



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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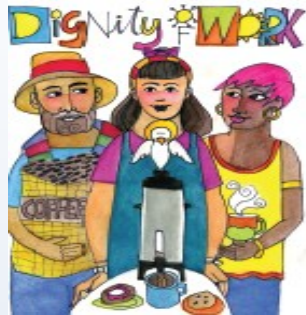
Friday 22nd May 2026

This half term we are learning to be Grateful and Generous.

Grateful for our own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for blessings of each day;

and Generous with our gifts, both now and in the future.

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



Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.

The highest gratitude is not to utter words, but to live by them.

(John F Kennedy - American President 1961-1963)



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



No one is excluded from God's love - each one of us remains precious in the Lord's eyes.



We are pleased to share with you the dates for our Masses for the Summer term.

Please note, Masses start at 10:30am.

If for any reason this time changes, we will communicate this by email.



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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We have some exciting news to share...

What a weekend it was for some of our pupils last weekend!

Oliver Jones, Austin Masters and Tommy Owens proudly represented Hampton FC for the West Midland's biggest grassroots football tournament in Skegness. Competing against teams from across the country, the boys gave it their all and did themselves, their families and St Andrew's proud, finishing 4th in their division - what an achievement!

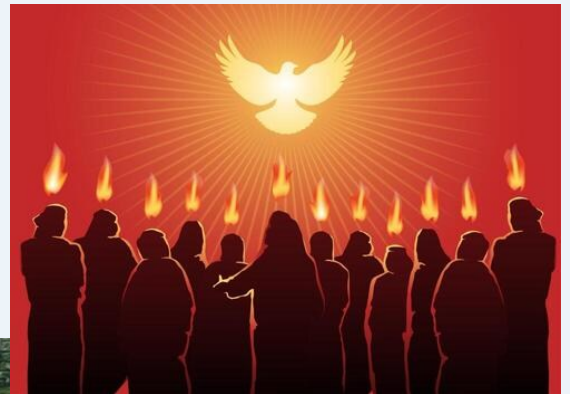
A huge well done boys!



Pentecost

This week, came together to celebrate the joyful feast of Pentecost. The children spent time reflecting at our beautiful Pentecost Prayer

Station, thinking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the importance of love, courage and kindness in our daily lives. We were also treated to a wonderful Mass, prayerfully led by Year 2, who helped us all remember that Pentecost is known as the 'Birthday of the Church.' To continue our celebrations, we gathered together as one big family to enjoy birthday cake, singing and ice lollies in the sunshine - a truly special way to celebrate such an important occasion,







Assistant Headteacher Appointment

We are delighted to share with our school community that following the interview process this week, Mrs McElwee has been appointed as substantive Assistant Headteacher officially taking up the role from 1st June 2026.

Mrs McElwee has made a significant contribution to the life of St Andrew's over recent years, particularly during her time as Interim Assistant Headteacher. She has played an important role in supporting the continued improvement of the school and has demonstrated a deep commitment to our children, families, staff and wider community.

Mrs McElwee's appointment reflects the dedication, leadership and professionalism she has consistently shown. Her work alongside Mrs Hipkiss during her time as Head of School has also helped provide stability, continuity and strong leadership for the school community during an important period of development and change, helping to form a strong senior leadership team focused on moving the school forward.

I know you will join us in congratulating Mrs McElwee on this well-deserved appointment and in continuing to support her in this important role moving forward.

Mr C Flaherty
Executive Headteacher

CONGRATULATIONS!

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: Mon 27 Oct 2025 to Fri 31 Oct 2025

Term Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

End of Term Holiday: Mon 22 Dec 2025 - Fri 02 Jan 2026

Spring term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 05 January 2026

Half Term Holiday: Mon 16 Feb 2026 to Fri 20 Feb 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 (Polling Day)

Monday 20th July 2026

Important Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Fri 22nd May	All	Break up for Half term
Mon 1st June	All	Children return
Sun 7th June	Year 3	Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion - 11:00am at St Thomas More Church
Tue 9th June	Year 4	Cricket Festival
Wed 10th June	Year 2	Celebration of the Word - Grandparents 2:50pm
Mon 15th June	Year 4	Celebration of the Word - 2:50pm
Tue 16th June	Year 5	Cricket Festival
Wed 17th June	Year 6	RE Inspire Workshop 2:15pm
Fri 19th June	Reception	Celebration of the Word - Fathers 9:15pm
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
Thu 25th June	Year 4	Geography Workshop 2:15pm
Fri 26th June	Nur & Rec	Trip to Thinktank
Sun 28th June	Year 6	Mass of Thanksgiving for Confirmation - 11:00am at St Thomas More Church
Tue 30th June	KS 1	Sports Day - 9:30am
Wed 1st July	KS 2	Sports Day - 9:30am
Mon 6th - Wed 8th Jul	Year 6	Year 6 Residential
Mon 13th July	Year 6	Trip to Cineworld

OUR PE DAYS ARE:

Monday	Nursery, Year 3 & 6
Tuesday	Year 2, 4 & 5
Wednesday	Year 2 & 3
Thursday	Reception, Year 1 & 5
Friday	Year 1, 4 & 6



Attendance and Punctuality



Last week, our Key Stage 1 attendance winners were Reception.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 6.

Punctuality Winners: Year 1, 3 & 6.

