



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 21st 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...



A wise person should have money in their head but not in their heart.

(Jonathan Swift - Irish Writer)



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Religious experience is an essential dimension of the human person. Without it, it is difficult, if not impossible, to bring about the purification of the heart necessary for building peaceful relationships.



Thank you to everyone who took part in our Creative Crib Club with Sister Susan. Your time and enthusiasm helped make this club truly special and because of your efforts and creativity, we were able to raise funds that will directly support our church and strengthen the links with our parish community.



Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Read, Write, Inc Phonics meeting this week. We truly appreciate your time and partnership as we work together to support your children's early reading journey. Building strong phonics skills at a young age lays the foundation for confident, fluent reading, and your involvement makes a tremendous difference. By nurturing a love of reading for pleasure now, we help our children grow into enthusiastic, life-long readers who view books not only as a tool for learning but as a source of joy and imagination. If you ever have questions or need support at home, we are always here to help!



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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Some of our Year 5 and 6 children, along with some Yr 5 children from St Anthony's School, took part in the Active Play Leader training this week.

They did a fantastic job and showed great enthusiasm throughout. They demonstrated excellent communication and interaction skills, working together confidently and thoughtfully. We are certain they will make wonderful play leaders, helping to ensure that everyone on the playground feels included, engaged, and as active as possible.

We are very proud of them and excited to see the positive impact they will have during playtimes!



If by any chance, you weren't aware that it was my birthday this week, I would like to say the sincerest of thank yous to all the staff, children, and parents who made my birthday so special. I have been truly spoilt and have felt so much kindness and joy throughout the whole week, not just on the day!

Many people want to have the day off work to celebrate their birthday, however, I am not one of those people. I was in the best place possible...surrounded by my St Andrew's family!

Your thoughtful messages, gifts, smiles, and celebrations meant more than you know, and I am incredibly grateful for all the love and warmth you've shared.

Thank you for making it a birthday to remember!



Our annual MAC Thanksgiving celebration was a beautiful occasion for all involved. Our Year 6 pupils stood out like the shining role models they are, and Maeve read perfectly.

Not forgetting Mr Flaherty, who was celebrated for his 25 years in Catholic education. Congratulations and thank you for your unwavering strength, guidance and relentless dedication to ensuring children feel valued and reach their full potential.

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.

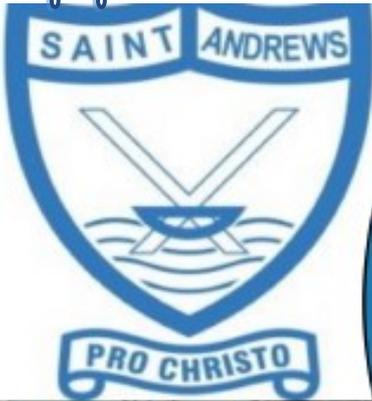


Prayer at the end of the day

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
together as Witnesses for

Christ

Wraparound
available from
7.45am- 6.00pm

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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
Mon 24th November	All	PTA Non uniform day in return for Chocolate for the Christmas Fair 
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	All	PTA Christmas Colour Hamper 
Fri 5th December	Year 3	Cribs Workshop 2.15pm
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 5.

Punctuality Winners: Year 5.

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	88.97%	0
Year 1	93%	0
Year 2	99.33%	0
Year 3	97.59%	0
Year 4	96.67%	0
Year 5	99.64%	0
Year 6	95.81%	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	4	0
Year 1	4	0
Year 2	2	0
Year 3	3	0
Year 4	6	0
Year 5	1	0
Year 6	5	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 the children have been busy practicing their nativity play and songs, we are very much looking forward to the performance.

We have been doing lots of roleplay on people who help us and discussing what jobs they do. The children have been roleplaying a school crossing patrol officer/police officer/doctors and nurses. They have been turntaking/problem solving and using practical skills as a class. We have had lots of fun taking apart indoors and outdoors with this.

In Nursery this week we have been learning how to write our numbers from 1-5 using the read write inc number formation rhymes.

Also this week we have been looking at our family photos and discussing who loves and cares for us as well as God. The children have drew a picture of who loves them.

Well done Nursery what a fantastic week keep up the great work.



Reception

What a wonderful, imaginative week we've had in Reception!

Our young learners have been exploring two very different but equally exciting themes celebrating weddings and diving into life with Pingu the penguin.

Through play, creativity, and storytelling, the children have developed their communication skills, expanded their vocabulary, and had so much fun along the way.



Year One

Year 1 have spent each day this week exploring a different part of our 'We're going on a bear hunt story'.

The children loved pretending to camp out in our forest and mark making in the mud. They were also fantastic at writing some of our key vocabulary in the snow.

Well done year !!



Year Two

This week in Year 2, we have had a fantastic and very busy time in our Geography lessons!

The children have been learning all about the Equator and exploring which countries can be found along it.

They were especially excited to discover lots of interesting facts about Brazil, from its warm climate to its amazing animals and famous landmarks. After gathering their information, the children worked hard to create their own Brazil fact file.



Year Three

Year 3 have had a busy and exciting week. As part of our journalistic writing unit, the children made marmalade sandwiches—just like Paddington Bear—to help them write clear instructions. In Maths, they learned how to create equal groups to build their early multiplication skills.

The highlight of the week was our visit to the Hindu temple. The children learned some simple Sanskrit words, explored the Mandir, discovered what a Guru is, and saw different Murtis. They also received a blessing and took part in the Abhishek ritual by pouring water over a sacred image. It was a memorable experience for everyone.



Year Four

Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning! We explored the strange properties of oobleck, confidently led the assembly on St Cecilia, and learned new songs on our brass instruments using the notes C, D, and E.

We also began learning about Brazil, discovering its culture and vibrant traditions. A brilliant week all round!



Year Five

Year 5 have been fantastic musicians this week. We have been studying blues music, exploring its origins and discussing how it makes us feel. The children learnt how to identify sharp and flat notes on a glockenspiel, and they even had a go at playing a 12-bar blues piece. They then got creative and experimented with improving the ending of the song.



Year Six

This week in Science, Year 6 have been exploring electrical circuits and investigating what makes them work—or stop working!

We constructed simple series circuits using batteries, wires, bulbs and switches. We then tested different scenarios to discover why a circuit failed.

Through hands-on experiments, the children learned that for a circuit to work, electricity must be able to flow in a complete loop with all components connected correctly. They also enjoyed predicting, testing and recording their results like real scientists.



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!

MEET SANTA

All children who visit Santa will receive a free gift!

1 Child £3.50
2 children £5
3 children £7.50

28th November 2025

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO ST ANDREW'S!

Join us for our Annual Christmas Fair on Friday, 28th November.

Spaces to meet Santa are limited, so book early at the entrance table to receive your entrance voucher.

Don't miss out on this festive treat!

Monday, 24th November, is a non-uniform day for all children in exchange for bringing chocolate for our chocolate tombola.

NON UNIFORM DAY
24TH NOVEMBER
IN EXCHANGE FOR A
Chocolate

Please donate generously. Any type of chocolates that you'd like to win at our Christmas Fair

TOMBOLA

Please ensure that all chocolates are unopened, sealed and in date.

WHERE?
Children to bring them to their classrooms



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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