



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 20th March 2026

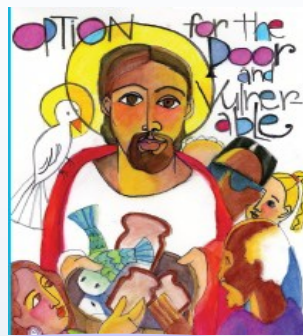
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This half term we are learning to be **Intentional** and **Prophetic**.  
**Intentional** in the way we live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example we set to others.

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



*Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfil your own purpose and potential.*

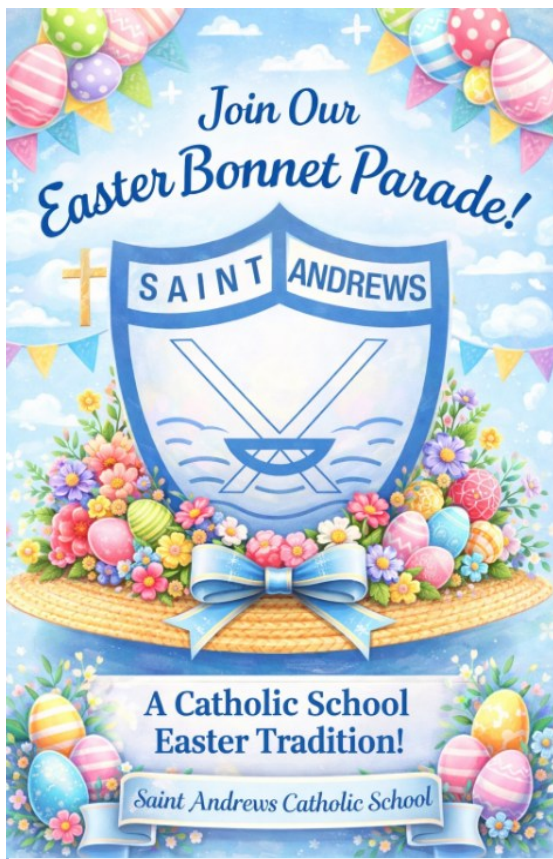


(Kerry Washington - American Actress)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



*Every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation... can be seeds of a new world.*



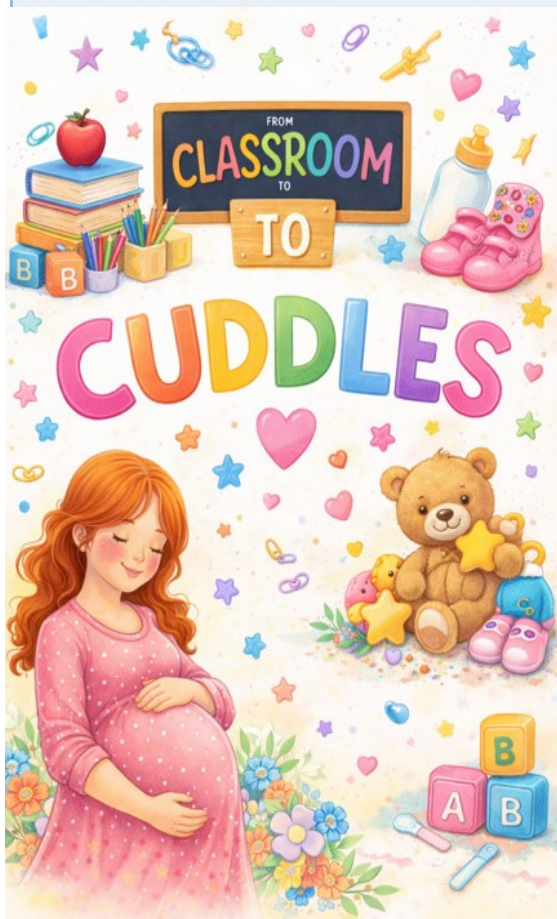
It appears that Spring has sprung which means it's the perfect opportunity to invite you all to join in with our Easter Bonnet making this year.

We know just how creative you are and it's one the children love to get involved in, but please don't think you are restricted to just a bonnet!

We would love to see anything Easter related, whether it inspired by our faith, a Spring Crown, egg, basket or bunny ear decorating, 'kindness eggs' to hang on our trees...be as creative as you can!

To ensure the children have the opportunity to showcase their creations, please have in school by Thursday 26th March, ready to parade on Friday 27th March.

Have an 'eggcellent' time getting crafty!



We would like to wish a very special farewell to our delightful Mrs Worswick as she begins her maternity leave in anticipation of the arrival of her baby girl in just two weeks' time!

She has shown incredible dedication, working right up until the very end, and we are so grateful for all that she's done, even with a baby on board.

Although she'll be back, Mrs Worswick will be hugely missed by staff, children and parents alike, as her kindness, efficiency and friendly presence makes everyone's day brighter!

We are so excited to hear the news of her baby's arrival and cannot wait to meet the newest addition to her family.

Wishing her a truly special and joyful time ahead - she thoroughly deserves it!



# Can you match the baby to the Teacher?





We have had an amazingly fun-filled day with all of the CRAZY hairstyles created for our 'Pledge a Pound' day today.

