

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



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## Diary Dates

**Monday 6th May**  
May Bank Holiday  
School Closed

**Wednesday 8th May**  
Class photographs

**Friday 10th May**  
Y5 School Trip  
Yorkshire Sculpture Park

**Monday 13-17th May**  
Y6 SATS WEEK  
No holidays to be taken

**Friday 24th May**  
ALWAYS assembly

**Friday 24th May**  
School closes for Half Term

**Monday 3rd June**  
Training Day  
School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 4th June**  
School re-opens to pupils



## Headteacher's Message

Over the last month we've been incredibly busy at St. Andrew's.

We've had dance workshops for Years 3 and 4, had some year 6 pupils attend a poetry slam at Victoria Theatre, Year 4 visit to Murton Park and even had our amazing choir perform at Halifax Minster. It's made for a great start to our summer term and we look forward to many more exciting events coming up this term.

I have been working with the pupils to get some great ideas for how we can develop the lower garden area of the playground (behind the trim trail). It's an area which has been out of use for many years and one that I am keen to develop. I am looking for any parents, carers or grandparents who might be keen to work with me on developing this space. Perhaps you work with a company who promote community days or work for a business who can supply the materials needed? Or perhaps you're particularly good at writing funding bids? I'm hoping that with a team of volunteers, we can get the garden up and running and make it into a forest/ fun activity area where children can explore, build dens, identify wildlife etc.

The initial meeting to go through the ideas will take place in school on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm**. All adults welcome.

Please let the office know if you plan on attending so that I can book the appropriate room space in school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

**Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School**

The logo for Summer Term, featuring the words 'Summer Term' in a large, bold, yellow font. A pair of blue sunglasses is positioned above the letter 'u' in 'Summer'.

## School Office - Polite reminder

Please note that due to our weekly Staff Briefing on a Thursday morning the office is closed for an extra 10 minutes from 8.30am-8.40am.

Please try and call outside of this time so your call can be answered. Thank you





Dear Lord,

Thank you,  
God for this day  
from dawn to dusk  
I will rest in your  
promises of love,  
direction,  
protection,  
grace and truth.

Amen

## School Uniform

There are a few children wearing black skirts or leggings and also trainers. Please can I remind parents and carers of our expectations for our school uniform. Children can wear grey skirts or grey trousers. Leggings are not part of our school uniform.

If you need support with this, we have plenty of spare uniform for free in our PTA cupboard.

If you cannot provide school shoes for your child, please speak to Mrs Brearley who will assist you.

Please support our uniform policy as a child cannot earn their Always Badge if school uniform is not always worn.



## 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.



## 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

## Chat around the table

This week we have been thinking about who Saint George was.

Can you have a chat about:

- Why are people made saints?
- Why was George made into a saint?
- What did George do to help others?
- Who is he the patron saint of?

### Saint George and the Dragon



## Save the Date ...

Our fantastic PTA are underway planning our Summer Fayre. This super fundraising event is a highlight of our school year and the children all enjoy setting up the stalls and games ready for the event. Details of how you can help will follow soon but until then please save the date.

**FRIDAY 14th June 3.30-5.00pm**



## Y4 Trip to Murton Park

Recently, Year 4 visited the amazing Murton Park. The children were settlers for the day and were tasked with looking after the Viking village by order of the village elder. They got to make traditional clay lanterns, learn Viking games and even did guard duty and weapons training so they knew exactly what life was like in Viking times.



## Huddersfield Town School Competition

Well Done to Macie, Eli, Seb & Felix for representing our school in Huddersfield Town's Shared Goals event.

The children got to attend a match and show their banner at half time.

They were interviewed by match day announcer Paul Ramsden and may be appearing on Town's social media soon.

Thankyou for being great ambassadors of St Andrew's School.





## School Choir Competition



Our wonderful choir performed this week at the Halifax Minster. They competed against lots of schools in Calderdale and sang "Stronger Together".

See our Facebook page for a video clip of their performance. The children started the day with a trip into Halifax on the train (which was a fun experience in itself) and then sang their socks off in the minster.



Well done to all who performed and thank you to Mrs Clarke for taking the time to arrange this special trip.

