



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

To Live, Love and Learn together, as Witnesses for Christ

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Friday 14th November 2025

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This half term, we are growing to be Learned and Wise. Learning how God wants us to live our lives, young or old we should not stop learning about what God wants of us. Wise knowing what God wants us to do and putting it into practise.

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Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term is...



Nine-tenths of being wise is being wise in time.

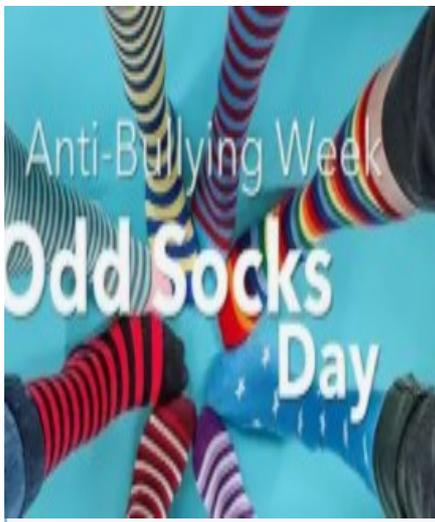


(Theodore Roosevelt - 26th President of USA)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Use technology wisely, but don't let technology use you.



Thank you, everyone, for taking part in Odd Socks Day! Your colourful and creative socks were a wonderful reminder that it's great to be different and that kindness and respect make our school a happier place for everyone. By joining in, you've helped to show that we all stand together against bullying and that every person deserves to be treated with care and inclusion.



St Andrew's Football Triumph!

We are so proud of our St Andrew's football team, who played brilliantly last night against Valley in the Borough Cup. The boys showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the match - and their efforts paid off with an impressive 2-0 victory!

Well done, boys! You represented our school wonderfully, and we couldn't be prouder.



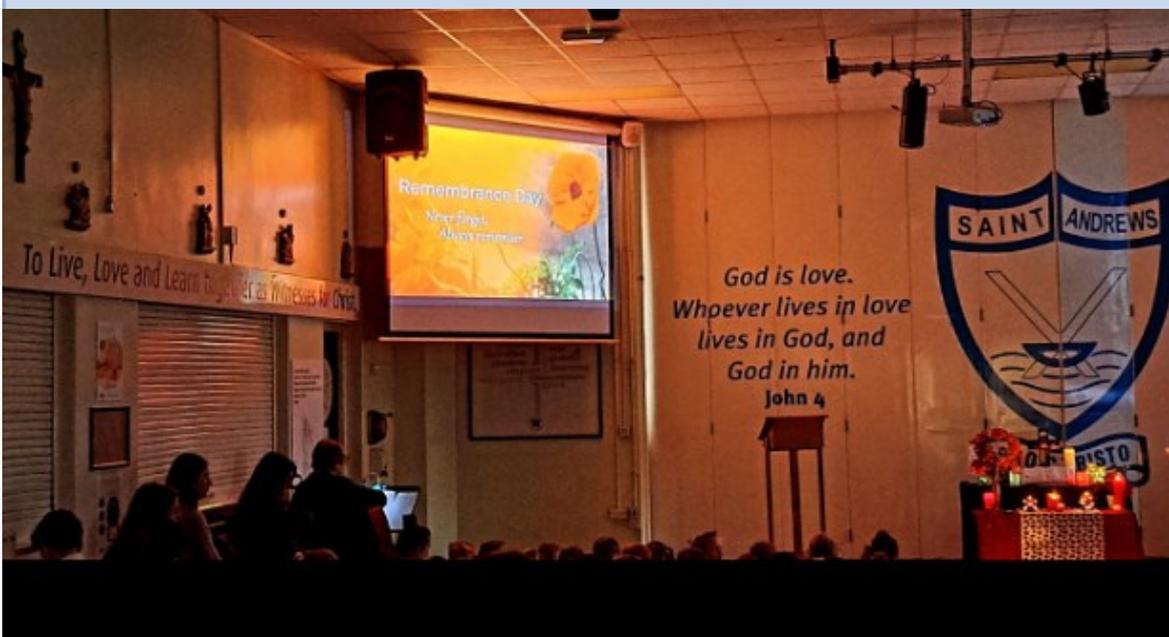
We love sharing and celebrating all of the wonderful things happening in an around school linked to learning and achievements of your children, so if you are not yet following us...head over to Instagram and give our page a follow!

