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

6th November 2026

Message from Mrs Bashora

Everyone has settled back into school well after the half term break. All our classes have enjoyed starting their new topics and have been immersed in their learning indoors and outdoors – finding signs of autumn, building bonfires and flame dancing across the playground.
Our Core Christian value this half term is **Thankfulness.** We began the week, in worship, reflecting on the many things we are thankful for.
Have a lovely weekend!

Information on Upcoming Events

Next week is **World Faith Week.** The children in Reception and KS1 will have a special assembly finding out about the Hindu faith and will take part in Dance and Rangoli workshops. They will also take part in **African Drumming** on Thursday.
There is a cost for both the workshops which works out at **£5 per child.** We are politely asking for a contribution to support this cost, which you can make on School Spider.
Year 1 and 2 (not Reception this time) are visiting **church on Wednesday** for worship with Katy. This is at 2.00pm. The children are returning to school for normal pick up time. **We would be very grateful for parent/ carer helpers to walk with us to and from church.**
On Thursday afternoon, at 2.45pm in the hall, Ducklings, Robins, Ladybirds and Honeybees will be performing **Nursery Rhymes** for parents and carers as part as World Nursery Rhyme Week.
Further detail about Christmas events are on the diary dates below.

Christian Value

Truthfulness is our value this half term

Ladybirds	Elijah
Honeybees	Lottie-Louise
Butterflies	Sophia
Owls	Chester
Kingfishers	Alice
Dragonflies	Carter

Weekly Attendance

Ladybirds	98%
Honeybees	98%
Butterflies	94%
Owls	99.5%
Kingfishers	86%
Dragonflies	94%

Best attenders of the week are: Owls

Shining Stars

awards this week go to:

Ladybirds	Tillie
Honeybees	Bobby
Butterflies	Luna&Daisy
Owls	Marley
Kingfishers	Kohen
Dragonflies	Noah R

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PTFA Meeting

All Parents and Carers Welcome!

We warmly invite all new and existing parents and carers to join us for our next PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association) meeting.

Friday 13th November
After School Drop Off

Why is parent engagement so important?

- Builds a strong and supportive school community.
- Brings fresh ideas and enthusiasm.
- Helps to create wonderful opportunities for our children.
- Shows our children the value of working together.

What does our PTFA do?

Our PTFA is a friendly group of parents, carers and school staff who organise fun events and activities throughout the year, such as:


Summer Fair


Cake Sales


Discos


Raffles and more!


Through these events, the PTFA raises vital funds each year, which help to provide extra resources, equipment and special experiences for all our children.

We would love to see you there!

Christmas Craft Club

Come and get creative with Mrs Davies! This club is for children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. It will be on Mondays after school until 4.00pm. It starts on Monday 16th November and runs for five weeks, with the last session being on 7th December.
It will cost £2 per child. Bookings and payments can be made on School Spider from 5pm today. If you are able to book it means that your child has a space. If you are unable to book on it means that the club is full.

Dates for your Diary	
November	
Monday 9th	**World Faith Week** Donations can be made for the cost of the cultural workshops on School Spider – thank you!
Wednesday 11th	**Worship in church 2.00pm** Year 1 and Year 2 only
Thursday 12th	**African drumming workshops**
Friday 13th	PTFA Meeting after school drop off – all welcome
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
Thursday 3rd	**Year 1 visit to the fire station** as part of their Great Fire of London history project.
Wednesday 9th	2.00pm Nativity in church – all welcome
Thursday 10th	Pantomime Day – this is held in school time
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Party
Thursday 17th	Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th	Father Christmas Event – straight after school. Visit the grotto and enjoy fun and games. Further details to follow
Friday 18th	School closes for Christmas holiday

BOB's Book of Brilliance

Dragonflies

Seth for super jumping skills in PE.
Noah and Galilea for excellent writing using noun phrases.

Kingfishers

Darcy for super counting.
Harper for amazing effort with handwriting.
Evelina for excellent independent work.
Kohen for great listening in maths and explaining his answers clearly.

Butterflies

Isabelle for brilliant contributions in history.

Owls

Reggie for working hard in reading.
Thea for extended learning in morning work
Finley for marvellous maths.

Ladybirds

Tillie for working hard with reading at home.
Mikey-Lee for super blending.
James and Wynter for trying hard in PE.
Toby for super knowledge about Remembrance Day.

Honeybees

Layla for super letter formation.

Well done everyone!

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