

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



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## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 4th September**

School re-opens

**Wednesday 11th September**

Weardale Residential

**Monday 16th September**

After school clubs resume

**Wednesday 18th September**

Parent Information evening

Y4 @ 3:30pm Y5 @ 4:30pm

**Thursday 19th September**

Parent Information Evening

Y3 @ 3:30pm Y6 @ 4:30pm

**Thursday 26th September**

Weardale Presentation  
evening

**Tuesday 1st October**

Harvest Festival  
at St Martin's Church 1.15pm



## Headteacher's Message

So Long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye (little nod to the Sound of Music there for Mrs Jocelyn!), or as our children sing, 'the time has come, to move along, learn to sing a different song' - my time has come to a close at St Andrew's. The journey has been amazing!

I have made so many memories that I will carry with me forever, from deer in the playground (Infants), to St Andrew's Bake Off (particularly enjoyed being a judge on that!), to winning the Church Schools Choir of the Year award (both schools). Mostly it is your children that have filled my soul, each and every day with their smiles and chatter.

I feel so privileged to have been here at St Andrew's and to be part of the educational journey for so many children. I thank each and every one of you for all your kindness and support. I am so proud of everyone, we really do live our CARING vision and Promote Excellence within a caring, Christian community. I know that St Andrew's will continue to go from strength to strength. I will continue to support schools across Calderdale as an Associate with the School Effectiveness Team and will be popping up on Ofsted inspections as a team inspector; in between that, I will finally sort my cupboards out at home!!

In the words of Winnie the Pooh 'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard' but I will try to follow the advice of Dr Seuss 'Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.'

My heartfelt thanks to you all

Mrs K Smith

Goodbye



Dear Lord,

Today, don't let me  
lose my joy, my peace,  
my mind or my focus  
in Jesus' name.

Amen

## 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 with 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. Absence request forms **must** be completed before you go.

## Bake Sale

We held a bake sale in school this week for the wonderful charity Forget-Me-Not who continue to support one of our school families.

Thank you to everyone for sending in the sweet treats on Monday, we raised just under £230.

Thank you



## 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

## We keep children safe by.....

Last Monday, Years 5 and 6 took part in an NSPCC workshop all about 'Speak out. Stay safe'. The children were taught to understand signs of abuse and to speak out if they are worried. The children now know to speak to a trusted adult or ring the Childline number on 0800 1111 if they are concerned.

The children had fun making their own interactive chatterboxes which they took home to remind them what they had learnt. Both year groups behaved beautifully and asked many insightful questions to the NSPCC volunteers.

## 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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## St Andrew's Got Talent

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, the final of St Andrew's Got Talent took place. The finalists demonstrated their drumming, dancing and singing skills (to name but a few) and really wowed the school with their amazing talents. The eventual winners were Jackson from LKS2 and Hugo from UKS2.

A special well done also needs to be given to Seb who entertained everyone as a previous winner and Lola and Yanis who were the hosts for the evening. Well done everyone who was involved.



## Choir

Choir have been very busy this half term.

First, they performed at Brighthouse Library for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. The following week, they then performed at the Victoria Theatre as part of Voices Together.

Mrs Clarke would like to thank all choir members for their hard work and dedication this year. They've had so many new songs and choreography to learn as well as performances to prepare for that they've not had a rest all year! They fully deserve to be an award winning choir and she's looking forward to even greater things next year!



