

Register online or contact us for more information

[admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk](mailto:admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk)

For queries relating to invoicing for existing music tuition, please contact [finance@calderdalemusic.co.uk](mailto:finance@calderdalemusic.co.uk)



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## Coming Up At The Old Courthouse

### Workshop With The Band Of The Yorkshire Regiment

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
12:30pm – 4:30pm

Following a successful event in 2023 we are excited to announce that we are once again working with The Band Of The Yorkshire Regiment. The band are providing a free workshop at The Old Courthouse for pupils grade 4+ standard on woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.



12:30pm – 1:00pm Registration  
1:00pm – 2:00pm Full Rehearsal  
2:00pm – 2:45pm Sectionals  
2:45pm – 3:30pm Full Rehearsal  
4:00pm – 4:20pm Concert by the band for pupils and their parents

To take part in the workshop, each pupil must sign up online. For pupils 18 and under. Register by contacting [events@calderdalemusic.co.uk](mailto:events@calderdalemusic.co.uk) or visiting our website.

### Calderdale Music Conference

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February  
10:00am – 5:00pm

Join us at The Old Courthouse for a day filled with presentations, workshops, panel discussions, and more – all exploring the value of making connections within the music education sector. The Calderdale Music conference is ideal for anyone working in or connected to Music Education, with sessions for all levels of knowledge, skills and experience.



The cost is £35 per person. Book your place through Eventbrite and we will send an invoice through to the email address you provide. This event is included in the £50 annual CPD membership offer - email us on [finance@calderdalemusic.co.uk](mailto:finance@calderdalemusic.co.uk) if you wish to take advantage of this offer for access to ALL CPD in 2023-2024.

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## Newsletter

See what we've been up to and what's coming up at Calderdale Music!

### Beat The January Blues With Calderdale Music!

Don't forget that we have FREE music sessions taking place at The Old Courthouse in Halifax Town Centre in the month of January.

Scan the QR code below to watch a video showing you everything we have to offer!

Here are just some of the groups we have available

Group Name	Day & Time	Details
Drum Corps	Monday 5:45pm – 6:15pm	Drummers, Grade 2+ standard
Samba Band	Monday 6:15pm – 7:00pm	Suitable for all the family ages 7 and up
Music Theory	Wednesday Beginners 4:45pm – 5:30pm Grade 4&5 5:30pm – 6:15pm	Learn music theory and support your instrumental lessons All ages welcome
Debut Rock	Thursdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 7 – 11, try a band instrument – guitar, keyboard, drums, bass guitar and vocals
Funk & Soul Band	Saturday 10:30am – 11:30am	Ages 11 – 19, grade 3+ standard. All instruments welcome
Saturday Winds	Saturdays 11:45am – 12:30pm	Woodwind or brass instruments grade 1+ standard. Under 19s
Debut Strings	Saturday 11:45am – 12:15pm	For pupils who can play open strings with a bow. Under 19s
Saturday Strings	Saturdays 12:15pm – 1:00pm	Violin, viola or cello, grade1+ standard. Under 19s



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