

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



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## Diary Dates

**Thursday 4th July**

Sports Day

**Friday 5th July**

Transition Day

**Thursday 9th July**

Year 6 Leavers Performance

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**Wednesday 17th July**

Leavers Assembly

**Thursday 18th July**

Y6 Leavers Party

**Friday 19th July**

Close for Summer

**Wednesday 4th September**

School re-opens for pupils



## Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have responded to the questionnaire I sent out. As a school we always value feedback and strive to improve. The results are overwhelmingly positive and massively reflect the hard work and dedication shown from the St. Andrew's team.

The key takeaways from our report are that from the responses received:

**Every parent or carer has stated that their child feels safe at school.**

**Children feel extremely happy at school.**

**Parents know that their children are taught well at school.**

**Nearly all pupils access the lunchtime or after school clubs available.**

**Not one family disagreed or strongly disagreed with whether the school is well led and managed.**

**Families receive a good amount of information about how their child is working and what they're covering in class.**

**Behaviour is exceptional.**

**The comments on what we're doing well show that families feel children are cared for and nurtured. Our caring vision came across extremely positive in the responses.**

We have had some new children join our school and so I would like to firstly welcome them and their families and also respond to some queries in the questionnaire and ensure that all adults know what information is available.

Firstly, families were asked whether they receive information about what their child is learning in school. I would like to signpost our families to the information shared throughout the year. Teachers send out a half termly curriculum letter. This sets out exactly what is being covered in the upcoming half term (6 per year) and the key vocabulary which is being taught. We also invite families to an information evening in September and during this meeting, teachers discuss the main topics and objectives being covered. The curriculum letters are also available on our website should the link only go to one parent for example. They are all available here: <https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/year-groups/>.

Secondly, I asked the question as to whether families receive valuable information about their child's progress. Teachers meet with parents and carers in October and discuss how their child has settled in. At Christmas and Easter parents and carers receive a Promoting Excellence report. These reports state how their child is performing in reading, writing and maths. Teachers also send home targets and colour code information such as attitude to learning, behaviour, punctuality etc. In March our teachers meet with families for a second parents evening. This is then followed by an end of year report in which teachers comment on progress and attainment in each area of the curriculum. Our families are more than welcome to discuss these reports with teachers on 10<sup>th</sup> July and should make an appointment if they wish to do so.

**Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School**



Dear Lord,

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

### Holidays during term time

Please be reminded that from September there will be some changes being made to the prosecutions for families taking holidays during term time.

Taking holidays in term time will affect children's schooling as much as any other absence and we expect parents to support us by not taking children away in school time. In line government guidance, the Headteacher will not grant any leave of absence for holidays in term time. Holidays taken in term-time will be recorded as 'unauthorised' and the authority will administer fines should holidays be taken.

Fines from Calderdale Local Authority will be £80 per parent per child. This fine increases if not paid within 14 days. This includes fines going to any stepmother or stepfather who take the child on holiday whether or not they have parental responsibility. The fine will not go to a parent who does not take the child on holiday. For example if a child lives with mum and stepfather and they go on holiday, they will both receive a fine for the child.

### Parking

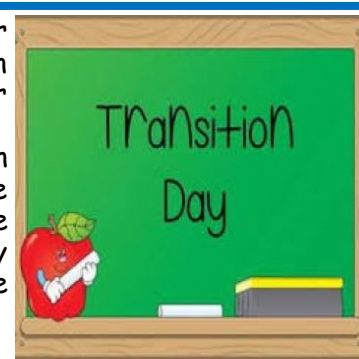
Please can we ask again that parents do not park on the zig-zag lines directly outside school. This is extremely dangerous. Please help to keep our children and parents/carers safe by parking further away from school where it is safe to park and walking the short distance to the school entrance. Please also do not park on the pavements or opposite school on the corner as access is required by pedestrians pushchairs and wheelchairs.



### Transition Day

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July we will have our transition day. Pupils will spend time in their new classroom and will meet their new class teachers.

All pupils will receive a transition booklet which has information about the adults who will be working in the classroom and information which may help your child feel more comfortable about the transition.



### Breakfast / Kids Club Hours

Breakfast club hours are 7.30am—8.40am—please do not arrive before this time or leave your children at the door unattended.

Please note that from September 2024 Kids Club at both the Infants and Junior School will be open until 6.00pm Monday—Friday.



