



NEWSLETTER



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15th September 2023

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th Sept

3:15pm

Reception 'Get to Know You' Session

Tuesday 26th Sept

9:00am – 10:00am

Reception Phonics Family Learning

Friday 29th Sept

9:40am – 10:40am

Reception Phonics Family Learning (repeat)

Tuesday 3rd October

9:00am – 10:00am

KS1 Phonics Family Learning

Friday 6th October

9:40am – 10:40am

KS1 Phonics Family Learning (repeat)

Monday 9th October

9:00am – 10:00am

Maths Family Learning

Welcome Back!

All our children have settled in quickly and are enjoying their challenges. We would like to say a special welcome to all our new starters in Reception. Welcome to our St Andrew's Infant School family.



This week, we received the exciting news that Robert and his family have welcomed their new baby into their family. Congratulations from everyone at St Andrew's Infant School.

Ofsted

We were delighted to be able to finally share our Ofsted report with you this week. We are sure you are as pleased as we were with the outcomes. We have been working incredibly hard for our children and **GOOD WITH OUTSTANDING FEATURES** is a great outcome; recognition of how we all come together to support our children to achieve their potential. We will continue to promote excellence in our caring, Christian community. Thank you all for your kind words and your continued support.

Inspection of St Andrew's Church of England (VA) Infant School

Lightcliffe Road, Brighouse, West Yorkshire HD6 2HH

Inspection dates:

27 and 28 June 2023

Overall effectiveness

Good

The quality of education

Good

Behaviour and attitudes

Outstanding

Personal development

Outstanding

Leadership and management

Good

Early years provision

Good

Mrs Smith, Executive Headteacher & Mrs Swallow, Head of School

Worship Timetable

Please see below the timetable for our Family Worship for this half term – please note, Class 5's Worship will be on a Thursday morning. If you would like to attend any worship, please enter through the hall door at 9:00am once you have dropped your child off.

Worship Date	Class Leading
Friday 22 nd September	Miss Burrell
Friday 29 th September	Class 6
Thursday 5 th October	Class 5
Friday 13 th October	Class 3
Friday 20 th October	Class 4
Friday 27 th October	Always Assembly – Mrs Swallow

Volunteers in School

We are looking for volunteers to help in school, such as reading with children. We will be holding meetings with

Mrs Swallow regarding volunteering in school on

Thursday 21st September at 9:00am or Friday 22nd September at 2:45pm. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the school office for more information.

Mrs Shaw

This week, we said a temporary farewell to Mrs Shaw who is leaving us to start her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and look forward to hearing the news when her baby is born!



We Keep Children Safe By...

...asking that you use the designated paths in and around school and **do not** walk through our school car park. Our car park is very busy during the day, especially at drop off and pick up due to staff members/school visitors arriving and leaving the school grounds. In order to minimise any risk, please walk with your children along the pavement on **Lightcliffe Road** and up the walkways either side of school.

Other safety reminders:

- Please do not park on any yellow lines around the school building, these allow for families to enter and exit the school grounds safely.
- Please respect our neighbours and do not block their drives when dropping off/collecting children.
- Please do not park in the staff car park unless you have permission from the Head of School.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Policies

St Andrew's Infant School has both a **no smoking/no vaping policy & no dogs policy** both inside school and on our grounds.



Routine Dental / Optician / Doctors' Appointments

Please make routine appointments **AFTER** school or during holidays to stop your child from missing their valuable education!

Routine appointments are **UNAUTHORISED** absences and will be recorded on your child's record.

Chat Around the Table

Our vision is based around the Bible verse, 'Love each other as I have loved you.' John 15:12.

Jesus said these words to show his friends how they should live and treat people.



- How can we show love to the new children who are starting our school?
- How can we show our CARING vision towards everyone we meet?
- How will they feel if they have been shown love and care from you?

Family Learning

We will be holding our annual Family Learning sessions again this term. Information on how to book onto these sessions will be sent home in your child's bookbag early next week. The sessions we will be running are Reading & Phonics, Maths and a Family Bread Making session.



General Uniform and Equipment Information

We ask that you please ensure **all** your child's uniform, coats and shoes are clearly named; if a child misplaces part of their uniform, it is much easier to return it to them when it is named. If it is not, we cannot guarantee it will get back to them. Please send your child with a **named** coat every day. We also ask that your child brings in a **clear** water bottle (for sale on the School Money app) and that it **only** contains water.

School Hours

School starts at **9:00am** (the doors open at **8:50am** for your child to come into class or the hall).

Our caretaker closes the gates at **9:00am**. If you arrive **after** this time, please enter via the main office door.

Registration closes at **9:05am** after which time your child will receive a late mark on the register.

Our school office opens at 8:15am and closes at 4:00pm. The office will be closed from 8:25am – 8:45am on a Tuesday.

