

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Friday 22nd March
ALWAYS Assembly

Friday 22nd March
School closes for Easter

Monday 8th April
School re-opens after Easter

Monday 8th April
Year 4 Trip to Murton Park

Friday 12th April
Parent/Carers Coffee Morning
9.00am-10.00am

Monday 15th April
After school clubs
re-commence

Wednesday 24th April
School Choir Competition at
Halifax Minster

Monday 6th May
May Bank Holiday
School Closed

Wednesday 8th May
School Class Photos

Monday 13th May - 17th May
SATs WEEK for Y6



Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of the school term it's a great opportunity to reflect on the successes and fun we have had at St. Andrew's. We've had an extremely busy half term including parent consultation evenings, school trips, special visitors, science days, World of Work days and Poetry Slams to name but a few!

The children have worked so incredibly hard this term and I am sure that they are ready for a rest over the Easter break. I must thank our families for fully supporting our Easter service at St. Martin's church this week. It was great to see the church so full and gave a wonderful end to the spring term. I was incredibly proud of our Year 4 children who read in church. For many, it was their first time reading to such a big audience and I must applaud them for their clarity and confidence- well done Year 4!

Thank you to all who attended our parent consultation evenings. Our doors are always open and would encourage any of our families to come and have a chat if time was short on the evening.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School



School parking and start times

Our school doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Any children arriving after the bell has gone (at 8.50am) should enter school through the office entrance. Whilst they will not get a late mark until registration is closed, it's important that the children arrive during this ten minute window.

It has also come to our attention that some adults are parking on Bond Street (across from school) when dropping off or collecting their child. A local resident has stated that this road is an unadopted road and therefore private. Please can I ask that parents and carers avoid parking on Bond Street. Thank you



Dear Lord,
I dwell upon the
goodness in my life.
Thank you.

I cherish you in my
heart, your gift to me.
Thank you.

I notice the blessings
of life, breath, loving
and sharing.

I am so very grateful.
Thank you.
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

After school activity clubs

Our after school activity clubs will re-start w/c 15th April. Children will be notified which clubs they have places for during the first week back after the Easter holidays.



Please note Tennis Club will start w/c 22nd April.

Your child can access all of our lunchtime clubs from the first week back, a list of these is available on the classroom window outside Year 4 and also with their class teacher. The lunch time clubs do not need to be pre-booked.

SATs Week

Commencing Monday 13th May we have our Year 6 SATs all week.

We ask that all children are in school on time every day so that we can start these assessments promptly. Please ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast before coming to school so that they are ready to achieve their best. Wishing all our Year 6 children the very best of luck.



School Dinners price increase

Due to the increase in food and energy costs over the last few years, governors have taken the very difficult decision to increase the price of our school dinners by £0.20p per meal from 8th April 2024.

This will mean our school dinner price will increase to **£2.50** per meal.

We would like to take this opportunity to make you aware that you may be entitled to free school meals for your child/children. Please follow this link below to check your eligibility

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/dio/apply-free-school-meals>



Coffee Morning



Our next Parent/Carer coffee morning will be Friday 12th April from 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to join our Senior Learning Mentor, Mrs Brearley for a chat.

Amazing Science

On Tuesday 12th March, the children at St Andrew's Junior School were joined by Dr Adamantiam from Sublime Science. We took part in workshops about sound, changes of state, materials and electricity. We also dabbled in chemistry and made our own slime and sherbet! The whole school were also treated to a fab interactive assembly and an outdoor demonstration called 'Wacky Rockets'. It was a fantastic day and everyone left with a real enthusiasm about science.

Here are some quotes from the children :

"That was brilliant, I loved the chemistry experiments! I want to be a scientist." - Jake (France)

"It was really fun and I learnt lots!" - Raya (Germany)

" I like how we used a small amount of ingredients to make the slime. It was so quick to make" Brogan (Italy)

"It was really exciting. I liked it when we put Mentos into lemonade and the bottles flew into the air" - Sophie (Italy)

"I like the Plasma ball. I liked how you could light the lightbulb without any contact with electricity" - Billy (Italy)



Y4 School Trip Reminder

Just a reminder to our Year 4 parents that their School Trip to Murton Park is the first day back after the Easter Break on Monday 8th April.

