



Dear God

Thank you that you love all your children.
Thank you that yours is a very special love.

Amen.

**'True Love is God's
Love for us, not our
love for God'
1 John 4:10**

Message from Headteacher

Many of you will have seen that 2026 is the National Year of Reading. There will be many national and city-wide events ahead, and last week, Miss Field launched our very own St Andrew's Year of reading. I know that the children are excited by the reading challenge they have been set, but this is something we can all embrace; reading has so many benefits for adults and children alike. I've made a concerted effort to read more since Christmas and have already enjoyed an historical adventure about female pirates and a Japanese novel about time travel. Next, I'll be trying some comic fiction by Bob Mortimer! You are all welcome to borrow a book from our new book loan box in the entrance hall and maybe find some time to relax and (re-) discover your love of reading alongside your child.

I am very proud to share that St Andrew's recently received national recognition after the Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson, wrote to congratulate staff on the school's results for disadvantaged pupils at the end of the 2024 to 2025 academic year. Our results placed the school "among the very best nationally", and she praised the work of staff and the effort of pupils behind the achievement. It's a wonderful accolade, that reflects our Christian vision and commitment for every child to flourish in every way.

Miss Lewis



NO NUTS

Due to serious nut allergies in school, children must not bring nuts or items containing nuts to school. Many thanks for your understanding.

Wrap-Around Childcare Bookings

Breakfast and Kids Club bookings for next term will go live on **Wednesday 4th February at 6.00pm.**

Governor's Meeting

A few updates from the Board of Governors meeting last week, from Ali Ryder, Joint Chair: -

- The governors were delighted to welcome two new governors at the latest meeting. Sue Keaty (Co-opted governor) who brings significant financial experience and Sam Marshall the newly elected parent governor.
- The governors recognise the significant demands on Kids Club numbers, so we are exploring ways of expanding how many places we can offer.
- The staff were pleased to welcome Joe Dent (vicar of St Andrews Church) to school on the non-pupil day for an inspiring talk about our school vision (John 10:10 - I have come that they may have life and have it to the full) and ethos.
- We are delighted that St Andrews has received positive feedback regarding our safeguarding practices.
- At the beginning of January, St Andrews was ranked 9th out of 69 schools with an attendance of 95.8%. We would like to thank parents and carers for your continued investment in your children's education by helping their attendance.

TT Rockstars and Mathletics

Following on from the Autumn terms Mathletics challenges, St. Andrew's are having a focused push on TT Rock Stars this term. Every Friday we are celebrating children who have achieved **Go Green** and **Rock Star** certificates. In addition, there is a weekly challenge for all classes to win reward time. Week one was focused on the class with the highest % of active users - well done Year 2! Week two was focused on highest average minutes per day - well done Year 4! Speak to your child about the challenge and help them become more active! For more information see the Maths page on the website - <https://www.standrewsprimaryschool.co.uk/maths>

Netball Success!

Well done to the children who participated in a PSSP Bee Netball Fun Festival at the Life Centre. They won 4 of their matches and drew 2! Congratulations Lucy, Freddie N, Spencer, Betsy, Oscar and Lexi.

Message from Stacey – one of our Church Team leaders

Hello lovely St. Andrew's families. This term in collective worship we are exploring stories about Jesus that show us what the God of the Bible is like. Every Tuesday lunchtime, Yr 5 and 6 have the opportunity to come to Explorers to chat more about the worship theme and play some fun games. We've just had a great lunchtime chatting with Explorers about Jesus feeding 5000 people with only a small packed lunch. We came to the conclusion that God cares about people's needs and He's super generous.



If you have younger children and you're wondering what to do with them during this wet weather, bring them along to our toddler group on Friday mornings (flyer below). We'd love to see you there.

Christmas Card Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards and mugs – you helped to raise £170.00 for the School Fund. Thank you also, to Mrs Dean for organising this campaign every year.

Food Waste Assembly

As Plymouth prepares to launch food waste recycling in 2026, Janine from Plymouth City Council came to school to speak to the children about the importance of reducing food waste and how to recycle any waste carefully. The children were very keen to engage with Janine so hopefully they will put their knowledge into action and help at home when we receive our new bins!

Good Manners Tea Party

Miss Lewis hosted a tea party in the staffroom for those children who stand out in school for their excellent manners. They had a delightful time chatting with each other while Miss Lewis served them Ribena from a huge teapot!



Good Manners Tea Party



Food waste assembly

FREE
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EVENT

HOME PARK

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT

Wednesday, 18 February
Event starts at 2.30pm | Kick-off at 7.30pm



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A heart for Jesus

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Toys, craft, songs & snacks

09:45-11:15am

Fridays during term time.

Cost: £3 per family per session.

For more info visit standrewschurch.org.uk

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