



# NEWSLETTER



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26th April 2024  
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## Diary Dates

**Thursday 2nd May**  
9:00am – 10:00am

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

**Friday 3rd May**

9:05am – 9:35am

Class 1 Family Worship

**Friday 3rd May**

1:45pm – 3:00pm

Class 2 Gruffalo Tea Party

**Monday 6th May**

Bank Holiday – School

Closed

**Thursday 9th May**

Reception Trip to Smithills Farm

**Friday 10th May**

Non-Uniform Day

Bring a bottle

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Class 3 Family Worship

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**Tuesday 14th May**

Ice Lolly Fundraiser

**Thursday 16th May**

May Festival

2:15pm – Retinue (ticket only for retinue and Y2 parents)

2:45pm – Year 2 Maypole Dancing (all welcome)

3:30pm – 5:00pm – May Fayre (all welcome)

Stalls, raffles, food & more

**Tuesday 21st May**

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Year 2 Topic Showcase

**Wednesday 22nd May**

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Year 1 Topic Showcase

**Thursday 23rd May**

Class Photographs

**Friday 24th May**

9:05am – 9:35am

Always Assembly

Welcome back to our summer term - let's hope we will soon see warmer, sunnier days. The children have all settled back into school life well and are working hard on their learning. Why not ask them about their topic for this half term?

## Year 1

Last week, Year 1 went on their trip to Tropical World. They had a fantastic time looking at difference species' habitats – why not ask your child what their favourite part was? Thank you to all the volunteers who came on the trip, we really appreciate your time and help.



## May Festival & Fayre – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

We are very excited to be able to continue our tradition and hold our May Festival this year! It is one of the many traditional celebrations held here at St Andrew's, with a procession, singing, maypole dancing and the crowning of our May Queen. Children in each class vote for two children to be their attendants and they form the Retinue.

Due to fire regulations in the hall, tickets are limited to Year 2 parents/carers and the Retinue parents/carers. However, everyone is very welcome to join us in watching the maypole dancing at 2:45pm outside in the playground and to attend our May Fayre which will be after school at 3:30pm – 5:00pm in the school grounds. There will be stalls, games, food and even a bouncy castle! The fayre will be cash only.



Retinue 2024



May King: Arlo

May Queen: Connie

The Announcer: Jacob



The Cushion Bearer: Olive



Class 1's Attendants: Abou & Rosie

Class 2's Attendants: Louie & Lilja

Class 3's Attendants: Leo & Olivia

Class 4's Attendants: Harry & Maggie

Class 5's Attendants: Freddie & Esmail

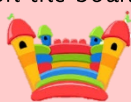
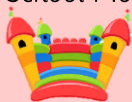
Class 6's Attendants: Harry & Layla

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May for Mayday Bank Holiday. School will close for half term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and reopen to pupils on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Mrs Swallow, Head of School

### We Keep Children Safe By...

...always ensuring that we have parental consent for additional activities in school. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, we will have a bouncy castle in school. If we have received your consent via the Microsoft form and payment on School Money, your child will have time on the bouncy castle during school hours.



### Non-Uniform Day – Bring a Bottle

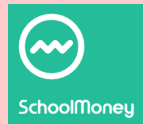
We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**.

On this day, we ask that children bring a bottle for our bottle tombola at our May Fayre – fizz, wine, shampoo, pop etc. Children can still come in school uniform if they would prefer to.



### Air Up Bottles

As per the text message sent out to parents and carers last week, we will no longer be allowing Air Up bottles in school due to these becoming a health and safety choking hazard. If your child requires a new water bottle, you can purchase this on our School Money shop.



### Calderdale Separated Parents App

Calderdale and neighbouring authorities are supporting parents and carers around healthy parental relationships

<https://relationshipsmatter.org.uk/>

They have produced a new and free app to download to Apple or Android devices, that separating or separated parents and carers may benefit from. This app aims to improve communication and to reduce conflicts around children.