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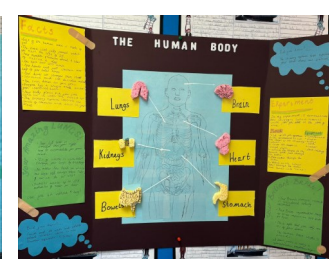
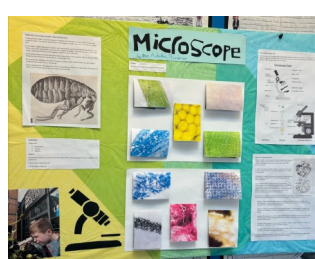
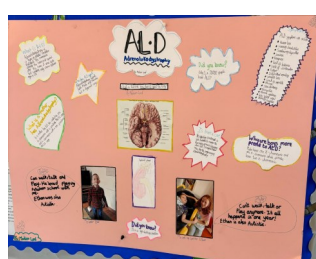
## Science Days out

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, as part of our partnership with The Ogden Trust, four Year 6 pupils visited Ryburn Valley High School to see what science is like in a higher education setting. They explored the Science Lab and conducted some exciting experiments. They got to use a Bunsen Burner and even saw Mrs Cowman hold a ball of flames in her hands! Everyone had a fab morning, and the children were excellent role models for St Andrews



Children from all year groups have been busy making their fantastic Science boards this term! From Hybrid Cars to The Solar System, the children produced some amazing work.

Four Winners have been chosen to represent St Andrew's Junior School at the Ogden Trust Science Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Congratulations to: Madison, Ben, Luca and Ariana Thank you to everybody that took part. You all did a superb job!



## Netball Club



Our amazing team from across Year 5 & 6 have had a fantastic season so far and the whole team have managed to play a part in our various local matches.

We have seen so much improvement in the team over the weeks and a huge congratulations to them for their continued efforts and amazing team spirit. They have represented St Andrew's School well and we are very proud of them all.

This week we had an AWAY match at Woodhouse Primary School.

Next week we are HOME to Northowram Primary



As always a thank you to our wonderful parents for supporting the team travelling to and from the local primary schools for the matches.

## Wellholme Park Mural

We were invited to paint a mural on a hoarding at Wellholme Park that has been built to keep people safe as the new flood defenses are being built. A small group of children painted the most amazing, beautiful and colourful butterfly. Look out for it when you visit the park.



## 24 Competition

St Andrew's hosted a 24 competition in which other local schools and our own pupils battled it out to score the most points for their school teams.

The children had a fantastic morning meeting new people and practicing their arithmetic and speed skills.

Our overall winner was Billy Sykes in Year 6 USA. St Andrew's also secured the team trophy too! Well done to everyone who took part and thank you also to some of our past St Andrew's pupils who attended from Brighthouse High School to adjudicate the event for us.



## 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

## Homework

Some families have raised concerns over how we set our homework. I have listened to this feedback and from September we will no longer use the CGP books used this year. Pupils will continue to have their reading books sent home daily and spellings sent home weekly. Children will also be given a times table to focus on for the half term. There will then be a list of optional (and more creative) homework on our curriculum letters for the half term. These homework suggestions will be linked to the topics being covered in class (for example, this year our Year 3 pupils had the option of making a Roman shield). Any feedback on this will be well received.

## We keep children safe by...

Next week all pupils will have a water safety assembly run by Yorkshire Water. We know that many children locally make use of the River Calder and we want to ensure that all of our pupils receive information each year on how to stay safe in these areas.

## Summer Solstice Picnic

Well the sun finally showed up just in time for the children to enjoy the Summer Solstice picnic. A huge thank you to the kitchen staff who put on a wonderful buffet for the children to enjoyed outside on their picnic blankets. A lovely relaxed lunchtime that was enjoyed by all.



## Summer Fair

Thank you for all the families who attended our Summer Fair this year. Our Year 5 children worked incredibly hard on their stall games. Their team work was super.

Thank you to all who donated bottles and gifts, bought raffle tickets and helped set up and help clear away, as always it is very much appreciated.

We raised an incredible **£1363.46** which will go towards developing our bottom forest area of the playground.



## Parent & Child Cooking Club

Some of our families have taken part in a 3 week Phunky Foods after school club. They have made Fruit kebabs, crunchy fruit pots & hedgehog bread rolls. In the last session they will be making a Greek salad. All involved have really enjoyed the club and we hope to run it again next year so watch out for more info in the future.



## Help for families

Please have a look below to see if you are eligible for help to buy formula milk for your little ones, self referral can be made. If you have any questions please see Mrs Brearley who may be able to help.

### Calderdale Emergency Infant Formula Pathway



#### Self-referral

In person, on the phone, by email.