The children will need to be in FULL uniform with comfortable footwear. They will need to bring their water bottle and packed lunch (no glass bottles) with them in a disposable bag.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal and has pre-ordered their school packed lunch this will be ready for them in school. The coach will depart promptly at 9.00am so children must be in school at 8.40am.

The coach will return at approximately 4.00pm



Chat around the table



This week we have been thinking about the spring equinox. This is a special time of year which marks the beginning of springtime and when the daytime becomes longer than the night. Have a chat about how this feels? Why is this time special? What changes might we see around us?



Cresswell Crags Year 3 School Trip

This week our Year 3 children enjoyed some fabulous spring weather on their trip to Cresswell Crags. The children created cave art, practised Stone Age survival skills and visited a real Stone Age cave. Thank you as always to our parent volunteers who came



Yorkshire Attractions have many ideas and discounts for the Easter holidays. The link below will take you to their website containing all the relevant information for a variety of attractions throughout Yorkshire, for use during the Easter holidays and beyond

<https://yorkshireattractions.org/>

**yorkshire
attractions.org**



Red Nose Day



A huge thankyou to all the children/parents and carers that donated gorgeous buns and cakes for our cake stall on Red Nose Day.

We raised an incredible

£240.55



Royal News

The children (and staff) were very excited to receive this wonderful letter this week from Buckingham Palace following receipt of our fabulous Keepsake Book we sent to The King following his Coronation last year.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Private and Confidential14th March, 2024

To: The Pupils at St. Andrew's Junior School, Brighthouse,
c/o Mrs. Amanda Jocelyn, Head of School

The King has asked me to write and thank you for the splendid book full of your lovely poems, messages, prayers and artwork, that you so thoughtfully compiled and sent following His Majesty's Coronation.

It was so kind of you to take the trouble to write to The King as you did at this time. I can tell you that His Majesty was immensely touched to receive your book, and to know how much you had enjoyed the Coronation celebrations, and sends his grateful thanks and warmest good wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Royal Correspondence



World Book Day

Thank you to all of our families who supported their children with their costumes for World Book Day. The children spent time listening to famous authors and many participated in a book competition.

As always plenty of amazing costumes were on display in school for our World Book Day, here are a few photos of what was a fabulous day in school.



PTA News - Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our PTA for organising such a wonderful Mother's Day stall. We managed to raise some well needed funds for the school.

Our wonderful PTA are always looking for new volunteers to help plan and organise events throughout the year for our children.

If you think this is something you could help with, please do get in touch they would love to hear from you.



Phunky Foods



Well done to our Phunky Food Ambassadors (Averi, Florrie Ellan, Seb S and Dottie) who lead a whole school worship this half term. They spoke about keeping healthy and in particular what we should and shouldn't drink. The children were confident in delivering their message and some even dressed up as giant fruit!

If you want to know more about Phunky Foods follow this link <https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/>

We keep our children safe by...



... asking parents and carers to check where their children are keeping their phones.

In our PSHE lessons in some year groups we have been speaking to the children about setting alarms to help them get into a good routine for the morning and being independent. A number of children reported using mobile phones to set their alarms and mentioned that they keep them under their pillow throughout the night. This is a fire hazard and so we encourage our parents and carers to check where their children are keeping mobile phones during the night.

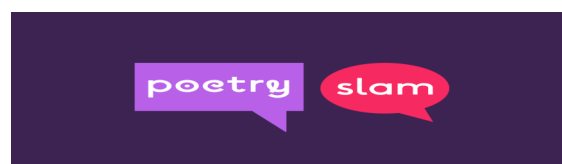
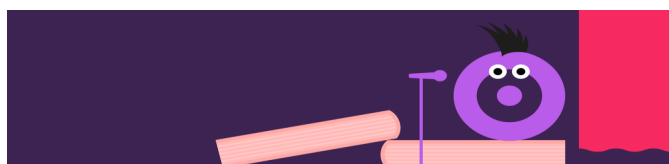
Year 6 Poetry Slam

This week our Year 6 children welcomed Matt Abbott from Calderdale Poetry Slam into school. The poetry workshop kept the children busy all day and they came up with some amazing work.

