



This Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, a wonderful time to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. We wish all our families a peaceful and faith-filled season, filled with hope, love, and special moments together as we look forward to welcoming Christ at Christmas.



Happy 30th Birthday to Mrs McElwee!

We are so pleased you enjoyed your surprise and hope your hamper comes in handy!

Enjoy every moment of your celebrations -you deserve to celebrate this milestone to the fullest!



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!

Instagram - Standrewsschoolb92



Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day



We are excited to announce that our school will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Fundraiser this year! Pupils are invited to wear their favourite festive jumpers and help support this wonderful cause. Families can contribute as little or as much as they wish, via our Just Giving page, which can be easily accessed by scanning the QR code below. Let's see if we can reach our £200 target!

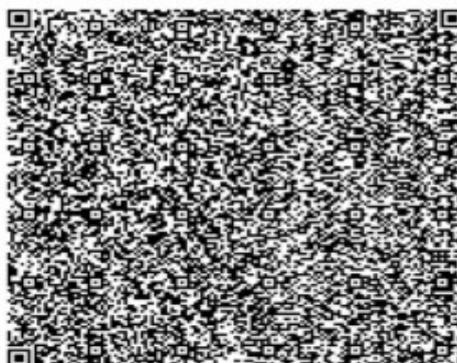
Thank you for helping us make a difference and spread some festive cheer!

We're taking part in



Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day



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Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales (213890), Scotland (SC009570) and Isle of Man (199).

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.

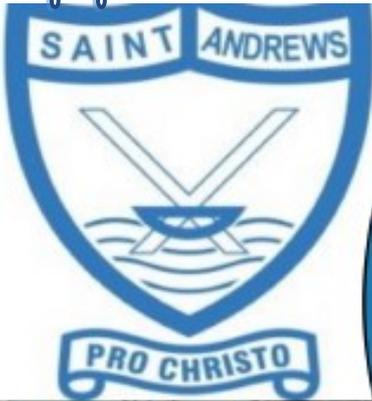


Prayer at the end of the day

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



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In recognition of your generous donations to the
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In support of our Armed Forces Community

THANK YOU



Charity Number 219279

Signed:

Steve Coley *S. Coley*
Shirley Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser

On behalf of Shirley Royal British Legion

POPPY APPEAL

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
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
Thu 11th December	All	Christmas Jumper Day
Thur 11th December	All	Christmas Lunch
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 13th 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 Reception.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 5.

Punctuality Winners: Year 2.

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	96.21%	0
Year 1	89.33%	0
Year 2	86.67%	0
Year 3	94.66%	0
Year 4	95.20%	0
Year 5	97.22%	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	1	0
Year 1	4	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	3	0
Year 4	4	0
Year 5	3	0
Year 6	3	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

What a fun filled week we have had in Nursery!

The children have been learning about getting ready. We have had challenges together of who can get themselves dressed/coats on/zips up/socks on/shoes on.

We have enjoyed outdoor learning activities such as ice and snow play and we have created a Stable in our roleplay shed for the children to roleplay the Christmas story.

The children have been creative using playdough to make snowmen and painting winter pictures.

Nursery have been learning all about Advent this week and have made an Advent wreath to go on our Advent display.

We have been recapping and practicing our number recognition this week in maths we have participated in number activities indoor and outdoors.

Well done Nursery I am very proud of your attitude to your learning this week.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning through the traditional tale The Gingerbread Man. The children enjoyed exploring the main character and thinking of lots of lovely words to describe him.

They each drew their own special Gingerbread Man picture and added labels to show the different parts and features.

In our Celebration of the Word, we reflected on Jesus on the Cross and talked about the importance of forgiveness. The children shared thoughtful ideas about being kind and saying sorry. Some children chose to respond by creating a beautiful crown for Jesus to show their love and care.



Year One

This week has been full of exciting learning! In Computing, the children practised logging on independently, showing fantastic perseverance and growing confidence. They even had the chance to be creative using Paint, exploring colours, shapes, and digital tools to make their own artwork.

We explored our much-loved story 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children enjoyed retelling the story, joining in with the repeated phrases, and talking about the characters and their adventures. To finish our unit, we had a special treat, everyone got to decorate their own tasty biscuit, adding icing and sprinkles to create their very own gingerbread masterpiece!



Year Two

This week in Year 2, we have been focusing on the traditional tale The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children explored the story in detail and used a thesaurus to expand their vocabulary. They worked hard to write sentences using expanded noun phrases to describe the troll under the bridge. We were so impressed with the creative imaginations and wonderful descriptive ideas the children shared - well done, Year 2!



Year Three

This week in Art, Year 3 have been exploring how imagination can transform a simple seed into something extraordinary. Inspired by the vibrant, dream-like artwork of Yellena James, the children imagined what might grow if anything were possible.

Their ideas blossomed into magical plants with jagged edges, twisted stems, spiky textures, tangled vines and delicate, glowing petals. It was wonderful to see such creativity and imagination grow in the classroom.



Year Four

Our Year 4 Jesse Tree Inspire workshop was a wonderful opportunity for children and families to come together and deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith during Advent. Working side by side, families explored the story of Jesus' family tree and reflected on the key figures who prepared the way for His coming. Together, we created our own beautiful Jesse Tree, decorating it with hand-made symbols that represented these important biblical characters and moments. It was a joyful, faith-filled session that encouraged prayer, creativity and shared learning, helping our school community to grow closer as we journey towards Christmas.



Year Five

This week, the children have been exploring why we experience day and night.

Using a globe, they observed how the Earth's rotation creates these changes.

We also investigated the reasons behind the seasons, discussing why some countries enjoy warmer weather in December while we experience colder temperatures at the same time.

Year Six

The highlight of our week in Year 6 was leading Mass with our Reception faith buddies. It was wonderful to officially welcome our lovely buddies into the St Andrew's community whilst remembering the example of our school saint.

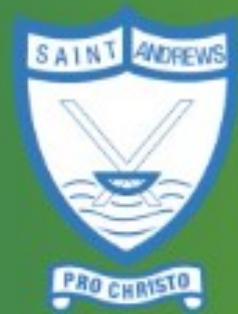
Year 6 led with such pride and reverence, showing excellent leadership skills.

Well done for being fantastic role models to our younger pupils - you should all be very proud of yourselves!



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!



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

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