## Diary Dates 2024–2025



### Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024/2025

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



EVENT	DATE
School Re-opens	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Weardale Y6 Residential	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Clubs start	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Parent Information Evening in school	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Y4 @ 3:30pm Y5 @ 4:30pm
Parent Information Evening in school	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Y3 @ 3:30pm Y6 @ 4:30pm
Year 6 Weardale Presentation	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 @ 9:05am
Harvest Festival at St Martin's Church	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 - 1.15pm
Parent's Consultation Evening (in school)	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm
Parent's Consultation Evening (in school)	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm
Year 3 and 4 disco	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm
Year 5 and 6 disco	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm
School Photographs (Individual)	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024
Infant School Open Day for 2024 Reception Parents	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 10:00am – 12:00pm & 1:30pm – 4:30pm
Junior School Open day for Reception Parents 2024	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 10:00am – 12:00pm & 1.30pm – 4.30pm
ALWAYS Assembly	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 2:45pm
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
School Re-opens	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Children In Need Bun Sale (Y3& Y4 to bring buns)	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Nasal Flu Spray (whole school) – School Nurse Team	TBC
St Andrew's Day Assembly (no parents)	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 1:00pm
Non-Uniform Day (donations for Xmas Raffle)	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Christmas Post Box opens	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024
Christmas Fair	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Christmas Production (Year 3) – children only/Year 2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 10:00am
Christmas Production (Year 3) – parents	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 2:00pm
Christmas Production (Year 3) – parents	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 6:00pm
Year 3 Christmas Classroom Party	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 1:30pm
Carols @ St. Martin's Church	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 1:15pm
Christmas Lunch – Children only	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Year 6 Christmas Classroom Party	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Year 4 Christmas Classroom Party	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 1:30pm
Promoting Excellence sheets sent home to parents	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Year 5 Christmas Classroom Party	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 1:30pm
ALWAYS Assembly	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 2:45pm
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
School re-opens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025

## School Uniform Expectations

It is expected that all pupils will follow our Uniform Policy. This includes wearing either a grey school skirt (not black) of an appropriate length or grey school trousers or shorts. Pupils must wear school shoes. Trainers must not be worn unless in a PE lesson. Details about our uniform policy can be found on our website or your child's planner.

From September, parents or carers will be contacted immediately to provide the correct uniform if their child has not adhered to the correct uniform policy. Pupils will be provided with these items from school if parents or carers are unable to provide.

Pupils will only receive their Always badge if they have the correct uniform.

## Fun day out at Bridlington

Well the sun did not put in much of an appearance last Sunday for our seaside trip sadly, but we would like to offer a huge Thank you to St. Martin's Church and The Jigsaw Festival for funding the Bridlington trip.

Many of our school families were able to enjoy a wonderful day at the seaside because of their kind generosity.



## 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.

### Synagogue Trip—Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to the Synagogue last Monday. We enjoyed looking around the Synagogue and learning all about Shabbat. We even got to look up close at the Torah. It was very special.



### Football Tickets—Huddersfield Town

Huddersfield Town v Stevenage  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 3pm KO  
John Smiths Stadium  
Terriers Together Lower Tier

**FREE TICKETS**



If anyone would like to take advantage of the offer, they will need to email [grouptickets@htaafc.com](mailto:grouptickets@htaafc.com) and provide the following information

Lead Name  
Number of Tickets Required (adult & junior)  
Email Address

**Tickets will be emailed directly to the lead name.**

**Quote Promo Code - ANDREWS100**

Please note under 14's must be accompanied by an adult





## Early Help guidance and advice service for children and families. Are you a parent, carer, professional?

The sooner a family receives the right help, the sooner they are able to improve their situation and prevent the need for prolonged support.

Working together to get the right help at the right time.

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### What is the role of the Early Help Guidance and Advice Service?

The Early Help Guidance and Advice team sit alongside the Multi-Agency Screening Team (MAST). This service is Calderdale's first point of contact for families and professionals, to enable them to access services to meet their needs.

We have a dedicated advice line available for professionals, parents, carers and young people.

This will be accessible from 9am–5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am–4pm Friday (excluding bank holidays).

We will work in partnership with other agencies offering advice and guidance to achieve the best possible outcome for children and families.

### What we can help with:

- We can provide details and signpost to a range of services to support you and your family.
- Access to parenting courses.
- Details of services that can support you with emotional health and wellbeing.
- Signpost to debt management services
- Details of specialist services for children and young people.
- Services available to children and young people.