You'll have a peek into our Catholic Life, learning, achievements, friendships and fun, that we are so very proud of!

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This week in school, we have taken time to remember the soldiers who bravely fought in past wars. Through a thoughtful Celebration of the Word and a reverent Mass, our school community gathered to reflect on their courage, sacrifice, and the peace we enjoy because of them. These moments of prayer and remembrance helped our pupils deepen their understanding of gratitude, service, and the importance of honouring those who gave so much.



New KS2 Prayers

Morning Prayer

**O Jesus,
through the most pure heart of Mary,
I offer you all my prayers,
thoughts, works and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your most Sacred Heart.
Amen.**



Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts
which we are about to receive
from your bounty.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Grace After Meals

We give you thanks, Almighty God,
for all your benefits,
who live and reign, world without end.
Amen.

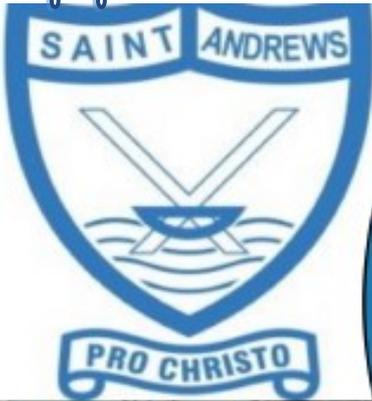


Prayer at the end of the day

Lord Jesus Christ, as we come to the end of this school day,
Help us to reflect and to pray:
For the difficulties I have known, I ask for your help.
For the blessings I have received; I thank you.
May I seek to be an instrument of your peace in my home today.
Each day is a gift. May I look forward to a new start tomorrow.
May the journey of my life be an experience of your love,
your compassion, your forgiveness and your peace.
Amen.



Applications close 12th December 2025



September 2026
NURSERY PLACES

AVAILABLE
15 and 30 hour
places available

To Live, Love and Learn
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Wraparound
available from
7.45am- 6.00pm

Contact us to find out more

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Term Dates



School Year 2025 / 2026

Autumn term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 01 September 2025

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

End of Term Holiday: Monday 22 December 2025 - Friday 02 January 2026

Spring term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 05 January 2026

Half Term Holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27 March 2026

End of Term Holiday: Monday 30 March 2026 - Friday 10 April 2026

Summer term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April 2026

(May Day: Monday 04 May 2026)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term Ends: Monday 20 July 2026

End of Year Holiday Starts: Tuesday 21 July 2026

INSET Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Important Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Tue 18th November	Reception and Year 1	Read, Write Inc Meeting 9.15am
Thu 20th November	Year 3	Trip to Hindu Temple
Mon 24th November	Year 4	Year 4 RE Inspire Workshop 2.15pm
Thu 27th November	Reception and Year 6	St Andrew's Day Mass - 10am
Fri 28th November	All	PTA Christmas Fair 
Sun 30th November	Year 3	Holy Communion Commitment Mass at 11am
Mon 1st December	KS2	Theatre trip to see Cinderella
Mon 1st December	KS2	PTA Christmas Colour Hamper 
Tue 9th December	Nursery and Reception	Nursery and Reception Nativity 2.30pm
Fri 12th December	All	PTA Christmas Boutique 
Fri 12th December	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm
Wed 17th December	All	PTA Christmas Raffle Draw 
Wed 17th December	KS2	KS2 Carol Concert 2.15pm
Fri 19th December	All	Children break up for Christmas holidays
Mon 5th January	All	INSET DAY- School not open to Children
Tue 6th January	All	Children return
Wed 14th January	Reception to Year 6	Wonder Dome in school
Sun 1st February	Year 6	Confirmation Commitment Mass at 11am
Fri 12th February	All	Break up for Half term
Mon 23rd February	All	INSET DAY- School not open to Children
Tue 24th February	All	Children return
Fri 27th March	All	Break up for Easter Holidays
Mon 13th April	All	INSET DAY- School not open to Children
Tue 14th April	All	Children return
Saturday 9th May	Year 3	First Holy Communion at 12pm
Fri 22nd May	All	Break up for Half term
Mon 1st June	All	Children return
Tues 23rd June	Year 6	Confirmation at 7pm
Mon 6th July- Wed 8th July	Year 6	Year 6 Residential

PE Days

Monday	Nursery, Year 3 & Year 6
Tuesday	Year 2 & 4
Wednesday	Year 2, 3 & 5 Swimming
Thursday	Reception, 1 & 5
Friday	Year 1, 4 & 6



Attendance and Punctuality



Our KSI attendance winners were Year 2.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 4.

