St Andrew's News Friday 13th November 2026

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new look newsletter which we were hoping to send you on Friday, but unfortunately the Microsoft outage and the internet being down has lead to the delay.

It was lovely to see some of you at the Remembrance march the other week, whether as part of the march or waving from the high street. Our children looked very smart and were proud to join in and be part of the special morning.

We are looking forward to seeing all the amazing lanterns that have been made by our children at the Cobham Onederland light parade on Saturday 21st November. The choir will be performing on the stage at 3pm and the lantern parade will commence at 4pm from St Andrew's Church.

I am delighted to announce our Mini Christmas Fair! We will be gathering at 2pm on Friday 27th November to perform a few festive songs to parents and family. Then children are free to be released early from school to go round and enjoy the games and stalls and snacks available. We will also have Santa on site, ready for a visit. So please book a slot if your child would like to visit him!

Warm regards,

Stina Witkowski

Class & Event News



Remembrance Day:

On Remembrance Sunday, a group from our school joined the Remembrance day parade from Hollyhedge Road, along the High Street to St. Andrew's Church. The walked so smartly carrying the school cross and poppy wreath, proudly representing our school. We stayed in church for the first part of the service which included the 2 minutes silence and then went into the hall for craft activities on a poppy theme. We re-joined the parade for the return journey watched and waved to by the crowd along the way. Many thanks to everyone who came to make it a memorable occasion.



Care For Week

The week before the half term holiday was "Care for... Week" at school. We began the week with a special assembly led by one of our church representatives from the "Garden Route Children's Trust". This is a charity which supports children in South Africa who don't always have the food and care they need. We learned that a bowl of their porridge "e-pap" only costs 10p per meal! Throughout the week we had different prayer stations each day in our outdoor dining area focussing on the problems of lack of food, lack of clean drinking water, not being able to go to school and of living in a war zone. We thought about what it would be like to be living in these situations, learned about where in the world the biggest areas of these problems are and wrote thoughts and prayers to ask for help for people who are struggling in these ways. Every day different people from St. Andrew's Church came to help

with the activities. The huge "bubble of blessing" at the end of the week was vey popular.On the last day we held our "Big Sing" when we sang our favourite assembly songs and invited parents, grandparents and church friends to join us. The children sang brilliantly with great enthusiasm and we took a retiring collection for our charity "Garden Route Children's Trust".





Mini Christmas Fair - Friday 27th November



We are **VERY** excited to announce that our Friends of St Andrew's we will be having a Mini Christmas Fair at school on Friday 27th November. Please come along at 2pm to watch our children perform festive singing followed by a mini fair in the school hall until 5pm. Children are welcome to leave early after the festive singing if you are able to do an earlier pick up. There will be lots of fun activities.... more to be announced soon.

Bottles of Wine or Boxes of Chocolate Donations Required:

Up to and including Friday 20th, we will be collecting any donations of wine or boxes of chocolate for our Mini Christmas Fair stalls. Trolleys will be available at the school gates for collection or these items can be dropped off at the school office.

Mufti Days

Children In Need Mufi Day - Friday 20th November

We will be having our Children In Need mufti day on Friday 20th November.

Your children can come to school wearing yellow, spots or anything fun to help us raise much needed funds for the Children In Need charity.

We will be accepting cash donations on the day or you can make donations on our page at St Andrew's Children In Need Fundraising Page

We look forward to seeing lots of fun outfits on Friday 20th November.

Boxhill House Mufti Day - Friday 27th November

Boxhill House will be celebrating their summer term achievement by enjoying a mufti day on Friday 27th November. If your child is in Boxhill, they may come to school in their own clothes. Please ensure that they wear closed toe shoes and clothes suitable for the weather.

Attendance Reminder

Please remember to inform the school office **before 9am** if your child is going to be off school. You can call and leave a message, send us a WhatsApp or email info@standrews-primary.surrey.sch.uk

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child,** if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. **If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.**
3. **If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.**

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Celebration Certificates

Best Class Attendance:	House Points Winner:	Next Week's Value:
Hamza	Polesden Lacey	Integrity / Honesty



Celebration Certificates		
	Achieve	**Star**
Hamza	Harry & Mahnoor	George & Caine
Clark	Iris & Tammi	Yasmine & William
Irwin	Alan & Ocean	Sophia & Meghan
Carson	Simi & Buddy	Poppy & Phoebe
Muir	Jamie & Daisy	Edie & Ajay

Interview about what helps or keeps us and our young children from eating healthy food

Study Title: Factors Influencing Healthy Eating Among Families with Children aged 6 months - 11 years.

- Would you like to participate in an interesting research project?
- Are you the primary caregiver of a child aged 6 months-11 years?
- Are you responsible for organising the food at home?
- Do you want to have your views heard on barriers to heathy eating?
- Do you want be part of making a change in your local community?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, I would love to hear from you to discuss participating in my research project: Factors Influencing Healthy Eating Among Families with Children aged 6 months – 11 Years. Interviews can take place in-person from a choice of local venues or online via Teams.

Interested or have questions?