Our overall winners were 'Comfy Corner.' These students were Yanis Coman, Alice Marshall and Lacie O'Meara. These children will perform against other schools in Calderdale at the Victoria Theatre in April.

Our winners from Class USA were team 'Shopping' Sophia G, Macie and Hollie and Mollie

Our winners from Class India were team 'Food & Flags' Grace, Iris, Emilia and Elis





Park Tennis Club Open Day

Free Tennis for Kids!



Tennis for Kids is back

Don't miss out. Get involved & sign up now!

Tennis for Kids Open Day

Ages 4-10yrs	Saturday 13 th April	12 - 1.30pm
Ages 10yrs +	Saturday 13 th April	1.30 - 3pm

Lots of fun activities, prizes, stickers, free refreshments

All tennis equipment provided!!

Please contact to confirm your child/children's attendance

Kevin Hart: 07902 794201

Email: kevhartcoaching@sky.com

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/ParkTennisClub/Coaching

Park Tennis Club, Bute Ave, Brighouse, HD6 2JA

Calderdale
Council

SANCTUS EASTER CAMP

Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March
Ages 8 - 13 years | 9am - 1pm
Snacks & hot lunch included

- Learn the fundamentals of boxing through non-contact training
- Have fun through games, competitions and quizzes
- Learn healthy nutrition
- Participate in team building activities to develop confidence and social skills.

To book , please visit:
www.healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk
or email
sanctusfitnessandboxing@gmail.com



**Free for children
who receive free
school meals**

JUNIOR School Diary Dates



Diary Dates Summer Term 2023/2024



Please note diary dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

EVENT	DATE
School Re-Opens	Monday 8 April 2024
Year 4 Trip to Murton Park	Monday 8 April 2024
Railway Safety Assembly	Wednesday 10 April 2024
Coffee Morning – All welcome	Friday 12 April 2024
After School Activity Clubs restart	Monday 15 April 2024
Selected Y6 pupils to attend Poetry Festival @ Victoria Theatre	Monday 22 April 2024
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 6 May 2024
Class photographs	Wednesday 8 May 2024
Year 6 SATs Week – no holidays to be taken!	Monday 13 – Friday 17 May 2024
ALWAYS Assembly	Friday 24 May 2024 2:45pm
School closes	Friday 24 May 2024
Training Day – school closed to pupils	Monday 3 June 2024
School re-opens	Tuesday 4 June 2024
Brighthouse High staff to visit Y6 pupils	Tuesday 4 June 2024
Y3 talk on Judaism with Mrs Angel	Tuesday 4 June 2024
Year 2 Parent's Information Evening	Thursday 6 June 2024 6pm
Parent & Child Cookery Classes start	Thursday 6 June 2024 3.30pm
Year 5 sex and relationships education session 1	Monday 10 June 2024
Year 6 Phunky Foods cookery session	Tuesday 11 June 2024
Summer Fair	Friday 14 June 2024 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Year 5 sex and relationships education session 2	Monday 17 June 2024
Year 6 Bikeability	Tuesday 18 – Friday 21 June
Year 5 sex and relationships education session 3	Monday 24 June 2024
Year 3, 4 & 5 Disco	Thursday 27 June 2024 3.30pm - 4.45pm
Year 6 sex and relationships education	Monday 1 July 2024
Year 6 Open Minds Transition Workshop	Wednesday 3 July 2024
Sports Day	Thursday 4 July 2024
Calderdale Transition Day (Year 2 to join Juniors) Day 1	Friday 5 th July 2024
Reports home to parents	Monday 8 July 2024
Year 6 Leavers Performance	Tuesday 9 July 2024 2pm and 6pm
Sports Day (Reserve)	Wednesday 10 July 2024
Parent's Consultation Evening – Discussing your child's report. Appointment only. Contact office if required	Wednesday 10 July 2024 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Year 6 Alcohol & Drugs Awareness Session	Date to be confirmed
Year 6 Den Building	Thursday 11 July 2024
Year 6 to attend Brighthouse High School Sports Day	Friday 12 July 2024
After School Activity Clubs finish for the Year	Friday 12 July 2024
Y4 girls period talk	Monday 15 July 2024
Leaver's Assembly (at St Martin's Church)	Wednesday 17 July 2024 1pm
Year 6 Leaver's Party	Thursday 18 July 2024 6.30pm – 8.00pm
ALWAYS Assembly	Friday 19 July 2024 2:45pm
Finish for Summer 📅	Friday 19 July 2024
School Re-Opens to pupils	Wednesday 4 September 2024