You can always send us a text or leave a voicemail out of office hours.

Good to be Gold

We will give out Good to be Gold stickers on Friday afternoons to celebrate every child who follows the class and school rules and is on the Gold section of the class rainbow reward charts.



If your child comes home wearing one, please praise them for making the right choices during the week.

Reading and Phonics

Thank you for getting off to a great start with reading with your child, please remember to log this in their reading record every time you read together.

Keep an eye out for emails with links to the specific phonic sounds your child is working on at the moment. Please watch these with your child to help them to secure their learning.



Topics for this Half Term

Please follow the links below for information on the topics each year group is learning about this half term.

Reception – All About Me

[Key Learning](#)

Year 1 – Paws, Claws and Whiskers

[Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Key Learning](#)

Year 2 – Wriggle and Crawl

[Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Key Learning](#)

Generosity

Each half term, we focus on a different Christian Value. Our Christian Value for this half term is Generosity.

Generosity is the desire to share what we have with others - our time and talents, as well as our possessions.

Christians believe that all good things come from God. This leads to a feeling of gratitude which in turn encourages generosity.

When we can't wait to give to others; that is a sign of generosity. The Bible reminds Christians that it is more rewarding to give than to receive. Being selfish is not good for us and the way we feel about ourselves.

‘The person who gives with a smile is the best giver.’
(Mother Teresa)

Bible Stories linked to Generosity – click on the links to see and hear some of these stories

Feeding the 5000 Matthew 14:14-21 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYmJzAo9KbY>

The Widow's Mite Luke 21:1-4

Other stories you might wish to read with your children at home which illustrate the value of generosity are:

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson

It's a No Money Day by Katie Milner <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHX9R5Ej19k>

The Elves and the Shoemaker - a traditional tale https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_op8Jw7dDY

Everyone can experience
the joy and blessing of
generosity; because
everyone has something
to give.

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JAN GRACE

t is for TRUST

Whether real or imagined, a brain which senses a threat stays on *high alert*. Children in this state can't risk learning because their primitive brains are more concerned with safety; they may be defensive, hypervigilant or distracted.

Children who thrive, not just survive, know trust. How do yours *know* that the world is a safe place to live? That the other people in it are safe to live with?

TODAY...

Make a *traffic light of trust*. If your green light is trust and your red light is mistrust, what's in them? What's in your amber light? What turns it red or green?

Every Mind Matters

The focus this time is 'Trust and Self-love'. Why not have a go at these activities:

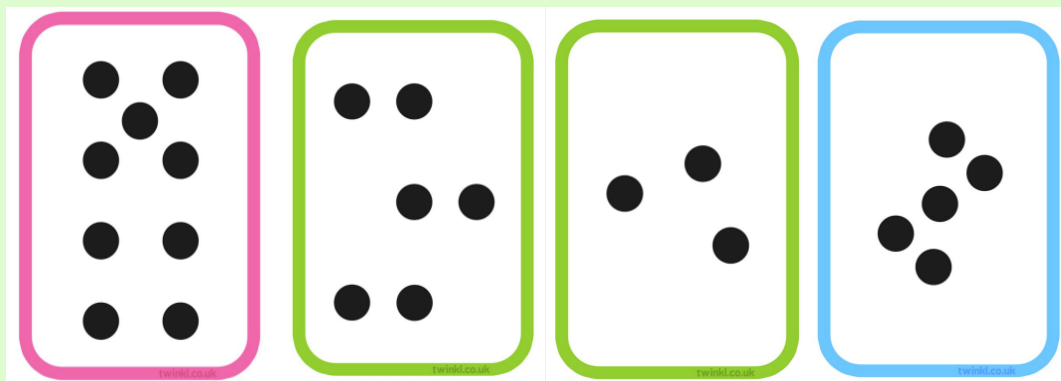
Notice when you are talking down to yourself and then imagine sharing these harsh self-criticisms with your kindest friend. What would they say? Hear their words and let yourself believe them.

