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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of lots of learning centred around National Anti-Bullying week. We started off with our odd socks day and whole school assembly, then later on in the week, every class took part in an Anti-Bullying lesson and discussion focusing on 'banter'. Pupils considered when things were just for fun and laughs and when things could be said that go too far. Our Pupil Parliament took part in some training with our school Play Therapist, to help them support small friendship issues and squabbles. Even our celebration assembly focused on positive play and friendship certificates.

We have also had a week of wonderful project drop-in sessions for every class. It has been lovely to see so many of you come in to look through your children's books.

Lastly,, our parents evenings are swiftly approaching so please do make sure you sign up if you haven't already.

Have a fantastic weekend with friends and family.  
Stina Wikowski

## Pupil Parliament

Following our class elections we are pleased to announce our Pupil Parliament for this year.



Chair	Ella
Vice Chair	Josh
Secretary	Riley
Farah Class Rep	Joe
Biles Class Rep	Scarlett F
Nadim Class Rep	Mollie
Kolisi Claas Rep	Poppy
Brown Class Rep	Robbie
Cole Class Rep	Bella

This week, Pupil Parliament gathered for their first proper meeting. We discussed that they were representatives for their class so their core role is to listen to others. This way, the work they do really supports the whole school. Their first job has been to go back to classrooms and find out about new books the children would like for the library next year. (Mrs Witkowski)

## Butser Ancient Farm

Last Friday Brown and Kolisi class went back in time to see what life was like from the Stone Age to the Anglo Saxons. On our visit to Butser Ancient Farm, all the children enjoying taking part in hands on learning such as wattling a fence, sewing runes, carving chalk and using cordage to create a coat toggle. The children also took part in an archaeological dig looking for clues from the past and thinking about how people used to live. All the children enjoyed the day with one of the guides saying that it has been the best day she has had at work for a long time. The children were inquisitive, polite and engaged all day with their learning. As always a huge thank you to our parent helpers who helped make the trip a success. (Miss Joyce & Mrs Nicholson)

## Remembrance Sunday

Last Sunday St. Andrew's School took part in the Cobham Remembrance Parade along with ex-servicemen and women, army cadets, St. John Ambulance cadets, Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies. The parade marched down the High Street, Church Street and through the churchyard to St. Andrew's Church. The children sang the first hymn and observed the 2 minutes silence before going over to the church hall to do activities related to poppies and remembrance. The parade then re-formed for the return march. Many thanks to everyone who came; we were proud to be the only school in Cobham to take part. ( Mrs Wilde)



Cole Class

The children in Cole Class are learning about changes in childhood since the 1950s. We borrowed a box of old toys from Chertsey Museum. From these we compared the materials used to make toys and the kinds of toys children played with. We were interested to learn that lots of the toys were similar to toys we have now but very few were made from plastic, and that there were no electronic toys which we have so many of now. (Mrs Wilde)



Football

On Monday, the girls played a match against St Albans at home. The girls had to rearrange their formation and drop a player on the pitch (as the visiting team were missing a player) to play 6 a side but they all coped very well and ended up winning 3-1 with a hat-trick from Izzy.

The boys also had a home match on Monday against St Albans. They showed great determination against a very strong team. There was some amazing defensive work from the boys but, at the end of the match, they unfortunately walked away with a loss.

On Thursday, the girls ventured out again in the rain for their next match away at Chandler's Field. All the girls were very clear on their positioning and showed a much better understanding of using the space on the field. The team, led by captain Izzy, scored two great goals - knocked in by Scarlett and Joley - and came away with another win. Well done girls. ( Miss Mercey)



The elves at FoSA are beyond the "nervous excited" stage. **We are 9 sleeps to the Christmas Fair!!**

FoSA members and Reps have been visiting the classrooms this week to tell the children about the upcoming fair and asking for parent helpers to join us on the day. It's been a few years since we have run a fair for the whole community and this one has been planned since June this year. It would be wonderful if the parents gave 30 minutes to their stall on the day! Let your Rep know if you can help.

Your children have also been adding a little bit of Christmas to the fair too, which you can see on the day! We are nearly there and we really believe it will be terrific. The Mayor and Mayoress of Elmbridge will do us the honour of opening our event, in the main assembly hall at 1.00pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**The Christmas Raffle** will be drawn at the Christmas Fair Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at 3.30pm. You can buy tickets on Classlist or <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/raffle/view/1062381033>



The school is supporting St Andrew's Church's **Operation Christmas Child** collection. Every year Samaritan's Purse collects shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world.

Since 1990, more than 178 million children in more than 150 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Details on how to pack a shoebox can be found <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> Please return boxes to school by Friday 24 November. We have pre-printed boxes if needed.



Thank you for the contributions to BBC Children in Need. We raised £130 that will make a difference to children who need it most.

**Best Class Attendance**  
**Nadim**

**House Points**  
**Painshill**

**Next Week's Value**  
**Integrity**

Celebration Certificates

Value-Contribute

- Cole:** Tommy
- Brown:** Phoebe B
- Kolisi:** Elsie
- Nadim:** Cataleya
- Biles:** Nikol
- Farah:** Anahita



Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Cole:** Isaiah
- Brown:** Sham
- Kolisi:** Daisy S
- Nadim:** Montana
- Biles:** Liam
- Farah:** Trivid