INFANTS School Diary Dates

Summer Term 2024	
Monday 8 th April 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS
Monday 15 th April 2024	Clubs begin for 5 weeks
Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Year 1 Trip to Tropical World
Friday 19 th April 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 3 Family Worship
Friday 26 th April 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 4 – Pace Egg Play
Thursday 2 nd May 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Friday 3 rd May 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 1 Family Worship
Friday 3 rd May 2024 @ 1:45pm – 3:00pm	Class 2 Gruffalo Tea Party – info to follow
Monday 6 th May 2024	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 9 th May 2024	Reception Trip to Smithills Farm
Friday 10 th May 2024	Non-Uniform Day (Bring a bottle for the May Fayre)
Friday 10 th May 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 3 Family Worship
Friday 10 th May 2024 @ 1:45pm – 3:00pm	Class 1 Gruffalo Tea Party – info to follow
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Ice Lolly Fundraiser
Thursday 16 th May 2024 @ 2:15pm	May Festival (ticket only for the retinue and Y2 parents)
Thursday 16 th May 2024 @ 2:45pm	Year 2 Maypole Dancing in playground (all welcome)
Thursday 16 th May 2024 @ 3:30pm – 5:00pm	May Fayre – All welcome! (stalls, raffles, food and more!)
Tuesday 21 st May 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase
Thursday 23 rd May 2024	Class Photographs
Friday 24 th May 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Always Assembly
Friday 24 th May 2024	SCHOOL CLOSSES – HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd June 2024	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 7 th June 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 2 Family Worship
Monday 10 th June 2024	Clubs begin for 5 weeks
Friday 14 th June 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 6 Family Worship
Tuesday 18 th June 2024	Ice Lolly Fundraiser
Thursday 20 th June 2024 @ 6:00pm – 7:00pm	New Starters September 2024 Parents'/Carers' Info Session
Friday 21 st June 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 5 Family Worship
Thursday 27 th June 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning – Transition Focus
Friday 28 th June 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 4 Family Worship
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024 Year 2 – 10:00am Year 1 – 11:00am REC – 1:30pm	Sports Day (children can come to school in sportswear)
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase
Thursday 4 th July 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase
Friday 5 th July 2024	Transition Day - Year 2 transfer all day to Juniors & current Rec & Year 1 transfer to new class
Friday 5 th July 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 3 Family Worship
Friday 5 th July 2024 @ 10:00am – 11:00am	New September 2024 Reception children to visit
Friday 5 th July 2024 @ 1:30pm – 2:30pm	New September 2024 Reception children to visit
Monday 8 th July 2024	Reports sent home
Monday 8 th July 2024 @ 2:00pm	Year 2 Musical Performance – dress rehearsal (invite juniors)
Tuesday 9 th July 2024 @ 2:30pm	Year 2 Musical Performance for parents/carers
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	Sports Day (alternate day if wet – same times!)
Wednesday 10 th July 2024 @ 3:30pm	Report consultation – drop in session
Friday 12 th July 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Year 2 Musical Performance in Friday Worship
Monday 15 th July 2024 @ 11:00am	Year 2 performance for the Community
Wednesday 17 th July 2024 @ 2:00pm	End of Year/Year 2 Leavers' Service in St Martin's Church
Thursday 18 th July 2024 @ 5:00pm – 6:30pm	Year 2 Leavers' Party (Y2 children only)
Friday 19 th July 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Always Assembly
School closes: Friday 19 th July 2024 and re-opens – Wednesday 4 th September 2024	