### Find out more:

For advice and guidance, contact the Early Help and Advice Officers by email or phone: [earlyhelpadvice@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelpadvice@calderdale.gov.uk) or call: 01422 393387

For urgent Child Protection concerns, please contact MAST; [mastadmin@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:mastadmin@calderdale.gov.uk) Tel: 01422 393336



## Summer Clubs and Kids Eat out for Less

Halifax Holiday Club (at CI adventures) offer childcare throughout the summer. Their rates for the day start at £28 and there's so many exciting activities to choose from follow this link for more details <https://www.halifaxholidayclub.co.uk/>

Also here is the link for all the Healthy Holidays events available over the summer. Many are free, particularly to children who receive free school meals. Some also have the option to pay also. <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/communities/healthy-holidays-calderdale>

Artworks in Halifax also has some courses on over the summer, some concessions are available <https://www.everybodyarts.org.uk/>

### **DOWTK** Kids Eat Out For Less Day Out With The Kids **SUMMER Holidays 2024**

#### SUPERMARKETS & RESTAURANTS

**Morrisons** - Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when an adult spends £4.50 or more on a meal.

**ASDA** - Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

**Sainsbury's** - Kids eat for £1 with purchase of an adult hot meal from £5.20. This offer is valid daily from 11:30am until the cafe closes.

**Tesco** - Kids Eat Free with any adult purchase in the cafe when dining in with a Clubcard. Excludes weekends, valid until 30th August

**Toby Carvery & Harvester** - Kids eat for £1 Monday to Friday with the purchase of an adult meal. Valid on mains, carveries and breakfast until 30th August.

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#### RESTAURANTS

**Beefeater, Brewer's Fayre & Table Table** - Two kids under 16 eat breakfast for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased. OR Kids Main Meal Deals just £6.99 for 3 courses.

**IKEA** - Kids eat from 95p at IKEA or get a Kids Meals for £1.50.

**Premier Inn** - Enjoy all-you-can-eat Premier Inn Breakfast from just £10.99 and kids eat free. Available for up to TWO under 16s for every paying adult.

**YO Sushi** - Kids Under 12 Eat for Free at selected YO Sushi locations between 1st July-30th August when an adult spends £10 or more.

**The Real Greek** - Under 12s get a free kids meal for every £10 spent by an adult on Sundays.

Information correct at time of posting



### Kids Eat Out For Less SUMMER Holidays 2024

#### VIP Pass Members Discounts

**ASK Italian** - Kids Eat FREE Sunday-Thursday at 65 locations across the UK until 28th July.

**Hard Rock Cafe** - Kids Eat FREE at 5 venues across the UK. Enjoy 1 free kids meal per adult meal purchased.

**Golden Bus Tours** - 25% off Afternoon Tea Bus Tours

**Sizzling Pubs & Grill** - 20% off your total food bill when purchasing a main meal at 213 venues across the UK.

**Miller & Carter** - 20% off click & collect orders. Pre-Book your order online before collecting. Valid until 15th July.

**Welcome Break Services** - 20% off food at 34 venues across the UK

Secure more savings with your VIP Pass for £1 today!



## School Holiday Food Support

Are you a family struggling to feed the kids over the 6 week summer holidays?  
Focus4Hope would like to help.

Please send an email to [Nic@focus4hope.org](mailto:Nic@focus4hope.org)  
or call  
01484 443979 for more information



Dear parent/carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for **FREE** at your local library!

### What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.<sup>1</sup>

### Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

### How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

### When?

The Challenge will launch on **22 June** in Scotland and online; in England and Wales it will launch **6 July**. Look out for activities and events on our web page and social media platforms.

Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact [reading@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:reading@calderdale.gov.uk)

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READING  
AGENCY

## Summer Reading Challenge

Yours faithfully,  
Calderdale Libraries

### Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

### What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."*

Girl, aged 12+

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before."*

Parent/carer of 8-9 year-old girl

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading **fun**."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection."*

Parent/carer of 10-11 year-old boy