You can find more about the app on the following site:  
Separating better (oneplusone.org.uk)

### May Fayre Donations

We would be very grateful for donations of raffle prizes (smellies, chocolates etc.) for our May Fayre. Please send any donations between Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We would also be grateful for donations to our raffle from any local businesses.

We will also be having a cake stall and would appreciate any donations of cake, buns or any sweet treats to sell at the stall! Please send these on the morning of **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. Just a reminder that we are a **nut free school** so please ensure any donations do not contain nuts.



Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

### Temporary Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for a temporary Midday Supervisor to work at the Infants School from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. This temporary position would be 5 days a week, Monday to Friday, 12pm – 1:20pm.

If you are interested in this vacancy, or know anyone who would be, please contact the Infant School office on 01484 714964.

### Pre-loved Uniform Donations

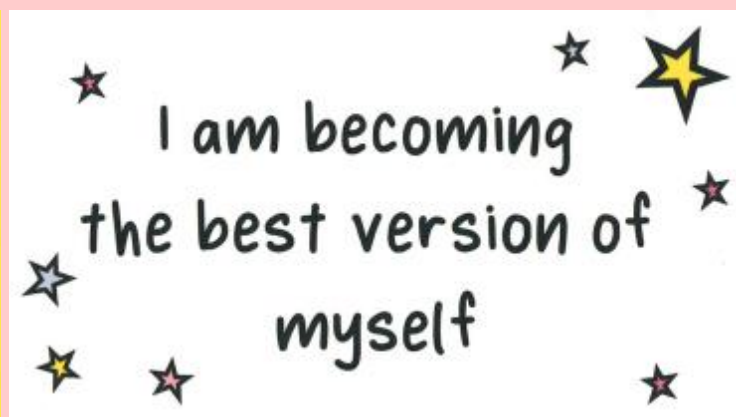
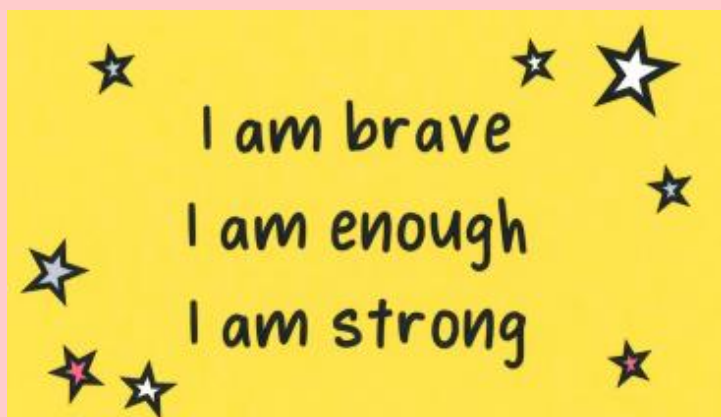
Thank you to those who have donated uniform to school for others to purchase if needed. Due to your generosity, we have a large amount of pre-loved uniform in school. With this in mind, we will only be accepting donations of school jumpers, cardigans and P.E. tops in good condition.

### Class Photographs

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the children will have their class photos taken. Please send your child in full school uniform, including a jumper or cardigan. Children who missed the individual photographs in October will have their individual photo taken on this day as well.

### Every Mind Matters

This week's theme is self-worth and positivity. Try say these affirmations to yourself once a day – how does this make you feel?



## Magical Maths

This week, we would like the children to learn about position and direction. Learning about these concepts and the vocabulary can help build children's ability to follow and give directions and use language accurately. Children need to know that the position of something means where it is and you use directions and turns to get from one place to another.