Not only did the choir have a lovely day, they also won the 'Most Engaging Choir' award too. Well done!

## Family Support

Did you know that if your child has additional needs that you can receive support through Unique Ways? They also offer free sleep support with a sleep practitioner. Many parents speak to myself and our learning mentors about their child's difficulties sleeping and so I would encourage anyone who is struggling with this to take a look at their website:

<https://www.uniqueways.org.uk/the-sleep-fairy/>

If you would like more information about ASD or ADHD and how the referral process to Open Minds works, this can be found here: <https://openmindscamhs.org.uk/how-to-refer/> It has information on how schools or parents can make the referrals and the different support options which are available.

## What have we done recently to support or vision of 'Promoting Excellence within a caring, Christian community?'

In recent weeks our Eco Warriors have been selected and given their special badge.



They have started their work with Mrs Helliwell, our Eco Warrior leader, on making our school more eco-friendly. They have already chosen a new recycling bin and come up with ideas as to how we can recycle more efficiently.

We will keep you updated as to the progress they are making. Well done to all the pupils who wrote fantastic letters of application and were chosen to represent their class.

## Upcoming visitors to worship

On Tuesday we will be welcoming in two local police officers to lead a special school assembly. They will be talking to the children about phone and online safety. They will talk about where to go if a child has a concern and who they can talk to.



## September 2024 admissions

Do you know anyone wanting to start reception in September? We still have spaces available. Please pass this message on and encourage anyone thinking about making the move to book a tour of both of our schools.



# ST ANDREW'S CE (VA) INFANT SCHOOL



## RECEPTION PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

**We still have a small number of spaces available.  
Contact us on 01484 714964 to enquire.**



**We are Ofsted GOOD with OUTSTANDING features:**

<p>"Pupils are happy and enthusiastic learners. They are proud of their work and love to talk about what they know and remember."</p>	<p>"Pupils say they are all good friends and love playing together. They enjoy helping others."</p>	<p>"Leaders are passionate about the pupils' personal development. The school has an exceptional personal development offer"</p>
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**"Learning in every subject starts in the Reception class.  
The curriculum gives children a firm foundation on which  
to build future learning."**

**A place at the Infant School guarantees your child a place  
at our OFSTED OUTSTANDING Junior School.**

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ST ANDREW'S CE (VA) INFANT SCHOOL, LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD, BRIGHOUSE, HD6 2HH

## Grammar School Admissions

We have received this information from the Halifax grammar schools and would encourage parents of children in Year 5 to take a look if they are thinking that their child may want to sit the 11+ this year.

Please find below a link to our e-booklet which provides information regarding admission arrangements for North Halifax Grammar School and the Crossley Heath School for entry in September 2025 alongside a timetable of events. Please also see the Admissions section of the school website [ADMISSIONS](#) for further information.

Or click this link for the online admission booklet [HALIFAX GRAMMAR SCHOOLS 2025](#) please see their websites for the open evening dates.



## Parent and 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

A letter will be sent via our Teachers2parents app this evening with further details of this Cooking club, as places are VERY limited it will be on a first come first served basis. Please note you will have to confirm you can attend all 3 sessions in order to be considered.



## We keep our children safe by...



We keep children safe by asking that parents check their child's phone, particularly WhatsApp.

Recently, a Year 5 and 6 group set up by pupils at a local primary school had been hacked through one child's account, and its name changed to 'Add your contacts.'

Sadly around 250 children over a weekend added their contacts, to the hacked account which then displayed abusive material including strongly inappropriate images, which are likely to have originated outside of the UK. This group account has since been reported to both What's App and the Police.

A responsible parent/carer would prevent any access to social media until their child is at least 13 years old.

## Reminder—Year 5 school trip

On Friday 10th May our Year 5 children will be going to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

They can wear non-uniform, sturdy shoes and a warm waterproof coat as they will be outside all day. The children will have two sessions at the park. One will include an artist-led, interactive walking tour to look at contemporary sculptures. Through questioning, making and drawing, the children will develop their creative and critical thinking skills and develop their sculptural vocabulary.



