



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

0121 743 5675 <https://www.st-andrews.sotihull.sch.uk> office@st-andrews.sotihull.sch.uk

Instagram- Standrewsschoolb92



Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith

Twitter X- StAndrewsOLAAS

Friday 6th March 2026

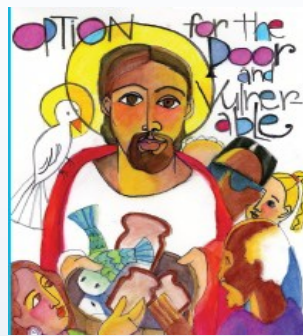
hopeful
loving
curious
wise
grateful
discerning
compassionate
active
truthful
intentional
eloquent
generous
faith-filled
attentive

This half term we are learning to be **Intentional** and **Prophetic**.
Intentional in the way we live and use the resources of the earth,
guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example we set to
others.

hopeful
loving
curious
wise
grateful
discerning
compassionate
active
truthful
intentional
eloquent
generous
faith-filled
attentive



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



Surely we all have a responsibility to care for
our Blue Planet. The future of humanity and
indeed all life on Earth now depends on us.

(David Attenborough - British Broadcaster)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Let us begin by disarming our language,
avoiding harsh words and rash judg-
ment... instead, let us strive to measure our
words and cultivate kindness and respect...
so that words of hatred give way to words
of hope and peace .



International Women's Day, celebrated on 8th March, is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of women around the world. At St Andrew's, we reflect on many inspiring women who demonstrate values such as kindness, courage, compassion and faith in their daily lives. We also think about important role models, including women from history, our communities and within our own families who make a positive difference to others.

As a Catholic school, we are reminded of the example of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, whose faith, strength and love continue to inspire us.

Through these reflections, our pupils were encouraged to appreciate the importance of respect, equality and using their own gifts to serve others and make the world a better place.

Pledge a £1!

Previous years have shown that St Andrew's are absolute pros at "Crazy Hair Day" and so we are bringing it back!

In order to raise money for a very important cause, pupils were invited to come to school with the **craziest**, most creative hairstyles they could think of, in exchange for a £1 donation on Friday 20th March.

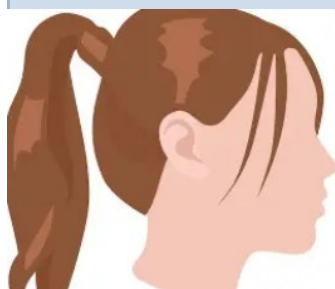
We were amazed by the effort and imagination shown, with colourful sprays, wild styles, braids, spikes and plenty of glitter brightening up the classrooms and corridors! Most importantly, this kind of event helps us raise money for a wonderful cause while having lots of fun together as a school community.



WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 7th May, school will be closed to allow the building to be used as a polling station. This arrangement has been in place in previous years and will continue this year. School operations will resume on Friday 8th May. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



A reminder to parents and pupils that long hair should be tied up while at school, and makeup should not be worn as part of our school uniform policy. We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain these standards.



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- [Standrewsschool692](#)

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

Thursday 7th May 2026

Important Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Mon 9th March	Reception and Year 1	Animal man
Tue 10th March	All	Individual School Photos
Fri 13th March	All	PTA Mother's Day Boutique
Fri 13th March	Nursery	Celebration of the word 9.15am
Mon 16th March	Year 3	Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30am
Tue 17th March	Year 5	Celebration of the word 2.50pm
Wed 18th March	Year 4	Trip to Cadbury World
Wed 18th March	Year 3	Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30am
Fri 20th March	All	Crazy Hair Day for pledge a £1
W/B 23rd March	All	Lenten Charities week
Wed 25th March	Year 3	Trip to Lunt Fort
Thu 26th March	All	School Nurse drop in- Children's sleep routines 9am
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
Thu 7th May	All	INSET Day- Closed for Voting
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, 5 & 3-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 2

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	96.12%	0
Year 1	94.17%	0
Year 2	98.28%	0
Year 3	93.97%	0
Year 4	97.91%	0
Year 5	98.15%	0
Year 6	94.35%	0
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	3	0
Year 1	2	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	3	0
Year 4	2	0
Year 5	2	0
Year 6	5	0

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

This week in Nursery the children have been very busy and had a lot of fun activities.

We have linked our maths and literacy with Story books written by Julia Donaldson. The children have been investigating long and short using superworms, counting how many cubes long are the characters.

For RE this week the children have made a promise bag for Lent, writing what they want to give up and coloured them purple.

For PE this week we played lots of fun parachute games encouraging taking turns, team work and gross motor skills.

We have celebrated world book day this week and transformed our Nursery into The Gruffalo scene with a Gruffalo café outside serving Gruffalo crumble, roasted fox and scrambled snake.

Lots of things to be proud of this week Nursery well done.

Reception

What a fun week we have had in Reception!

We have looked carefully at each of the seasons and created a little book with pictures to represent the four seasons. In maths this week, we have been looking at our staircase pattern to help us find numbers that are 1 more and 1 less.

In our writing area, we continue to look at the story The Tiger Who Came to Tea, practising our letter formation as we describe the tiger. Our focus in RE has been on the gifts given to us by God and how we can use these in positive ways.

The children got stuck into their learning in continuous provision, which was wonderful to see.



Year One

The children looked fantastic in their wonderful costumes for world book day! They had so much fun exploring the different classrooms and celebrating all things books! Well done year 1!



Year Two

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day at school.

Each classroom was transformed into a different book and the children travelled around the school taking part in a variety of fun activities linked to each story.