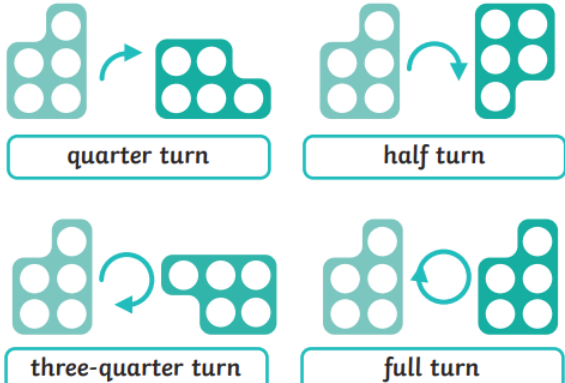
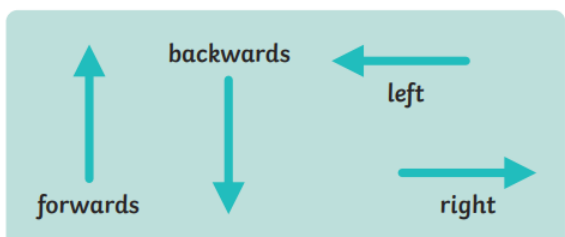
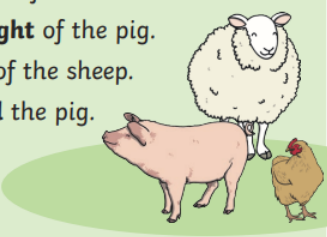
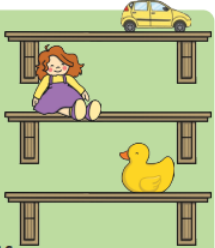
When we are describing position or where something is, we use keywords such as:

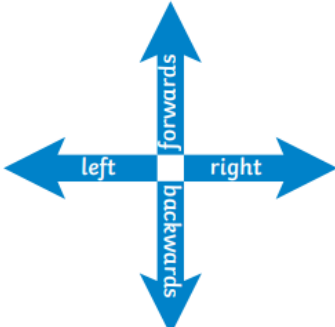
- top
- middle
- bottom
- below
- above
- in front
- behind
- on
- under



You can ask the children to describe where objects are, how they can move from one place to another and really encourage the use of good positional language. Whilst learning this language, it is also a great time to ensure that the children know left and right and also know the 4 compass points (north, east, south & west).

BBC Bitesize has some games and information the children can look at, using the QR code above:

Describing Movement	Describing Position
 <p>quarter turn</p> <p>half turn</p> <p>three-quarter turn</p> <p>full turn</p>  <p>forwards</p> <p>backwards</p> <p>left</p> <p>right</p>	 <p>The pig is to the <b>left</b> of the hen. The hen is to the <b>right</b> of the pig. The pig is in <b>front</b> of the sheep. The sheep is <b>behind</b> the pig.</p>  <p>The duck is <b>below</b> the doll. The car is <b>above</b> the doll. The car is on the <b>top</b> shelf. The doll is on the <b>middle</b> shelf. The duck is on the <b>bottom</b> shelf. The doll is <b>between</b> the car and the duck.</p>

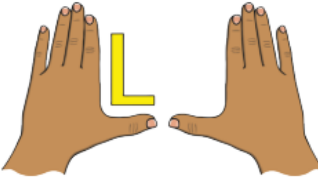


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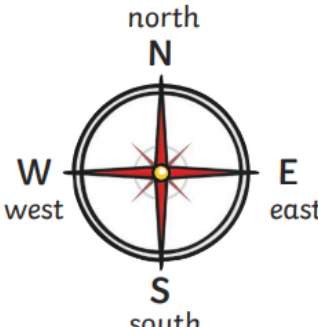
down

left

right



**Left and Right**  
The hand that makes an L shape is the **left hand**.



north  
N

W west

E east

S south



Dear Lord,

Thank you, God for this day.

From dawn to dusk I will rest in your promises of love, direction, protection,  
grace and truth.

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



# FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM SERVICE AT THE YMCA

Calderdale school uniform



Primary and Secondary  
school uniforms available.

We collect all uniform items  
including warm winter coats.

**No referral needed**  
**Free service**  
**Collect and Donate**



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