Thank you for your incredible efforts - not only did you help raise £124, but you raised lots of smiles throughout the day too!

Take a look at some of the wacky looks below...



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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# 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.



# School Uniform- Summer

Our Summer uniform can be worn from the term following the Easter holiday through to the end of the first Autumn term in October

**Please label all your child's clothing**



## **Boys Uniform**

A school logo white polo shirt or a white short sleeve shirt with a tie (Option to wear Blue polo shirt in years 5&6 )  
Grey Trousers or Shorts with Sensible black Shoes



## **Girls Uniform**

Blue and white Gingham summer dress/playsuit.  
White shirt/polo with grey skirt/trousers (Option to wear blue shirt in years 5&6)  
Tie can also be worn  
Appropriate socks and sensible black shoes

Please ensure that your child has a cap and sun cream for the warmer months

## **Uniform- other**

Long Hair must be tied back on all occasions

No trainers except for PE

Studs and Watches are the only Jewellery items that can be worn- expect on PE days

Excessive haircuts are not permitted i.e.. Tram lines and coloured hair

No makeup or nail varnish



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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: 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
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
Fri 19th June	Year 2	Trip to Mary Arden's Farm
Tue 23rd June	Year 5	Trip to Harry Potter World
Tues 23rd June	Year 6	Confirmation at 7pm
Fri 26th June	Nursery & Reception	Trip to Thinktank
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 3.

Punctuality Winners: Year 1

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	93.45%	0
Year 1	95%	0
Year 2	96.90%	0
Year 3	98.28%	0
Year 4	97.67%	0
Year 5	94.44%	0
Year 6	96.45%	0
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	7	0
Year 1	2	0
Year 2	4	0
Year 3	5	0
Year 4	8	0
Year 5	3	0
Year 6	7	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

Nursery this week have been learning and celebrating St Patrick's Day, the children have used their cutting skills to design a hat using the Irish colours green and orange.

The children have been learning about Spring this week too. They have been out on a Spring hunt, looking for flowers, insects, trees, stones and lots of other signs of Spring.

In maths this week the children have been ordering numbers from 1-5 and with an additional challenge of 1-10 using number blocks characters.

We have had another fulfilled and amazing week together, well done to all the children for always trying their best, joining in with all activities and being kind to each other.



# Reception

This week, Reception have had lots of fun focusing on our story Supertato! We created our own headbands featuring vegetable superheroes, and the children loved getting creative with their designs.

We also planted our very own pea seeds - let's hope they grow!

In Maths, our focus has been on doubles. We used butterflies to help us explore and create our own doubles in a fun and engaging way.



# Year One

Year 1 had lots of fun making their 3D paper models they worked really hard to cut, draw, decorate and bend the paper into different shapes.

They are truly fantastic!



# Year Two

In Year 2, we have had a lovely week! We gathered for a reverent class celebration of the Word, where we focused on St. Patrick's Day and discussed why St. Patrick is important.

We even finished our day with a wonderful Irish dancing performance from Mrs. Kinsella, and some of our talented Irish dancer classmates joined in too!

In PE, we have been busy imagining ourselves at the beach, dancing while acting out different sports games. It has been a fun and energetic week full of learning and creativity!



# Year Three

This week, Year 3 celebrated a very special milestone as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was a beautiful and reflective occasion, shared with parents in the hall. The children took part with great reverence, and the celebration was made even more special by the singing of hymns. It was a meaningful moment in their faith journey.



# Year Four

Year 4 had an amazing day at Cadbury World, full of chocolatey fun! We explored exciting exhibits, learned how chocolate is made, and even wrote with melted chocolate. There were rides, games, and tasty chocolate to try. Everyone had a brilliant time laughing, learning, and enjoying lots of sweet treats - what a delicious day to remember!

# Year Five

Year 5 have had a fantastic week! We are currently enjoying reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and in English the children have been working incredibly hard on their character descriptions of Mr Tumnus. They have been using similes, metaphors, and personification brilliantly, producing work they should be very proud of.

I also have to mention the amazing effort that went into Crazy Hair Day this Friday. We saw an incredible range of styles - from bright colours to bold spikes and fun wigs. I was very impressed with everyone's creativity!



# Year Six

Year 6 have been working hard on their SPAG skills.

This week was focused on sorting words into word classes such as nouns, prepositions, adjectives and adverbs. We went on a scavenger hunt around the playground, finding words and sorting them into hoops.



# 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**



PTA Easter Disco - Friday 27th March  
£3 per child | £1.50 siblings

Non-uniform day for all Tuck shop & toy stall available - children can bring pocket money.

Volunteers needed 3-6pm

Book here -

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/standrewscatholicprimaryschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=114209>



PTA Meeting - All Welcome!

Join us on Friday 17th April, 6-8pm at The Lyndon Pub (Function Room) for our next PTA meeting.

We'll be discussing the logistics for our upcoming Summer Fair and sharing plans for an exciting new end-of-year event - our Family Colour Run!

It's a great chance to hear what's coming up, share ideas, and get involved in making these events really special for the children. Whether you can help a little or a lot, we'd love to see you there!  
Everyone is welcome.



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