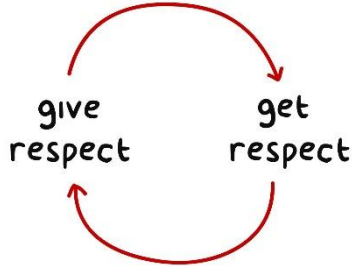




ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 18th September 2026

Value for September: Respect



'Respect' is a big concept to grasp. We often hear about having or showing respect. At the heart of respect is caring. In simple terms, respect is caring how words or actions may impact others. Respect has two parts: 1) having respect for someone because of how their actions impact others and 2) showing respect by changing your actions to be sure you don't have a negative impact.

To understand why respect is important, think about what life would be like if we didn't treat each other with respect. Since respect is about caring whether our words and actions have a hurtful effect on other people, in a world without respect, no one would care whether they were hurting other people. They might do things that are dangerous or mean and not care if other people were harmed.

All of us in society need to treat each other with respect if we want to feel safe and live peacefully together. Respect is important because it means we treat others the way we want to be treated. So if we don't treat others kindly, how can we expect them to be kind in return?

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Luke 6:31

"Without feelings of respect, what is there to distinguish men from beasts?" Confucius

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first school newsletter of the new academic year. It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back. At the end of each day, you might notice that your child is very tired. This is to be expected as they adjust back to school hours and learning. After 5-6 weeks of lie ins and relaxation, the morning alarm clock and long days of learning are taking their toll.

We have now also welcomed all of our new Reception class who have all started attending each morning. In a week's time they will progress to full days.

We have also welcomed new families into Y1 and Y2 this term. We hope you soon feel part of our St Andrew's family



Please also welcome our new families who have joined our community and help them get adjusted to life at St Andrew's school

Uniform



The government have recently imposed restrictions on what logo items of uniform a school can have from this September. Now, schools are only allowed to stipulate up to 3 branded items (4 if one of them is a tie). Our 3 items that **MUST** have the school logo are the PE t-shirt, the polo shirt (on right) and the jumper (on left). All other items must be in the stipulated colour e.g., navy fleece but having the school logo on additional items is optional.

Please can we ask you to name all items – especially if you have bought uniform from the PTA (as it may already have another child's name inside!)



Year 3 Trumpet Lessons have commenced



On Tuesday 15th September, Year 3 started their music journey learning how to play the trumpet with brass teacher, Helen, from Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT). Every Tuesday morning for the next 10 weeks in the autumn term, Year 3 will learn to play the trumpet.

All of the children were very excited, in awe of their glistening instruments and very much looking forward to next week! 🎵🎶



Parentpay



Apologies to any new pupils for the glitches they have been experiencing with trying to get connected onto parentpay. These are beyond our control – as well as some of them making absolutely no sense!

While all activation codes have been sent out to all new parents, it appears many are not reaching you or going into their 'junk mail' box. Please let the school office know if you continue to have any issues.

Lunches

Please put a reminder in your phone calendar to book your child's lunch choices each week by the previous Thursday evening e.g. the opportunity to book lunch choices for next week closed last night. This informs the school kitchen staff who order the ingredients for each week and keeps food wastage to a minimum. Booking is done via Parentpay, and you can book more than one week in advance if you wish. In the event that you forget to book, we will still of course provide your child with a meal, however, pre-booking ensures your child has a full choice of options.



Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 20th September for our Communion Service at 10.00am.

Please join us for coffee after the service. All very welcome!

Year 6 Visit to the British Museum



On Monday 14th September 2026, my class went to the British museum to see the Bayeux Tapestry. We were very lucky to see it because the Bayeux Tapestry was lent to the museum for a year and there was a great hype about it.

First, we went to see the Bayeux Tapestry. To go there, we needed to go on the Northern Line (the tube) to Tottenham Court Road. Then we walked to the museum and went to see the Bayeux Tapestry. There at the museum we saw the real cloth. I was so amazed by this art work and even saw Harold getting shot in the eye! After seeing the Bayeux Tapestry, we had our lunch. Even though we brought our own lunches, they gave us a free meal-a cheese and tomato sandwich, popcorn and a bottle of water. (The sandwiches were amazing!) After lunch, we went to see the Ancient Egyptians. There at the Egyptian gallery, we saw lots of mummies. The mummies were pretty frightening to me, but I was still fascinated by it. We also saw canopic jars and some hieroglyphics which were really interesting. We also saw a real Egyptian body from 4,000 years ago and its skin was all hardened up and it still had hair on its head. Its teeth were also very white which was interesting. This trip was extremely fun because we learnt so much. My favourite part was walking around and looking at the Bayeux Tapestry's fascinating embroidery which was 1,000 years old.