## Communicating



There is a new and FREE App to download to Apple or Android devices that separating or separated parents may benefit from.

It aids the improvement of communication and better management of their relationships to help avoid conflict around their children.

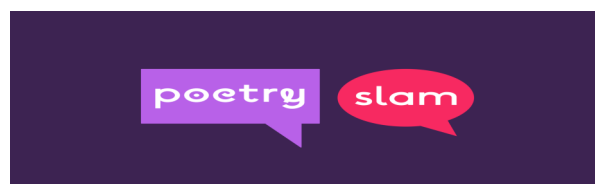
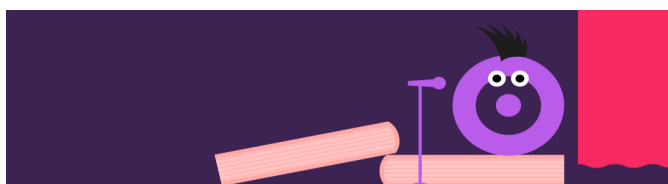
<https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-better>



## Year 6 Poetry Slam Final

Year 6 were extremely lucky to experience a workshop lead by the poet Matt Abbott. They were given 'refuge' as a chosen theme and had to write their own poems with this in mind. The winners would perform their piece alongside other groups from schools within Calderdale at the Victoria Theatre.

Yanis, Lacie and Alice from class India were our school's chosen winners with 'Comfort is my refuge'. They were true role models and Mrs Caygill is exceptionally proud of them. They displayed a mature attitude and were extremely brave to perform to such a large crowd on such a big stage. Well done everyone!



## Library Trips - all year Groups

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are all visiting the library this half term. Pupils are being encouraged to become a member. Angharad Hoults, from Brighouse Library, kindly showed us around and introduced us to all the amazing services that the library has to offer.

This week, it was year 5's turn. They learnt about the Dewey Decimal System and how the books are organised. They got chance to take part in a 'Poetry Spine' activity, where they made their own poems from the titles of books. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon, and many of our children came home with a library book.

For details of our fantastic local library and what services it offers the local community please follow the link here :

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/council-locations/brighouse-library>



# FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM SERVICE AT THE YMCA

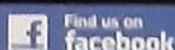
Calderdale school uniform



Primary and Secondary  
school uniforms available.

We collect all uniform items  
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**Free service**  
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Tel: 01422 353626

The Halifax YMCA, Crossley Street, Halifax. HX1 1UG







# ONLINE WORKSHOP

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INTRO  
PRICE

## READY TO LEARN

FOR PARENTS & CARERS COVERING  
**BRAIN GYM ACTIVITIES**  
FOR EMOTIONAL REGULATION  
& READINESS TO LEARN &  
THEORY

## LEARN & PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

SEE THE DIFFERENCE  
FOR YOURSELF!

READY TO USE WITH YOUR  
CHILD THE NEXT DAY

**FOR PARENTS / CARERS:**

**TUES 23RD OR THURS 25TH  
APRIL 2024**

**12.00-13.00 £30 PER PERSON**

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# RESPONSIBILITY

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value RESPONSIBILITY. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY TOGETHER...

We all have gifts, abilities and talents (the word talent originated from the word used to describe a gift of money in the Bible story opposite). We have a **responsibility** to use our talents for the good of others not just ourselves. Sometimes this will be enjoyable and fun but sometimes it will be hard work and might involve making sacrifices.

- What are your special talents?
- How are you using your talents to help others?



## FAMILY FOCUS

### Buried Treasure

When the man in the story buried the 'talents' that he'd been given, it didn't do him or anyone else any good! Challenge each member of the family to write down 2 talents that they recognise in each of the others. When you all share what you've written (there may be some surprises!) decide how these talents could be even further developed and used for the good of others.



## READ TOGETHER... The Parable of the Talents

*A 'talent' in the time that this story was written was a large sum of money.*

Jesus told a story about a master who had three servants. He was going away for a long time. So he called his three servants to him and gave each a share of his money. To the first he gave five talents, to the second he gave two and to the third, one talent. The master wanted his servants to make the best use they could of his money while he was away.

