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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to 2026 we've had! The children have settled back beautifully, and we're so proud of all they have achieved already this term. Here's hoping the second half brings us a little more sunshine and a lot less rain!

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents into school for our project showcases and project drop-ins. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's learning and celebrating their hard work with them.

We also marked Children's Mental Health Week with some exciting new playground activities. Our new parachute has been a huge hit (parachute games are now a firm favourite!), and the ribbon wands have brought lots of colour and movement to playtimes. The Pupil Parliament also organised a fantastic obstacle course one lunchtime, which was great fun for everyone involved.

Teachers led important Safer Internet Day lessons across the school. Supporting children to stay safe online is vital, and we encourage families to continue conversations at home and keep an eye on what children are accessing online.

Parton Class enjoyed a brilliant trip to Wisley and had a fantastic time exploring and learning outdoors. It was a great success — thank you so much to all the parent volunteers who supported the visit.

I wish you all a happy and restful half term break with family and loved ones.

Stina Witkowski

Don't forget to collect your bookmark from the office if you are taking part in the Golden Bookmark Reading Challenge



Wisley Gardens

Parton Class had a wonderful day at Wisley Gardens yesterday. We explored the Glasshouse, hunting down different types of plants and making sketches of the ones we found most interesting. We loved seeing the spikey cacti and the waterfall best! In the afternoon we had a special lesson from the staff at Wisley about the life cycle of a plant. We got to plant our own seed so we can see a plant's life cycle in real time. Then they took us on a walk around the gardens to spot buds, fruits and flowers. We loved being outside all day and learning about the plants in the garden. We also want to say a big thank you to our parent and governor helpers who made the day extra special! (Miss Harris)



We have been embracing the theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026, 'This is My Place'. Through this we can learn from each other what makes us feel happy. The children enjoyed fun lunch time activities including parachute games, ribbon wands and an obstacle course, learning how to be kind, include others, and make sure no one feels left out.



Showcases

On Tuesday, Year 5 performed their parent showcase focussing on the inspiring individual the class is named after – Mya-Rose Craig. The children collated the information shared in the assembly themselves, before helping turn it into a script where every child had a part. The children also prepared their own posters encouraging others to look after the environment and protect local animal habitats. The message from Mya-Rose Craig is that everyone can make a small change, which all adds up to a big difference – what is the change that you can make? (Mr Hunter)



Henry Class performed their showcase to their families on Monday, sharing everything they had learnt in Science, Art, English and even performed a piece of music using just pieces of paper! (Miss Wyatt)

Parton Class

Parton Class completed their Design and Technology project yesterday by adding the finishing touches to their fortresses for the Three Little Pigs. We used our knowledge of strong bases and specialist joining techniques to make a free-standing, stable structure that will keep our pigs safe from the wolf! (Miss Harris)



Safer Internet Day

Teresa class learned about the wonderful things on the internet but also the risks of things being fake or wrong! Other classes spent time discussing the 'Okay' and 'Not Okay' uses of AI. This included some scenarios where children gave their opinions about what they could or should do. The children gave numerous examples where AI is used in their everyday lives and were surprised by some situations that had not thought of. They were very good in explaining you must think critically about what it tells you, and what to do if it says something that concerns or upsets you .

Kids online safety

The DFE has a new kids online safety website to support families and encourage regular conversations about what children are seeing online, asking simple questions, like “who shared this” and “why?”. Based on parents’ main concerns and needs, it provides:

- tips for parents’ conversations with their children
- actions to support each stage of their child’s life
- parental controls information

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The website includes signposting to trusted resources from charities and third parties, where parents and carers can access other forms of support.



St Andrew's Church is having a Flip, Fry and Fun Brunch Pancake Party on Sunday morning (15th) at 10am, lots of lovely toppings for pancakes, crafts and a puppet show. See attached flyer for details and how to book.

Best Class Attendance
Hamilton

House Points
Boxhill

Next week's value
Respect

Celebration Certificates

Value– Gratitude

- Teresa:** Maisie
Parton: Class
Henry: Buddy
Craig: Emily
Hamilton: Wrenne

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Teresa:** Tammy
Parton: Class
Henry: Indianna
Craig: Fatima
Hamilton: Marnie

