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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
The children have returned to a normal routine this week and many have been busy and working hard with end of term assessments. We are really proud of all the work they have put in.

Year 6 Junior Leadership Team have been hard at work creating and completing a pupil survey. They have asked about what helps children in lessons, favourite subjects, how teachers can help them best, and also our school values and how we act on them. I have been very impressed by their organisation and independence with this project and can see our Year 6 pupils are very much secondary school ready now. We will be making the most of our last two weeks with them.

We sent out an updated uniform policy earlier in the year, which is simpler and also better value for money. Please ensure you read it so you know what to buy and not buy for September 2026.

Have a wonderful weekend with friends and loved ones.

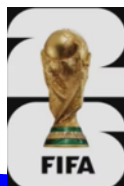
Stina Witkowski

Monday Start time.

We appreciate that many of you and your children will want to continue your support of England at the World Cup this weekend by watching the game as it takes place.

With the game kicking-off at 1am, we understand that this may result in many tired children on Monday morning. As a result, we will be undertaking a 'soft-start' from 8:40-10:20am. This means that children may arrive for the school day up 10.20am without being considered late.

However, please can we stress, that Monday is still a school day and, as a result, any children absent on Monday, as would be the case with any other learning day, will be considered an unauthorised absence.



Teresa Class.

Teresa class planted some sunflower seeds only just over a week ago. They have grown so fast that we think they must have been magic seeds! The warm weather and good watering have made them shoot up. Today the children took them home to plant in their own or their grandparents' gardens or in their allotments. We can't wait to see some photos of the sunflowers when they are flowering. I wonder whose will be the tallest? (Mrs Wilde)



Craig Class

In PE this week, Year 5 showcased their orienteering skills. In small groups, they were given a range of equipment that they then used to build an obstacle course. As part of the orienteering element, the children had to describe how their courses worked, including direction, keeping safety in mind at all times. They did this brilliantly and enjoyed trying out the other obstacle courses too. Well done Year 5! (Ms Blackman)



One Summer's Day

This weekend St Andrew's Governors, Friends of St Andrew's and the Pool and Multisport project team were part of the fantastic One Summer's Day event in Cobham. Lots of people popped by to support the pool project including our MP Ben Spencer and Elmbridge and Surrey Councillors. It was a pleasure to talk to new families and people who want to know more about our school. Our Chair of Governors, Rev. Mike Branscombe, ended up in the river - for the duck race! And lots of people got to play the free games and ask about the Wild West Summer fair. The atmosphere was joyous and it was wonderful to be a part of such a significant event for Cobham.



Big Write

After May half term, the children participated in another Big Write. This time, the children were challenged to create a piece of writing about the Pixar short, 'The Blue Umbrella'. After much consideration, a winner has been chosen for each class, alongside a child who has shown improvement in their writing.



School Meals

Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility is changing from September 2026. To ensure children continue receiving free lunches and to find out if your child may now be eligible for free meals, please complete the attached form by Tuesday 7 July to allow us to run the eligibility checks before the start of the new school term. Thank you.

Our St Andrew's Wild West Summer Fair is just around the corner, and we'd love your help to make it a fantastic day for our children and families!



Whether you can spare an hour or a few hours, every bit of help makes a huge difference. We need volunteers to help with setting up, running stalls and games, serving refreshments, and packing away at the end of the day. You don't need any experience—just a willingness to lend a hand and have some fun!

If you're able to help, please send us a message. The more volunteers we have, the more successful the day will be. Let's pull together and make this year's fair a great success. Thank you for your support! Melissa Friends of St Andrew's (FoSA)

Hamilton Class

This week, Year 6 learnt about blood vessels and heart rate. We then investigated different ways to measure heart rate. We learnt that there are various parts of the body where the pulse is readable and then we used heart rate monitors to measure our heart rate reliably. (Mrs Ellard)



We are looking forward to welcoming the children from the school to sing at the All Age Service on Sunday at 10am and for members of Faith Ambassadors to read and lead the prayers in sign language.

Anyone who would like to sing with the choir are Sunday (songs the children have learnt at school with David & Louise) are invited to come to the choir practice between 8.00 -8:45pm on Friday 3rd July.

Best Class Attendance
Henry

House Points
Brooklands & Polesden Lacey

Next week's value
Integrity

Celebration Certificates

Value– Respect

- Teresa:** Antonia
- Parton:** Jackson
- Henry:** Louie
- Craig:** Daisy
- Hamilton:** Cooper



Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Teresa:** Iris
- Parton:** Oleksandr
- Henry:** Sham
- Craig:** Maggie
- Hamilton:** Poppy