Please get in touch with Gaby Markham, Community Partnerships Officer and Research Champion at Surrey County Council on:

07772 646521 or gaby.markham@surreycc.gov.uk or HDRCSurrey@surreycc.gov.uk

Refreshment costs for in-person interviews will be covered up to £5 ***OR*** *you will receive a £5 Love 2 Shop voucher if interviews take place online.*

Please note, participation is entirely voluntary and is ***NOT*** *connected to any support you may be receiving via the host community partners*

Important School Dates 2026-2027

Month	Date	Time	Event
Autumn Term			
September	Monday 7		Term starts
	Monday 7	3.20-4.00pm	Curriculum meeting for Carson class (Yr5) in classroom
	Tuesday 8	3.20-4.00pm	Curriculum meeting for Irwin Class (Yr 3/4. in classroom. This will be followed by a meeting about the Year 4 trip to Sayers Croft in January.
	Wednesday 9	3.20- 4.00pm	Curriculum meeting Muir class (Y 6). This will be followed by a final Pensarn trip meeting
	Thursday 10	3.20-4.00pm	Curriculum meeting for Clark Class (Yr1/2) in classroom
	Friday 11	3.20-4.00pm	Curriculum meeting for Hamza Class (Rec) in classroom
	Monday 14 to Friday 18	Year 6 residential trip to Pensarn	
	Tuesday 22	2.45-3.15	Volunteer safeguarding training update
October	Thursday 1	2.45-3.15pm	Phonics workshop for Reception parents in classroom
	Friday 2	Harvest Assembly	
	Wednesday 14	Individual school photographs	
	Friday 16	2.30-3.15pm	Parents invited to a 'Big Sing' (for Care Week)
	Monday 19 October to Friday 30 October Half term holiday		
November	Tuesday 3	3.30-5.30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
	Wednesday 4	3.30-6.30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
	Sunday 8	Remembrance Parade & Church service - TBC	
	Wednesday 11	3.20-3.50pm	Irwin Class (Yr 3 &4) parent project drop in - classroom
	Wednesday 11	3.00-3.20pm	Muir Class (Yr6) project showcase in main hall
	Thursday 12	3.20-3.50pm	Carson Class (Yr5) parent project drop in-classroom
	Friday 13	3.20-3.50pm	Hamza Class (Rec 5) parent project drop in-classroom
	Monday 16	3.20-3.50pm	Clark Class (Yr1 & 2Reception) parent project drop in-classroom
	Friday 20	Children in Need Day	
	Saturday 21	Cobham Onederland – light parade 4.30pm (timings TBC)	
	Friday 27	2.00-5.00pm	Christmas Fair

December	Wednesday 2	Flu Inoculations Rec to Year 6	
	Thursday 3	Hamza & Muir – National Height & Weight Measurement	
	Wednesday 9	9.15am	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
	Friday 11	Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner	
	Tuesday 15	2.00pm	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church
	Thursday 17	pm	Class Christmas parties
	Friday 18		School closes at **1.30pm** for holidays
Christmas Holidays Monday 21 December to Monday 4 January			
Spring Term			
January	Tuesday 5	Term starts	
	Wednesday 27 to Friday 29	Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft	
February	Monday 1	Choir to Young Voices at the O2 Arena	
	Thursday 4	KS2 Inter House Cross Country	
	Monday 8	3.00-3.20pm	Carson Class (Yr 5) parent project showcase in main hall
	Tuesday 9	3.20-3.50pm	Clark Class (Yr1 &2) parent drop in in classroom
	Tuesday 9	3.20-3.50pm	Hamza Class (Rec) parent project drop in - classroom
	Wednesday 10	3.00-3.20pm	Irwin Class (Yr3 & 4) parent showcase in – main hall
	Wednesday 10	3.20- 3.50pm	Muir Class (Yr 6) parent project drop in - classroom
	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February – Half term holiday		
	Monday 22	School opens after half term	
	Wednesday 24	3.25pm	Year 6 parent SATs and secondary school readiness meeting
March	Tuesday 2	Choir to Primary Festival at Dorking Halls	
	Thursday 4	World Book Day (costume needed)	
	Thursday 4	5.00-6.00pm	Bedtime stories for all years
	Sunday 7	Mothering Sunday	
	Monday 15	Book Fair in school all week	
	Thursday 18	Carson Class to Reed's Car Launch Challenge	
	Friday 19	Red Nose Day	
	Tuesday 23	2.00pm	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church
	Wednesday 24	1.30pm	School Closes for Easter Holidays
	Easter Holidays Thursday 25 March to Friday 9 April		

April	**Summer Term**		
	Monday 12	Summer term starts	
May	Monday 3	*Bank Holiday – School Closed*	
	Wednesday 5	Class Photos	
	Monday 10 to Thursday 13	KS2 SATS period	
	Monday 17	3.30-3.50pm	Carson Class (Yr 5) parent drop in in classroom
	Monday 17	3.00-3.20pm	Clark Class (Yr 1 & Yr 2) parent showcase in classroom
	Tuesday 18	3..00-3.20pm	Hamza Class (Rec) parent project showcase in main hall
	Wednesday 19	3.20-3.50pm	Irwin Class (Yr3 & Yr 4) parent drop in – in classroom
	Wednesday 19	3.20-3.50pm	Muir Class (Yr 6) parent project drop in-classroom
	Wednesday 26	3.30-4.30pm	Summer Showcase (Yr3,4,5 & Choir)- TBC
	Half Term Holiday *Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June*		
June	Monday 7 to Friday 18	Year 4 multiplication check period	
	Monday 7 to Friday 11	Year 6 Bikeability	
	Monday 14	Phonics Check week	
	Tuesday 22	Volunteer Helper Tea Party	
	Friday 25	Sports Day 9.15am	
	Monday 28	Inset Day – no school	
July	Wednesday 30	Pupils to meet new class teachers	
	Monday 19	Parent Consultation if needed following reports	
	Monday 19	2.00pm	Year 6 production & Leavers Assembly
	Tuesday 20	2.00pm	Year 6 party
	Wednesday 21	1.00pm	Term Ends

Please note dates may be subject to change.