When the master finally returned home he asked his servants how they had used the talents they had been given. The first servant had doubled his money to ten talents by buying a flock of sheep and selling all the lambs. The master was really pleased. With a big smile on his face he said, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have proved yourself trustworthy with little, now I will give you even more **responsibility**."



The second had used his gifts as a potter, bought some clay, made some pots and sold them. Now he had four talents. Again his master was delighted. "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have proved yourself trustworthy with little, now I will give you even more **responsibility**."

But the servant who had been given just one talent had hidden it. Quietly, he told his master that he was afraid and had buried his talent in the ground in case he lost it. The face of his master became angry. "You lazy servant. You could at least have put the money in the bank and gained a little interest for when I returned." And he ordered the one talent to be taken from him and given to one of the other servants.

Jesus wanted us to understand that however much money, or whatever talents or abilities we have been given, we each have a **responsibility** to make the most of these things, otherwise we risk losing them altogether.

Bible story based on Matthew 25:14-30



## QUIZ Growing Talents

You have been given 1 talent. If you double it in one year, and each year double it again, after four years you would have 16 talents!



After.. 1 yr = 2, 2 yrs = 4, 3 yrs = 8, 4 yrs = 16

How many talents would you have after 4 years if you started with 2 or 3 or even 5 or 10?



After.. 1 yr = ..., 2 yrs = ..., 3 yrs = ..., 4 yrs = ...





## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### Budding Businesses

The Parable of the Talents is about making the most of what you have for others.

Why not use £1 (or even £5 if you can afford it) from your pocket money and see how many times you can multiply it. Decide on a good cause that would benefit most from your gift.

For example;

- you could buy some card and use stencils to make gift tags to sell for Christmas
- clean the cars of family friends or relatives
- buy ingredients to make biscuits or cakes to sell



### THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

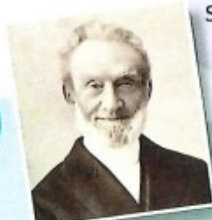
"With great power,  
comes great **responsibility**"

*Spider-man*



## HALL OF FAME

### George Muller



As a teenager growing up in Germany, George felt confused about what he wanted to do with his life. He often stole money from his parents to buy alcohol, got drunk and ended up getting arrested for breaking the law.

One Saturday in November 1826, George and his good friend Beta were invited to the house of a Christian for a special meeting. People read from the Bible, sang songs of worship to God and prayed. George wrote in his diary, 'I have found the treasure I have been seeking all my life.' He was 21 years old.

Soon after this George sensed God was calling him to become a missionary, but his father was so angry he refused to pay for his training. From this point George learned to trust God to provide for his needs.

When he moved to England and visited Bristol, George saw children on the streets with no homes to go to and no food to eat. He felt an overwhelming sense of **responsibility** to do something for them. He rented and bought large houses for the children to live in, ensured they were well fed and taught them to read and write. He never asked for money. Instead, George prayed and found that people were moved by God to give things that could be sold and money to pay the rent. The money kept coming - sometimes a sixpence from a child, sometimes £5000 from a businessman!

As each child in his orphanages became old enough to move out, George would pray with them, placing a Bible in their right hand and a coin in the left. He explained that if they held on to what was in their right hand, God would always make sure there was something in the other hand as well.



## FASCINATING FACTS



### Responsible Shopping

Fairtrade® began in England in 1992. The company was built on a belief that it is the **responsibility** of richer nations to ensure that workers are paid a fair price for their labour and the goods they produce, wherever in the world they live.

One of the first groups of workers to benefit were banana growers. Fairtrade® bananas first appeared on our supermarket shelves in 1994 and now 1 in 4 bananas sold in the UK comes from a Fairtrade® producer. Across the world people spend £10 billion per year on bananas.

Sylvie's family are banana growers in Ecuador. Her father used to sell bananas at the local market and barely earned enough to buy food and clothes for his family. Now six years after working with Fairtrade, he and other farmers in the villages nearby sell their crops across the world and they've made enough money to build a school and a Medical Centre. Sylvie and her friends go to school each day and now that they have computers in school, they are able to learn about other children all over the world! Sylvie is really happy and hoping to be a teacher herself one day.