In Year 2, our classroom became the Moon and outer space, where the children enjoyed space-themed activities and stories.

It was a wonderful day celebrating books, imagination, and a love of reading.

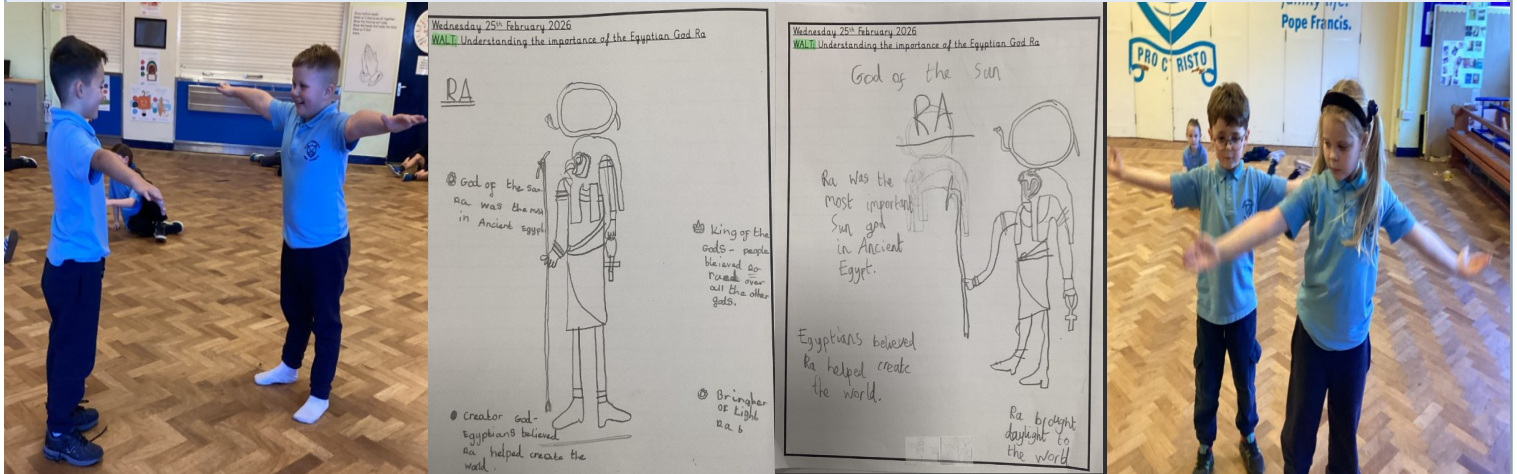


Year Three

During PE, the children explored Egyptian dance by choreographing their own routines in unison.

They combined imaginative movements with strong, dramatic poses inspired by the gods and goddesses they have been studying in History.

Their performances were full of energy, teamwork, and expressive strength, showing how confidently they could bring the ancient world to life through movement.



Year Four

Wow - What a week it has been! From pedalling a bike to power a blender and make our own smoothies, to stepping into the role of news reporters investigating food and its impact on the environment, the children have had a fantastic time bringing their learning to life.

We also enjoyed learning about the colourful Holi Festival and what it means to people around the world.

To finish the week, we celebrated World Book Day, sharing our love of reading and admiring the brilliant costumes. It has been a busy, exciting week full of creativity, curiosity and fun!



Year Five

Year 5 have had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day! I was absolutely amazed by their costumes, they were brilliant!

The children enjoyed a fully packed day immersing themselves in a variety of wonderful books. They explored Narnia, Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and many more magical stories.

They also put their creativity to the test by designing their own sweets, recreating the world of Narnia through art, and showing off their knowledge with a fun book quiz.

What a fantastic day celebrating the joy of reading!



Year Six

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Level 3 Bikeability on Monday. The instructors were very impressed with their road awareness, teamwork and listening skills.

Well done for passing your Level 3 Cycling Proficiency, Year 6.
Happy cycling and remember the safety rules you were taught this week!



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

#1
MOM

APR

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

**BREAK
RULES**



Mother's Day Boutique

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

**ST ANDREW'S PTA ARE HOSTING OUR
MOTHER'S DAY BOUTIQUE FOR ALL
CHILDREN.**

**CHILDREN CAN COME AND CHOOSE A
GIFT FOR THEIR LOVED ONE FOR JUST
£3.50 PER CHILD.**

We're excited to host this year's Mother's Day Boutique on Friday 13th March.

Children can buy a gift for £3.50, with payment needed before Friday 6th March.

Please send cash in a sealed, clearly labelled envelope (name + year group) or pay by BACS to the PTA account using your child's initial.surname + year (e.g. A.Masters 3). For siblings, use surname + year groups (e.g. Masters 1 3).

If you'd like to discuss this or would like any kind of support, please reach out to us through standrews-pta@hotmail.com



Midland Schoolwear

www.midlandschoolwear.co.uk

ONLINE SHOP AVAILABLE

WE STOCK A COMPLETE RANGE OF

- Official School Uniforms
- Trousers, skirts, blouses, shirts and jumpers.
- Sportswear and Swimwear
- Boys & Girls Footwear, Trainers, Football Boots and Plimsolls
- Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs, Beavers and Scout Regulation Uniforms
- Leavers' Hoodies, Fleece Jackets, Reversible Fleece Jackets,
- Corporate Wear - available for small / large businesses, nurseries, tradesmen, clubs and teamwear.
- On site embroidery service (We offer a complete design and logo setup, embroidery service in store.)
- Garment Printing



Embroidery Service Available.
Student Foundation Trust Grants / Vouchers Accepted

0121 707 2033

Shop 9, 1160 Warwick Road, Acocks Green, B27 6BP