



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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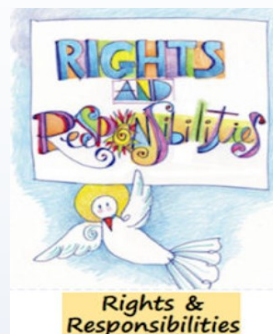
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This half term we are learning to be Curious and Active.
Curious about everything and taking increasing responsibility for our own learning; and active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.



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



Curiosity is the engine of achievement.

(Ken Robinson - British Author)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution and the loss of biodiversity.



We love sharing and celebrating all of the wonderful things happening in and 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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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.



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: Friday 17th 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 1st February	Year 6	Confirmation Commitment Mass at 11am
Fri 6th February	All	PTA Sweet Tooth Sale
Fri 13th February	All	PTA £1 dress in red or pink day
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 February	All	PTA Meeting
Tue 10th March	All	Individual School Photos
Fri 13th March	All	PTA Mother's Day Boutique
Fri 27th March	All	PTA Easter Disco & non uniform day
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
Fri 17th April	All	PTA Summer Fair bottle donation & non uniform day
Fri 24th April	All	PTA Break the rules day
Saturday 9th May	Year 3	First Holy Communion at 12pm
Thu 21st May	Year 6	Trip to the Cathedral
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 Reception.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 3.

Punctuality Winners: Year 2

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	99.43%	0
Year 1	93.33%	0
Year 2	95.56%	0
Year 3	95.40%	0
Year 4	97.22%	0
Year 5	91.36%	0
Year 6	97.85%	0
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	0	0
Year 1	1	0
Year 2	2	0
Year 3	0	0
Year 4	3	0
Year 5	2	0
Year 6	1	3

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY – EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Being in school **every day and on time** is vital for children's learning, wellbeing **and safety**. We understand that mornings can be difficult for some families, and we are committed to working **supportively and proactively** to help every child attend regularly.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING REMINDER – FIRST DAY CONTACT

School must be contacted on the FIRST day of absence.

If we have **not heard from a parent by 9:30am**, school will make contact to ensure your child is **safe and well**.

If we are unable to make contact, the **Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), Lynette**, will be informed and further checks may be made, including a home visit if required.

LATES ADD UP – MORE THAN YOU THINK

Arriving late has a real impact on children's learning and emotional wellbeing.

Just 10 minutes late every day means:

- **50 minutes of learning missed each week**
- **Over 30 hours missed across a school year**

✗ The equivalent of **almost a full week of school lost**

Lateness can also be unsettling for children and affect confidence, routines and friendships.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If attendance or punctuality is becoming difficult, **please talk to us early**. Support is available through:

- **Mrs Brady – Child & Family Support Worker & Attendance Lead**
- **Educational Welfare Officer**
- **Inclusion Team**

Family Hubs, offering drop-in sessions and practical support for families who are struggling

Please refer to the **timetables sent out last week**, or contact Mrs Brady to discuss how we can support your family.

MONITORING & WORKING TOGETHER

We monitor attendance closely and track patterns carefully. Where attendance falls below expected levels, families may be invited to meet with school and the EWO so that we can **work together to improve attendance**. Term-time holidays cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances, in line with school policy and government guidance.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many families who ensure their children attend school **every day and arrive on time**. Your commitment makes a huge difference to learning, wellbeing and success.

Nursery

Nursery have had a busy and very fun week!

We have been focusing on our Topic about bears, have explored the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children have had great fun roleplaying the story through sensory trays of all the obstacles the characters in the story have to go through e.g. mud, a river, a forest, a snowstorm and a cave that leads to a bear. We have used a bear in a tent with torches for the cave.

The children have been working hard in their phonics groups and are always keen to tell me what sounds they have been learning! Well done to you all.

We have enjoyed our maths games this week using a dice/number cards and counting bears, we have been matching the right quantity to the correct numeral. I am very impressed with all of their subitising skills! Keep up the good work.

The cold and wet weather hasn't stopped us exploring our outdoor area, the children have enjoyed lots of roleplay outside, we have made rockets to space and roleplayed going to the drive through in our



Reception

Reception have had lots of fun in our construction area this week, where the children worked together to build a road and even a mini city! We used the book Roadworks to inspire their ideas and support their imaginative play.

We also had a fantastic time in the Wonderdome, learning all about space. This was an amazing experience that Reception absolutely loved.

Alongside this, the children have been getting really creative, designing and making their own masks and jigsaw pieces. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine throughout the week.



Year One

Year 1 have had a fantastic time exploring space in the Wonderdome this week! The children were fascinated as they learned about planets, stars, and space travel through an exciting immersive experience. They asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity about the world beyond Earth.



In computing, the children also enjoyed practising their mouse skills on the laptops. They used drawing tools to create and edit shapes, developing confidence with clicking, dragging, and controlling the mouse. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing independence as they combined creativity with new digital skills.



Year Two

This week in English, Year 2 have been learning about instruction writing. The children made their own moon cakes and then used the experience to write a fantastic piece of extended writing.



This practical activity helped them to visualise each step clearly and understand how instructions need to be ordered and detailed. We were very proud of their focus and enthusiasm!

Year Three

As part of their learning about how fossils are formed, Year 3 explored trace fossils by making imprints in salt dough. The children pressed objects into the dough to create marks and patterns, helping them to understand how footprints and other traces can be preserved over time. It was a hands-on activity that brought their science learning to life.



Year Four

This week in PE, we have been loving our gymnastics lessons as we worked to perfect our teddy bear roll. The children learned the roll step by step and confidently coached each other, before progressing to pair rolls and even performing in groups of four, showing excellent teamwork and control.

We also enjoyed an exciting visit from the Wonder Dome, where pupils were immersed in learning about Space. The experience sparked curiosity and awe as the children explored planets, stars and the vastness of the universe.



Year Five

Year 5 were visited by the Wonderdome, where they were introduced to the sheer scale of the universe. They explored how the Moon moves through its phases, learned about the atmospheres of different planets, and discovered who the first person was to land on the Moon. The session concluded with an exciting look to the future, as pupils learned about the upcoming Artemis II mission, which will see a rocket carry four astronauts on a journey around the Moon.



Year Six

The highlight of the week for Year 6 was our visit to the Wonderdome. We loved being inside the Planetarium and learning more about space and our solar system. Thank you to all of Year 6 for coming to our first booster session - you worked really hard and we are very proud of you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING TERM



JAN

16th - Summer fair gift donation
& non-uniform day



FEB

6th - Sweet Tooth Sale
13th - £1 dress in red or pink day
27th - PTA meeting

MAR

13th - Mother's Day Boutique
27th - Easter Disco & non-uniform day

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MOM

APR

17th - Summer fair bottle
donation & non-uniform day
24th - Break the rules day

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