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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy new Year to all of you. The children have settled back into school well this week. So many children hugged and chatted with each other on the first day - so pleased to be reunited with friends! I got to hear lots of stories about favourite presents or sleepovers as many families got together over the festive period.

As we re-establish routines, please do make sure reading at home along with tasks on Spelling Shed, Doodle Maths and Lexia are completed for homework. These sites specialise in supporting key knowledge and skills for you child.

Year 5 started swimming for PE this week and Bingham and Erikson class enjoyed a special history workshop on the Romans.

We are very grateful to ACS who provide such fantastic facilities for swimming. Next week we also have some special learning buddies coming into class to help with learning and building confidence - these are older students from ACS who are supporting our positive role-model work.

Remember to wrap up warm this weekend and stay safe on the roads.

Take care,  
Stina Wikowski

## Reading Raffle

Well done to all the winners in the Reading Raffle from last half term.

Keep up with your home reading so you are in with a chance of winning one of the books this half term!



## Roman Workshop

Erikson and Bingham enjoyed a Roman history workshop this week. We were able to explore the history of the Roman bathhouse in Cobham. It was also wonderful to learn about Roman customs and culture through role play and, object handling. Do ask the children how you got clean in Roman times! ( Miss Russell)



## Staff news

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to our school counsellor, Mrs Taylor who had worked at St Andrew's for the past 4 years. This week we welcomed our new counsellor, Mrs Hitch and a new learning support assistant, Miss Kostadinova.



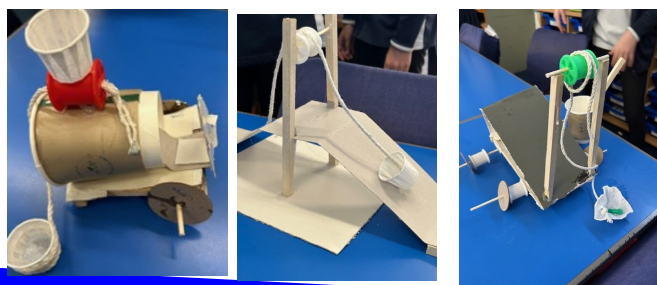
Miss Kostadinova



Mrs Hitch

## Year 5

Cousteau class spent the end of last term creating prototypes of mechanisms in DT. They thought about how to create inclined planes, pulleys, levers, wheels and axles and combined these into a simple machine. It is great that they are able to explain how their machines work complete with a demonstration. ( Mrs Mackie-Gandy)





Eco Council

Last term, we set up an Eco Council in the hopes of making our school a little more sustainable and we had an overwhelming response from the children to join. The Eco Council will be led by the pupils, spearheaded by our School Council leaders. The children have already created an eco-code and voted on our 'Big Idea' - they decided they wanted to focus on animal habitats and diversity within the school grounds. More to come - watch this space! (Mrs Ellard)

House Point Certificates

In the final assembly last term, children who had earned Gold and Platinum certificates were congratulated. There were 45 gold certificate and 25 platinum certificates awarded. Two Gold award and two Platinum award names were drawn out of a lucky dip. The Gold winners received a book token, and the Platinum winners will choose a book at Cobham Bookshop with Mrs Witkowski. Well done to everyone who earned Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates.

The winning House last term was **Wisley** with 954 points followed by **Brooklands**, **Boxhill**, **Painshill** and **Polesden Lacey**. **Wisley** pupils have a **mufti day on Friday 17 January** to celebrate their success.



Our wining House Captains

Attendance

In assembly today 22 pupils received an attendance badge for having 100% attendance last term. They also got to pick a small prize. Well done! Let's see if we can increase this number this term.



School Admissions

Just a reminder for parents with pre-school children that the closing date for Reception for September 2025 entry is **15 January 2025**.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents / carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed, free of charge (unless NHS prescription )

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

**Best Class Attendance**  
**Erikson**

**House Points**  
**Brooklands**

**Next Week's Value**  
**Gratitude**

Celebration Certificates

Value– Perseverance

- Winstanley:** Isaiah
- Bingham:** Sham
- Erikson:** Lola
- Cousteau:** Wrenne
- Fiennes:** Aiden
- Mallory:** Zoia



Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Winstanley:** Alexandra
- Bingham:** Edgar
- Erikson:** Ajay
- Cousteau:** Markela
- Fiennes:** Josie
- Mallory:** Joshua