#### Professional referral

Social care, HEYS Worker, Midwifery, Health Visiting, Calderdale Lighthouse, Mothershare, Job Centre, CAB, Noah's Ark, Schools, Early Years Settings, Food banks, Early Help.

#### Referral to EAST team

Phone: 01422 288005 | Online: <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/benefits/early-advice-and-support-team-east>

Go in person to: Customer First Halifax, 19 Horton Street, HX1 1QE. EAST team in on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 4pm. Other days the Customer First Team will send an electronic referral to EAST.

#### EAST team collect details from the family

Conversation with the EAST team with the parent to understand feeding status and financial need – complete request form that will go on to Health Visitor.

#### Family referred to the Health Visiting Service

EAST team to contact Health Visiting Team with a word document with information on families who have requested a voucher to secure email [lcp.calderdalepheyservice@locala-cic.nhs.uk](mailto:lcp.calderdalepheyservice@locala-cic.nhs.uk)

**e-voucher issued to the family** for a supermarket and guidance given on how to redeem – can be sent by email, text message or printed and collected from Customer First, Halifax.

#### Health visitor follow up

HV team reports to admin who notify the infant feeding team and the duty team for the area in which the family live. HV contacts the family within 10 working days and does a full health assessment with the family. Referrals made to appropriate support services.

#### Voucher spent at chosen supermarket

EAST can check where the voucher has been redeemed.

Calderdale Emergency Infant Formula Pathway | May 2024

## Summer Reading Challenge



The children had a visitor to their assembly this week, the wonderful Fran from Brighouse library, she talked to them about the Summer Reading Challenge in Calderdale libraries starting on 6th July, running for 6 weeks with the challenge being for children to read 6 books over the summer holidays.

They can read anything they like (really - anything!) and collect free rewards and prizes for their reading. Just pop in to your local library and sign up.



For more information on the summer challenge or how to get a library card for your child please follow the link :

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/libraries/libraries-children>

## Warmer weather



Reminder to all parents to remember to send water bottles in for the children for their classrooms please. These can be refilled several times during the day and cups can of course be provided if your child forgets their water bottle but a closed water bottle is preferred.

A few parents have also enquired about sun cream. Our preference is the children come to school with the all day sun cream already applied however if you need to send some that is fine but the children will have to apply it themselves. Please do not send in any that have coconut or strong scents. Thank you.

## Sports Day

Our annual sports day is due to take place on Thursday 4th July (weather permitting) the children will set up the playground area for adults to watch the various races and activities around the field and track areas.

We anticipate the event starting at 9.15am

We would like to remind parents and carers that no photographs or videos can be taken at this event for safeguarding reasons. Please also remain in the seated areas.

In the event we have to postpone this event our reserve date is Wednesday July 10th



## School Meals



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 4th September 2024.

This will mean our school dinner price will increase to £2.70 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>

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. Our new menu will be available to view on the website at the end of this term.





**St Andrew's C.E. (VA) Infant & Junior Schools**  
*'Promoting Excellence in a Caring Christian Community'*



**We currently have the following vacancy based at the Infant to start September 2024:**

**Teaching Assistant  
30 Hours per week**

**Scale 3, SCP 5-6**

**This post is being advertised internally in the first instance.**

For more information about the post please speak to the Head of School, Mrs Joanne Swallow on 01484 714964.

**Expressions of interest should be given in writing to Mrs Swallow by Friday 28 June 2024 latest.**



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**We currently have the following vacancies based at the Junior School to start 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024:**

**General Midday Supervisor**

**Monday – Friday**

**11.50am – 1.15pm**

**Scale 1b, SCP 2**

**£11.59 (pay award pending)**

**Cleaner**

**14.5 hours per week**

**Monday – Friday**

**3.15pm – 6.15pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri**

**3.15pm – 5.45pm Thur**

**Scale 1b, SCP 2**

**£11.59 (pay award pending)**

**This post is being advertised internally in the first instance.**

For more information about the post please speak to the Head of School, Mrs Amanda Jocelyn on 01484 712895.

**Expressions of interest should be given in writing to Mrs Amanda Jocelyn by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 latest.**



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**We currently have the following vacancies based at the Infant to start Wednesday 4th September 2024:**

**Breakfast Club Assistant 5 hours  
7.50am – 8.50am Mon-Fri**

**Scale 1b, SCP 2  
£11.62 (pay award pending)**

**This post is being advertised internally in the first instance.**

For more information about the post please speak to the Head of School, Mrs Joanne Swallow on 01484 714964.

**Expressions of interest should be given in writing to Mrs Joanne Swallow by Friday 5th July 2024 latest.**