Punctuality Winners: Year 1

Well done to our class winners this week.

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	93.10%	0
Year 1	91.30%	0
Year 2	95.33%	0
Year 3	93.54%	0
Year 4	99%	0
Year 5	97.77%	0
Year 6	93.87%	0

Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts

We monitor attendance closely and work with our Educational Welfare Officer to support families.

Children with attendance below 90% may receive a letter and be invited to meet with the officer.

We may request evidence for absences and track patterns carefully.

Holidays during term time cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances, in line with school policy and government guidance.

If you need support with attendance, contact the school office.

We would like to thank the majority of families who work hard to ensure their children attend every day and arrive on time - well done for your commitment to learning!

Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	6	0
Year 1	0	0
Year 2	3	0
Year 3	2	0
Year 4	7	0
Year 5	2	0
Year 6	2	0



If we have not heard from a parent concerning a child who is absent by 9:30am, we will make a telephone call to ensure the child is safe.

It is imperative that school are contacted if a child is not able to attend school. If we still are unable to make contact, then the Educational Welfare Officer will be informed and a home visit may need to be made to the family home.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have had so much fun exploring our outdoor area more, we have been channeling our inner Peppa Pig jumping in muddy puddles all while using our balancing and turn taking skills.

Nursery have been learning all about Remembrance Day and why we remember the brave soldiers. We have made poppies in different ways this week such as making handprints to make a class wreath, making poppy biscuits and using half apples and paint to make our own poppy pictures.

We have been singing number songs and using props to help us count backwards from 0-5 our favourite is five little speckled frogs that jump into the pond, the children love to take turns to be the frogs.

Well done for a fantastic week Nursery you have done some great learning and playing together.



Reception

This week, Reception have been learning about people who help us. We spent time thinking about soldiers and how they helped and protected others during the war. Many of our classroom activities have been based around this theme, helping us to develop a deeper understanding of the past.



Year One

Year 1 have been very busy this week. On Tuesday the children planned a beautiful prayer and liturgy to remember those who fought and lost their lives during the war. The children then made some beautiful artwork to commemorate this. We've also loved our new PE unit which is all about fun football skills!



Year Two

In Year 2, we have been perfecting our addition and subtraction with two-digit numbers. To bring our learning to life, we set up our very own café! We served hot chocolates to our friends and had to work out the correct total for each order.

Depending on the answer, we added the correct number of marshmallows to each cup.

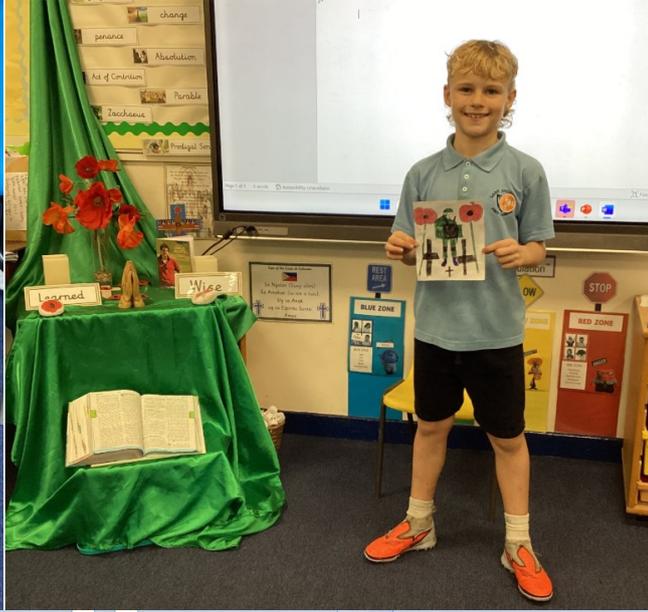
It was a delicious way to practise our maths skills, and it made our calculations feel real.

