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

## 13th November 2026





**Message from Mrs Bashora**

What an exciting week we've had. All our children have enjoyed a fantastic and vibrant World Faith Week. On Monday, we began with a special assembly where Prags shared insights into her Hindu dharma faith, helping us to understand more about Hindu beliefs and traditions. She led high-energy Bollywood dancing for Reception. KS1 got creative during rangoli pattern workshops, exploring the beautiful colours, shapes and intricate designs. The finished patterns are proudly displayed in our school library, so please do take a look when you visit. Of course, no celebration would be complete without a little tasting! The children enjoyed sampling delicious samosas, giving them a chance to experience another part of Indian culture.

We marked Remembrance Day with every class observing two minutes silence on the playground and listening to the cannon sounded at the cenotaph. KS1 also had Remembrance worship in church with Katy with time to reflect, say thankyou and to remember how much God loves each of us.

On Thursday we were all delighted to take part in an African drumming workshop. Phil, from Zambia led the children in energetic dancing and rhythmic drumming along to a wide variety of music styles. He explained how drumming is an important part of Christian celebrations and tribal traditions.

Finally, our youngest children in Ducklings, Robins, Ladybirds and Honeybees, delighted their families with a showcase of rhymes they sang to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week.

## Christian Value

Truthfulness is our value this half term

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| Ladybirds | James |
| Honeybees | George P |
| Butterflies | Cassius |
| Owls | Freya |
| Kingfishers | Kian |
| Dragonflies | Esme |

## Weekly Attendance

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| Ladybirds | 92% |
| Honeybees | 93% |
| Butterflies | 92% |
| Owls | 100% |
| Kingfishers | 95% |
| Dragonflies | 97% |

Best attenders of the week are: Owls

## Shining Stars

awards this week go to:

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| Ladybirds | Heidi |
| Honeybees | Layla |
| Butterflies | Jason |
| Owls | Finlay |
| Kingfishers | Harlee |
| Dragonflies | Connie |

**Coming up next week** ... Friendship Week begins on Monday. All our PSHE lessons will focus on building good friendship skills and developing respectful behaviour. On **Tuesday** we will have an **Odd Socks Day** to celebrate Individuality, embrace what makes everyone unique and show that it is ok to be different.

## Outdoor Learning

Our children, from Pre-School right through to Year 2, have been working incredibly hard together to transform our **nature area.** Demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination and creativity, they have **transported bark chippings to the willow circle** using a variety of inventive methods, including play equipment and wheelbarrows! The children have also worked together to **lay new pathways**, helping to make the area more accessible and welcoming. Our **Eco Club** members have been busy filling the **bug hotel** with natural materials, creating a cosy habitat for insects and other minibeasts. A special thank you and big shout out goes to **Stephen Pye and his team**, who have generously donated van loads of bark chippings free of charge. Their kindness and support are helping us create a wonderful outdoor space for all our children to enjoy. **Come and see** what we have achieved so far when you drop off, or pick up, your children.

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Thank you!

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## Dates for your Diary

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| **November** | |
| Monday 16th | Special worship with video link to The Jack and Jill School in Kenya. |
| Monday 16th | Stay and Play – 3.30pm for prospective children and parents |
| Monday 16th | **Friendship Week** |
| Tuesday 17th | **Odd Socks Day** – everyone can wear odd socks to school |
| Wednesday 18th | **Y2 Fire Safety Talk** |
| Monday 23rd | **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 |
| Monday 14th | **Christmas Stay and Play for Ducklings and Robins** Parents/carers welcome from 2.00pm |
| 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**

Connie, Reenie and Lily-Rose for super maths answering statistics questions. Jack, for great effort with handwriting.

**Kingfishers**

Nico, Marnie, Dekota and Chester for great character descriptions.

**Butterflies**

Aurelia for excellent sentences in phonics. Freddie for reading at home. Izack and Jason for great science work understanding the parts of a tree.

**Owls**

Liliana for perfect manners and presentation. Ferris and Lewis for fantastic Bollywood dancing. Henry for answering questions about the Great Fire of London.

**Ladybirds**

Nylah and Noah K for fantastic singing for world nursery rhyme week. Carter for fantastic efforts in PE. Killian for responding to punctuation during guided reading.

**Honeybees**

Frankie for amazing Rangoli pattern colouring. Abel for independent writing. Aurora for learning new nursery rhymes. Mylah and Finley for wonderful African drumming.

Well done everyone!





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