



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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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...



The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that, people will insist on coming along and putting things in it.

(Terry Pratchett- English Author)



This Sunday we celebrate the 4th 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.

As we come to the end of term, we wish all our children and families a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Our KS2 Carol Concert was truly special, as the children took us on the journey that Mary and Joseph made to the stable where Jesus was born, through music! They told and sung this story so beautifully, helping everyone feel the wonder and joy of that holy night.

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who brings love and hope to the world. We hope this special time is filled with smiles, kindness and precious moments together, and that God's love shines in your homes throughout the Christmas season!



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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It's not goodbye, it's just see you later!



Today we celebrated Mrs Haynes and hope she felt the love that everyone at St Andrew's has for her. We even had a few familiar faces join us (see picture below) It was lovely to welcome past staff back.

After 24 years of devoted service to Catholic education, it is with both gratitude and sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Haynes. Over the years, Mrs Haynes has been a constant source of kindness, wisdom, and support, touching the lives of countless students, families, and colleagues. Her faith, dedication, and genuine care for others have shaped our community in ways that will be felt for many years to come. While she will be deeply missed, we are excited for her as she begins a new adventure!

We wish you every happiness, success, and blessing in the next chapter of your journey.



A massive thank you to Kiely Bros Ltd for their yearly kind generosity which helps the PTA elves to buy every single child a gift from Santa!

Also a huge thank you to the PTA for organising every year!



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.





September 2026 RECEPTION PLACES AVAILABLE

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7.45am- 6.00pm

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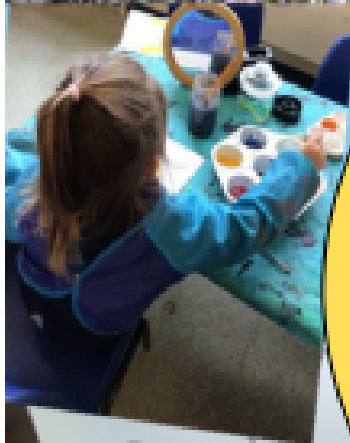
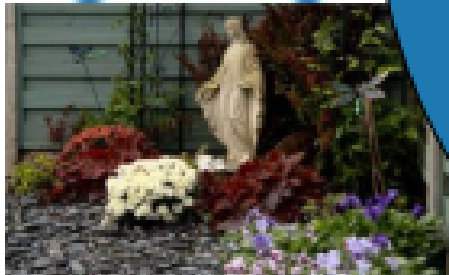
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Term Dates



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
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
Tue 10th March	All	Individual School Photos
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 & 4 -Swimming
Thursday	Reception, 1 & 5
Friday	Year 1, 5 & 6



Attendance and Punctuality



Our KSI attendance winners were Year 2.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 6.

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	93.10%	0
Year 1	92%	0
Year 2	95%	0
Year 3	90.69%	0
Year 4	93.67%	0
Year 5	93.21%	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	1	0
Year 1	3	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	2	0
Year 4	8	0
Year 5	1	0
Year 6	4	3



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

Our last week of term before the Christmas holiday has been a very busy and fun week!

The children have made melted snowmen biscuits, made lots of Christmas paper chains and finished off all their Christmas craft.

We have also been learning all about repeated patterns and I am very impressed with each and every one of you, well done.

In RE this week we have been building our cribs using junk modelling materials, we are going to keep them in school for Jesus to be put in them when we re-join for the new term.

Elf Bob has been very cheeky this week and even changed all of the children's name cards to his name!

We have loved having Bob with us for Christmas and will miss him when he goes back to Santa.

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!



Reception

Our final week of the autumn term has been full of fun and festive cheer! We've loved playing in our new reading corner, creating candy canes with beads and pipe cleaners, and writing postcards, letters, and lists to Santa. The children have also enjoyed painting beautiful baubles and celebrating together with a truly fabulous party.

What a wonderful way to finish the term!



Year One

Year 1 have had the most wonderful final week of 2025. They have worked hard to create some beautiful Christmas crafts and had lots of fun playing Christmas games. They also acted out the story of the Annunciation perfectly.

What a wonderful end to the year!



Year Two

We have been super busy in Year 2 this week! In maths, we have been exploring 3D shapes by creating our very own cities using recycling materials. The children worked hard to identify different 3D shapes and learn about their properties, such as faces, edges and vertices. We also used dry spaghetti and marshmallows to help us visualise 3D shapes and wow, what amazing structures the children made! Their creativity and teamwork were fantastic to see.

Not to mention our very cheeky Elfie, who decided to attach himself to Miss Cashmore... luckily, the children did let me know straight away! Well done, Year 2 - a brilliant week of learning and fun!



Year Three

Year 3 enjoyed bringing their teddy bears into school this week as part of their English lessons. As part of our unit on journalistic writing, the children used their teddies to support a descriptive writing activity, carefully observing details and choosing interesting vocabulary to bring their writing to life. The classroom was full of excitement, creativity and very well-loved bears!



Year Four

Wow - what a busy, exciting and wonderfully festive end to the autumn term it has been! Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the school year, showing enthusiasm, resilience and a real love of learning.

This week's carol service was a real highlight and a lovely way to bring the term to a close. The children performed beautifully and helped create such a joyful and reflective atmosphere - a truly special moment for everyone involved.

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support throughout the term. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, filled with rest, happiness and time with loved ones.

Merry Christmas and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year!



Year Five

Year 5's elf has been getting up to lots of mischief this week! He kicked things off by taking selfies on the class iPad and encouraging the children to join in, before moving on to making a mess of the classroom. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to the elf today—but it's not goodbye, it's see you soon!

Year 5 would also like to say goodbye and good luck to Gianna, who is sadly leaving St Andrew's today. She has been a big part of Year 5, and we will all miss her beautiful smile and positive attitude. We wish you all the very best in your new school.



Year Six

Year 6 have enjoyed a festive final week of term, topped off by a cone of fresh chips from the chippy! We felt very proud watching them perform in their final St Andrew's Carol Service this week and we're sure you did too. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your all your support throughout 2025. Have a good one, Year 6!





WE DID IT!

We are over the moon to announce that thanks to your incredible support, we've raised approximately £2,000 this term!

From the spectacular sparks at our Fireworks Night and Christmas Boutique, to the festive magic of the Christmas Fair and the excitement of the Raffle - every penny adds up to make a huge difference for our school.

A massive THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers, teachers, and every single person who donated, or joined in the fun. We couldn't have done it without this amazing community!

Enjoy the break, and we'll see you in the New Year for more!



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