By Fred & Wako



Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school every day. There are bottle re-fill points in the school should a water bottle need replenishing, but the children are unable to take a drink directly from the water tap. In the event that your child forgets their bottle, please tell them to inform their class teacher so a refillable cup can be provided to ensure they are drinking sufficient fluids throughout the day.

Meet the Parents Event

Thank you in advance to all families who are able to stay behind next Wednesday to informally introduce yourself to your child's new teacher after school. The time of this event was changed last year to allow as many parents as possible to attend and received lovely feedback from families who found the event much more accessible than having to return later in the evening, and who also loved that they were able to socialise with other families too. We decided to run this event the same as last year. If you haven't already introduced yourself, class teachers will stay outside a little longer to allow you the opportunity to say hello. We would ask you to pick your child up at the usual time though please!

Stars of the Week



Well done to **all** of our pupils for another fantastic week here at St Andrew's
A special well done to our stars of the week:

Week ending 11th September

Year 1	Evie – for a fantastic start to Year 1! You have been kind, respectful and hardworking. Well done! James – for Excellent reading! You tried your best and used your reading strategies beautifully. Well done!
Year 2	Dhev – for making an excellent start at St Andrew's Harrison – for being enthusiastic about Maths and persevering to complete your tasks
Year 3	Blake – For being a helpful, respectful and kind learning partner. Cassie - For consistently demonstrating our school values and being an excellent, supportive role model to others.
Year 4	Darcey – fantastic determination in English this week. You have tried very hard with using expanded noun phrases and similes in our character descriptions Issac – Giving it your best and working so hard with your learning. I am proud of your effort and positive attitude this week.
Year 5	Leo – for an amazing start to the year and making fantastic contributions to class discussions. Bella – for a great start to year 5 and always showing respect to everyone around her.
Year 6	Lara – for bring a supportive learning partner with a positive attitude to all her learning. Luca RD – for writing a description of an abandoned building with an ominous presence.

Week ending 18th September

Year 1	Mia – for sharing her ideas beautifully during class discussions and trying hard with her learning. Mete – for settling well into Year 1 and making a great start at St Andrew's.
Year 2	Edward – for being a star Historian and giving informed reasoning for your choices of significant people Louie – for a super effort in handwriting. You carefully focused to form beautiful letters
Year 3	Serena - for working hard to demonstrate your understanding in Maths lessons verbally and through using base 10. Magnus - for enthusiastically sharing interesting skeleton facts in our Science lesson this week.
Year 4	Heidi – contributing great ideas in English and preserving when adding two 4-digit numbers together Ewan – always diving straight into your learning with 100% effort and actively contributing to class
Year 5	Ryan – for fantastic work in maths this week. You have worked so well independently- Keep it up! Alexander – for always treating those around him with respect and kindness. You are a calm and peaceful member of the class.
Year 6	Gabi – for her excellent approach and focus to all of her learning. Yirou – for her efficiency in solving tricky decimal calculations.

Dates for your diary

Want to make sure you know about all upcoming events? Why not link your smart phone/tablet to our school website calendar? It's really easy to do and means you instantly are informed of everything that's coming up.



What's happening this half term – (please also check the school website calendar too)

Tuesday 22nd September – New Reception 2027 entry tours am
Tuesday 22nd September – Opportunity to informally Meet your Child's New Teacher after school 3-4pm
Thursday 4th September – Sports Leaders training am (Year 5 pupils)
Monday 28th September – New Reception 2027 entry tour am
Wednesday 30th September – Harvest Festival service at St Andrew's Church 9:30am
Thursday 1st October – New Reception 2027 entry tours am
Monday 5th October – Year 5/6 Bikeability commences
Monday 5th October – PTA Penny Challenge class competition commences
Wednesday 7th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour am
Thursday 8th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Thursday 8th October – Girls Football team vs Foulds
Thursday 8th October – PTA Strategy Meeting 8pm Dining Room
Monday 12th October – Height and Weight checks Reception and Y6 pupils
Tuesday 13th October – Drama Workshops Rec-Y3 am
Tuesday 13th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Wednesday 14th October – Y6 visit to Natural History Museum
Thursday 15th October – Cross Country competition pm Year 3-Year 6
Thursday 15th October – PTA 2nd hand uniform sale from 3pm
Friday 16th October – Just One Tree Day – dress in green and brown for £ donation
Monday 19th October – New Reception 2027 entry tour am
Wednesday 21st October – New Reception 2027 entry tour pm
Monday 26th October – Half Term commences