St. Andrew's C of E (VA) Primary School

24th February 2026

Dear Father God
During your life on earth, you showed compassion and kindness to so many people. Thank you for the people who show compassion and kindness to us and give us the courage to keep on going even when times are tough.
Amen.

Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

Message from the Headteacher

I hope you managed to have an enjoyable time with your children over the half term break – there were some welcome moments of glorious sunshine and as the days lengthen, a sense that spring is on the way! As you know, we traditionally hold our annual talent show in March. This year, it will need to be postponed to a later date as the lovely Mrs Haywood (who organises all the acts, music and stage management) is currently recovering from an operation. We know how much the children love the talent show and think about it all year, so will let you know a new date as soon as possible. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs Haywood.

There has been a lot of speculation in the press recently about proposed national changes to Special Educational Needs (SEND) provision in education, particularly for children with high level needs who may have an Education Health Care Plan. Many parents are naturally worried about the impact of any changes and want to know that their children will receive the support they need to thrive. Our SEND lead at St Andrew's is Miss Malein, supported by Miss Stephens. To find out more about how we support pupils with SEND at St Andrew's you can look at our SEND School Information Report on the school website. Staff at St Andrew's have regular training in various aspects of SEND and work hard to remove any barriers to learning and support children to flourish. This works best when we work in partnership with parents – any concerns or suggestions you have can be discussed at parents evening next week (Miss Malein will also be available in the hall should you wish to discuss anything with her).

Miss Lewis

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on Monday 2nd March and Wednesday 4th March from 3.30 – 5.50pm. Please fill in the slip with your preferred time slot and return to your class teachers as soon as possible. You will then be given a confirmation of your appointment time. Consultations should last no longer than 10 minutes and are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this term and any targets they have been set. Please come to the main hall where you will have the chance to look through your child's books before your meeting.

There will also be an opportunity for families to visit our Usborne Book Fair. We were able to buy some lovely new books with the money raised from the last fair. Thank you to those who supported it.

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Parents' Evening

I would like to attend a meeting with my child and the child's class teacher. Please arrange an appointment for me on:-

Monday 2nd March	3.30pm to 4.30pm	☐	4.30pm to 5.50pm	☐
Wednesday 4th March	3.30pm to 4.30pm	☐	4.30pm to 5.50pm	☐

Child's Name_____ Class_____

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

The children are invited to come to school either dressed as a character from a book or they can wear their pyjamas for the day to represent the joy of sharing a story before bed. **Please do not feel any pressure to buy a costume specially for the occasion** - the day is about celebrating books! Children will take part in lots of fun book-related activities throughout the day and we will also organise a **book swap**; please send in any **good quality pre-loved books** so all children can bring home a 'new' book.

(World Book Day tokens worth £1.00 will be given to children on Monday – these can be used at the Usborne Book Fair.)

Spare Clothes

If your child has been sent home with spare clothing from school, please wash and return to us as soon as possible. We are running very low on small tights, socks and pants. Many thanks.

Year 1 and 2 'Journey to the Edge of the World' Day

As part of this term's topic, the children came to school dressed as explorers and sailors and spent the whole day immersed in going on a great adventure. They made ship's biscuits, sea creatures and telescopes and also studied maps before setting sail in the afternoon. An unforgettable day!