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

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), Sonia**, will be informed and further checks may be made, including a home visit if required.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	99.29%	0
Year 1	92.00%	0
Year 2	87.50%	0
Year 3	95.17%	0
Year 4	96.79%	0
Year 5	90.74%	0
Year 6	99.35%	0
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	7	2
Year 1	1	0
Year 2	3	1
Year 3	1	0
Year 4	11	0
Year 5	10	0
Year 6	1	0

🕒 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

A great week to finish the half term in Nursery this week! We have been learning and exploring our new theme, 'Under the sea'. The children have really enjoyed our new roleplay of the aquarium. Exploring and investigating all the different sea creatures. We have had lots of water play activities out this week both indoor and outdoor, lots of pouring/filling up/ tipping and making water move in different ways. The children have been predicting and testing objects which float and sink too. The children are also excited this week as our very own caterpillars are now asleep in their chrysalis and so we are hoping we have butterflies on the week after half term! Have a lovely half term break.



Reception

What a fantastic final week before half term!

This week, our theme has been The Rainbow Fish, where we have been exploring how Rainbow Fish changes by sharing all of his scales with his friends, which in turn makes him happy. Reception have had lots of fun creating their own rainbow fish and other underwater creatures. They have also built their own underwater caves and even become chefs and customers in our new fish and chip shop role-play area!

Have a wonderful half term, everyone, and enjoy the sunshine!



Year One

This week in Year 1, we had great fun learning about left and right through an exciting "human football" game. The children worked together in teams, moving only left and right to help guide the ball, while listening carefully to instructions. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork, and they did a fantastic job using their directional language. Well done, Year 1!

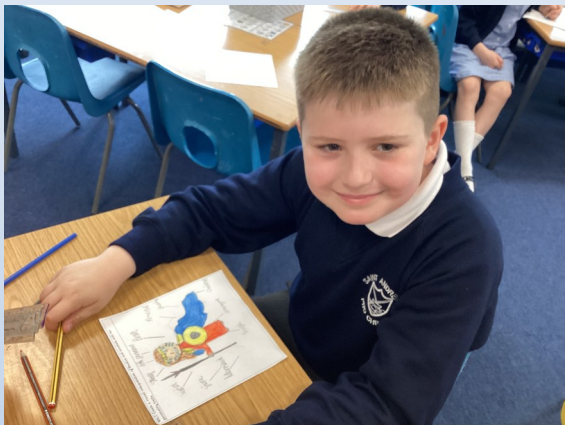


Year Three

Year 3 have had another busy and exciting week of learning! In Maths, we have been working hard on converting money, as well as adding and subtracting amounts of money. The children have shown great perseverance when solving money problems using pounds and pence.

In History, we have been learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain, exploring why the Romans wanted to invade and discovering the story of Boudica and her brave rebellion against the Romans. The children have enjoyed discussing how life changed during this period of history.

In Design and Technology, we have been developing our construction skills by joining 2D shapes together to create 3D structures. It has been wonderful to see the children working creatively and collaboratively to build strong models using various folding techniques.



Year Four

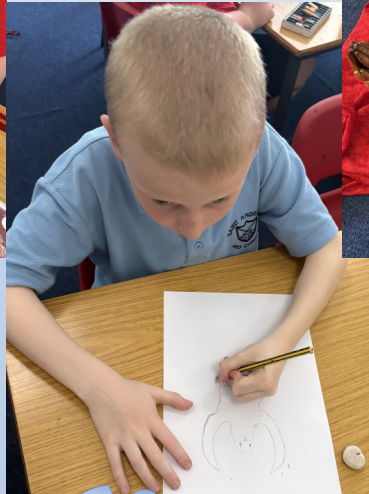
What a fantastic and busy week it has been in Year 4! The highlight of our week was definitely designing and creating our very own torches in D&T. The children showed great creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills as they carefully built and tested their electrical circuits to make their torches work successfully. It was wonderful to see their excitement and pride when their finished products lit up!



Year Five

During their prayer and liturgy service, Year 5 reflected thoughtfully on how they can show kindness, courage and peace throughout the half term. They shared meaningful ideas about how these values can be lived out in their everyday actions at home, school and within the community.

The children also enjoyed a wonderful art lesson where they interpreted what they believe the Holy Spirit might look like. Through their creative artwork, they expressed their ideas with imagination, colour and individuality, producing some truly thoughtful and inspiring pieces.



Year Six

Year 6 have had a busy week starting with many pupils competing in the MAC Athletics competition. Well done to everyone who competed and represented the school so well. Our trip to St Chad's Cathedral was a success - we learnt a lot about its history and more about St Chad.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER TERM



MAY

9th - Holy communion
breakfast: Y2 Parents to support



JUN

19th - Father's Day Boutique
26th - Summer fair chocolate donation &
non-uniform day



JULY

3rd - Summer fair cake / crisps
donation & non-uniform day
4th - Summer Fair
16th - Colour run party & non-
uniform day



PTA NEWS

Father's Day Boutique!

Our little shoppers will have the chance to pick out a special surprise for someone amazing this Father's Day

£3.50 per child - cash or BACS



We are SO excited to launch our very first PTA Family Colour Run!

16th July 2026 3:30 - 6:00pm

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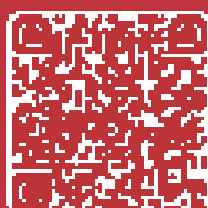
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