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St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School	
Dates and Events 2023 – 2024 – Autumn Term	
Monday 18 th September 2023	Clubs begin for 5 weeks
Tuesday 19 th September 2023 @ 3:15pm	Reception Parents/Carers 'Getting-to-Know-You' Information Session
Tuesday 26 th September 2023 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Family Learning Session with Mrs Hainsworth (Reception) "How we teach early Phonics & how to help your child read" (Booking information will be sent home)
Wednesday 27 th September 2023 (break time)	Ice lolly Fundraiser
Friday 29 th September 2023 @ 9:40am	Repeat of the above session with Mrs Hainsworth
Tuesday 3 rd October 2023 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Family Learning Session with Mrs Hainsworth (Year 1 & 2) "How we teach Phonics & how to help your child read" (Booking information will be sent home)
Friday 6 th October 2023 @ 9:40am	Repeat of the above session with Mrs Hainsworth
Monday 9 th October 2023 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Family Learning Session with Miss Burrell "How we teach Maths & how to help your child" (Booking information will be sent home)
Tuesday 10 th October 2023	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 11 th October 2023 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Infant School
Thursday 12 th October 2023 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Friday 13 th October 2023 @ 9:40am	Repeat of the above Family Learning session with Miss Burrell
Tuesday 17 th October 2023 @ 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Parents'/Carers' Pupil Progress Meetings (Booking information will be sent home prior to this)
Wednesday 18 th October 2023 @ 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Parents'/Carers' Pupil Progress Meetings (Booking information will be sent home prior to this)
Tuesday 24 th October 2023 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase (parents/carers invited)
Wednesday 25 th October 2023 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase (parents/carers invited)
Thursday 26 th October 2023 @ 10am – 12pm or 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Open Day for 2024 Reception parents at both Infant and Junior School (please contact school to book a slot)
Friday 27 th October 2023	SCHOOL CLOSSES – HALF TERM
Monday 6 th November 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	SCHOOL REOPENS
Wednesday 8 th November 2023	Nasal Flu Immunisations – all year groups (info to follow)
Monday 13 th November 2023	Clubs begin for 5 weeks
Tuesday 14 th November 2023 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Family Learning Session – Family Bread Making (Booking information will be sent home)
Wednesday 15 th November 2023 @ 9:45am	Eucharist Service at St Martin's Church
Thursday 16 th November 2023 (break time)	Bun Fundraiser (please send in bun donations – no nuts)
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need - <i>Come to school in pyjamas</i>
Friday 17 th November 2023 @ 9:40am – 10:40am	Family Learning Session – Family Bread Making (repeat) (Booking information will be sent home)
Thursday 23 rd November 2023 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Thursday 30 th November 2023	St Andrew's Day – Non-Uniform Day (wearing blue, white or tartan) PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE FOR OUR BOTTLE TOMBOLA
Friday 1 st December 2023 @ 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 th December 2023	Christmas Post begins (Post boxes in hall)
Monday 4 th December 2023	Posada (Travelling Cribs to start)
Monday 4 th December 2023 (Year 3 invited to watch)	Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5 th December 2023 @ 2:20pm (Class 2 & 5)	Reception Nativity Play (ticket info to follow)
Wednesday 6 th December 2023 @ 2:20pm (Class 1 & 6)	Reception Nativity Play (ticket info to follow)
Thursday 7 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 th December 2023 @ 9:15am (Class 3 & 4)	Reception Nativity Play (ticket info to follow)
Tuesday 12 th December 2023 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase (parents/carers invited)
Wednesday 13 th December 2023 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase (parents/carers invited)
Friday 15 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 18 th December 2023	Pantomime in school for children - Cinderella
Tuesday 19 th December 2023 @ 2:00pm	Christingle Service at St Martin's Church
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Party Lunch and Christmas Party Day – non-uniform (party clothes)
Friday 22 nd December 2023	SCHOOL CLOSSES

Magical Maths

This week's Magical Maths is based on subitising. Subitising is an essential part of developing number sense in children by helping them to relate numbers to actual items or groups of items. It can also help children learn addition and subtraction facts. It helps them recognise and understand representations of number.



All year groups can use the picture cards above.

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Look at these cards. Count how many dots there are. Ask the children what can they see?

Reception

The children can count the dots and then you can ask them to write the number they can see to practice number formation.

- Discuss which is the biggest and smallest number.
- Can you collect 'this many' items from your toy box?
- Can you see the number in the house/outside on doors?
- Can you clap/jump/blink that many times?

Year 1

- Discuss how we could order them smallest to largest and vice versa.
- How many can we add to each to make 10?
- Draw a number line, place each number on a number line.
- Are the numbers odd or even?
- How many can we add to the number to make another amount?
- How many can we take away to make an amount?

Year 2

Year 2 can try the Year 1 activities, as well as these listed below.

- What numbers can we add to the cards to make 20? 30?
- Can you write an addition sentence, using the 4 numbers?
- Can you make 4 subtraction sentences?
- What would the value of the cards be if the dot represented 10? 5? 2? (Have a try at counting in these steps)



Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends, open my ears to hear my teacher, open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember you are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school.

Amen

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a
caring, Christian community

Confident - We embrace challenge and
persevere

Aspire - We aim high

Respectful - We are friends and
cherish God's world

Inclusive - We welcome everyone and
are all of equal worth

Nurturing - We look after each other
so we can all flourish

Generous - We give to each other and
our community



"Love each other as I have loved
you."

John 15:12