It was lots of fun... and very tempting not to eat the marshmallows at 11 o'clock in the morning! The children showed great focus and teamwork, and it was wonderful to see them enjoying learning in such a creative way.



Year Three

This week, Year 3 has been reflecting on Remembrance. The children learned about the story behind the poppy and the importance of remembering those who have sacrificed their lives for others. They created thoughtful artwork and prayers to show their respect and gratitude, and wrote about what remembrance means to them.



Year Four

Year 4 led our school community in a very special Mass for the Faithful Departed. It was a beautiful and prayerful celebration, reminding us all of God's love and the hope we have in eternal life. The students read, sang, and prayed with such reverence and confidence, helping us to remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us. We are so proud of Year 4 for the thoughtful way they prepared and for the faith-filled way they led us in prayer and reflection.



Year Five

Year 5 Remembrance Artwork

Year 5 created some stunning pieces of artwork inspired by Jacqueline Hurley's Remembrance Collection. Using their pencil skills and careful shading techniques, the children produced powerful scenes that beautifully captured the themes of remembrance and reflection.



Year Six

Year 6 led us in a beautiful Remembrance service this week, helping us to reflect on those who have died, particularly in wars. It was lovely to have parents in attendance and to see Year 6 leading with such composure and confidence. We must also thank Ken Russell, a member of the British Legion, who came and spoke to Y6 about his work in the military and his experience of leading the Remembrance Parade in Shirley. Thank you for your time, Ken - it was really interesting to learn about those impacted by war in our local area.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM



SEPT

26th - Christmas bottle donation &
non-uniform day
26th - AGM



OCT

15/16th - Book Fair
23rd - Break the rules



NOV

7th - Fireworks Display
10th - Christmas raffle sale
12th - PTA Meeting
28th - Christmas Fair



DEC

1st - Christmas Colour Hamper
12th - Christmas Boutique
17th - Christmas Raffle Draw



Save the dates!



Thank You

for All Your Help & Support



We just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our St Andrew's Fireworks last week! Events like these are what make our community so special. We hope you all had a great time and we just want to share again how grateful we are for all our PTA volunteers and all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

A festive poster for a Christmas Fair. It features a brown background with white snowflakes, yellow bells, and a Christmas tree wreath. The text is in red and black. At the bottom, there are illustrations of Santa Claus, two elves, and a red sleigh with a Christmas tree.

CHRISTMAS FAIR
SANTA NEEDS MORE PTA ELVES TO HELP AT THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS FAIR!!
3.30 - 6 PM
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

AN EVENT FOR ALL FAMILY TO ENJOY

We have listened to feedback and shaken things up this year, but Santa needs more elves to share the load to make this feasible.

Please do spare an hour to help on a games stall!

Email us at

standrews-pta@hotmail.com

Join us for our Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Carols, food vendors, drinks, plenty of festive games and of course the main man himself....Santa!

3.30 - 6 pm

ST ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL,
WINDRUSH CLOSE,
B92 8QL
SCHOOL HALL

Let the festivities commence!!

We are shaking things up this year with fun games led stalls and of course the main man himself that is Santa! We hope to see you all there to start the festivities!

St Andrew's PTA
CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
Friday 12th December
It's that time of year again...
The boutique allows the children to choose 2 gifts (1 male, 1 female) for their loved ones.
Our PTA elves will then help to wrap and label them for your children to take home.
It only costs £6 per child.
It is a lovely experience for your children to take part in.
Thank you!

One of our favourite events of the year!!

If paying by cash, please put in a sealed envelope with your child's full name and year group on. You can also pay by BACS (please reference your child's name and year group with any online payment) to:

The Parent Teacher Association of St Andrews Catholic School

Sort Code: 20-84-13

Account Number: 23258734

If you do not want your child to partake, please, do email the PTA at standrews-pta@hotmail.com AND please do inform your child of this decision. If you would like for your child to partake, but struggling financially, please do send us a quick email and we will ensure your child has a gift for their loved ones.



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