



St Andrew's C of E Infant School and Nursery Newsletter



16th October 2026



Message from Mrs Bashora

There has been lots of excitement in our learning this week. **Ducklings and Robins** enjoyed exploring the inside of a **huge pumpkin!** They scooped out the fleshy pulp and were amazed to find out how many seeds were inside. They are going to save some seeds to dry and plant in the spring.

Honeybees and Ladybirds discovered that some of their **gingerbread men biscuits** had come to life! The children were all so shocked and spent the rest of the morning investigating, searching for clues around the classroom and trying to work out where our cheeky gingerbread men had run off to!

Butterflies and Owls have been recalling their local walk in their writing and they have completed their wonderful Picasso inspired portraits.

Dragonflies and Kingfishers made careful observations of the **choice chambers** they had created for minibeasts at the edge of the school field. They discovered that some creatures prefer dark and damp conditions - there were so many woodlice under the pieces of wood and boxes - and the ladybirds preferred light and dry places.

In our **worships** this week we explored ways of looking after our wonderful bodies - our physical health and **mental health**. As part of **Black History Month** we are also hearing stories from different cultures and we all enjoyed Mama Panya's Pancakes - a village tale from Kenya all about the importance of sharing.

Have a lovely weekend!

Christian Value

Truthfulness is our
Christian school value
this half term

Ladybirds: Lily
Honeybees: Charlie
Butterflies: Harrison
Owls: Alexander
Kingfishers: Nico
Dragonflies: Noah C

Weekly Attendance Scores

Ladybirds: 96%
Honeybees: 93%
Owls: 99%
Butterflies: 98%
Kingfishers: 91%
Dragonflies: 93%

Best Class of the week is:
Owls

Shining Stars

awards this week go to:

Ladybirds: Poppy
Honeybees: Mara
Butterflies: Billy
Owls: Liliana
Kingfishers: Emma
Dragonflies: Arron

Hello Yellow Thank You!

Thank you for all your donations last Friday. We raised £152 to invest in outdoor improvements to improve our wellbeing.

Dates for your Diary

October

Tuesday 20th Year 2 Worden Park visit

Thursday 22nd School closes for Half Term Holiday

November

Monday 2nd School closed - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd School re-opens

Thursday 5th Joint St Andrew's and Woodlea OPEN DAY
2.00pm at St Andrew's

Monday 9th World Faith Week

Monday 16th Maths Week

Monday 23rd Whole School Dance Festival

December

Thursday 3rd Joint St Andrew's and Woodlea OPEN DAY
9.15am at St Andrew's

Wednesday 9th 2.00pm Nativity in church - all welcome

Thursday 10th Pantomime Day

Wednesday 16th Christmas Party

Thursday 17th Father Christmas Event

Friday 18th School closes for Christmas holiday

BOB's Book of Brilliance

Dragonflies

Galilea for a super demonstration of ball rolling in PE. Reenie for great autumn writing and Amelia for a super non-chronological report and for carefully planning and sketching a playground.

Kingfishers

Phoebe for super ideas when describing autumn using her senses and beautiful handwriting. Nico and Chester for fabulous independent work with number facts.

Butterflies

Isabelle for great morning work on addition and subtraction. Willow for great reading and comprehension in guided reading. Harrison for reading and writing tricky words in phonics and Billy for great work in guided reading finding the answers.

Owls

Thea and Mia for excellent Picasso style artwork.

Ladybirds

Lily, Wynter, Adam and Killian for fantastic work in drawing club

Honeybees

Abel, Layla and Ava for fantastic letter formation.

Mylah for trying her very best at practising letters and Lucie for writing 'Mum' as her magic code!

Well done everyone!

Star Writers

The awards this month go to:

Ladybirds
Scarlette

Owls
Eliza

Kingfishers
Evelina

Honeybees
Ava

Butterflies
Isobelle

Dragonflies
Amelia



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