# St Andrew's Newsletter Friday 27th November 2026

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather turns colder and wetter, we remain committed to keeping our grounds fully open throughout the winter wherever possible. Thank you to all the parents who have already provided a spare pair of shoes or wellies for their child to use on the field. If you have not yet done so, we would be very grateful if you could send some in. We do have a supply of spare wellies in school, although most of these are in smaller sizes for our younger children.

Please also ensure that your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day. Having suitable outdoor clothing allows children to enjoy fresh air and playtime, even when there is a little drizzle. We know how important it is for children to get outside every day, and by ensuring they have the right clothing, we can avoid wet playtimes inside, as much as possible, throughout the winter months.

**Christmas Has Arrived at St Andrew's!**

Christmas preparations are already well underway at school. As many parents will know, the festive season starts early in a primary school, and Nativity rehearsals are in full swing! The children are thoroughly enjoying all the singing, dancing and practising, and we know they will be fantastic when it comes to their performances.

Today also saw our Mini Christmas Fair, which was a wonderful way to start the festive season. The children's performances helped set a truly festive tone, and we hope everyone enjoyed everything on offer, from the bouncy castle and Santa's Grotto to the many games and activities. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful Friends of St Andrew's parent helpers for organising such a lovely community event. These occasions simply would not be possible without their hard work, enthusiasm and support, and we are very grateful for everything they do for our school community.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend with family and loved ones.

Stina Witkowski

## Class & Event News



**Year 6:**

As part of our World War II learning, Year 6 explored the **"Make Do and Mend"** campaign and discovered how people reused, repaired and upcycled old clothes when materials were scarce.

We designed and made our own purses using fabric samples kindly donated by **Cobham Furniture**. The project helped us develop our sewing skills while learning about sustainability and the importance of reusing materials.

Thank you to **Cobham Furniture** for supporting our learning with their generous donation.

Mrs Eley

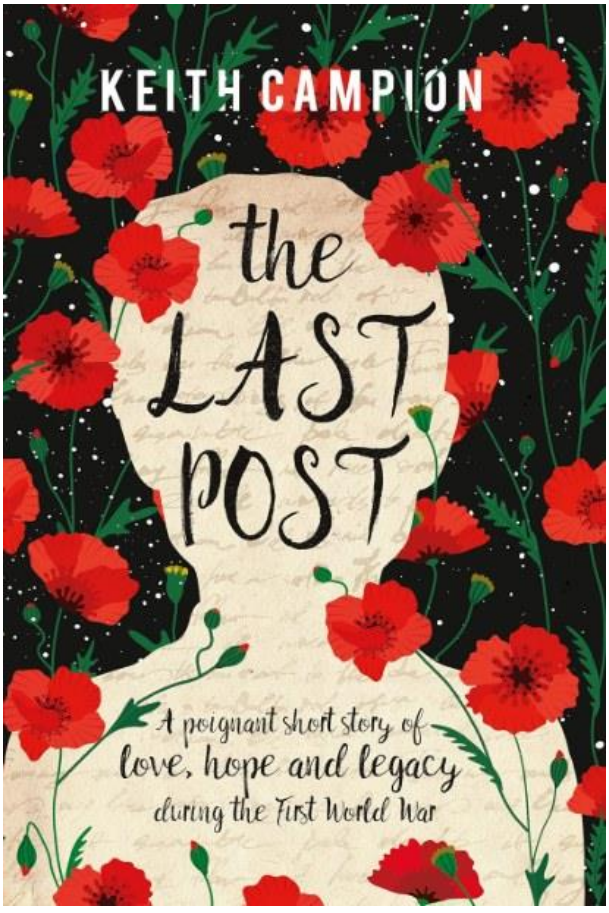
In English recently, Year 6 have been looking at informal letters based on the book 'The Last Post'. The children have been taking on the role of a father in the trenches during World War One writing to his young son. Within their writing, we have seen evidence of a variety of tense types, sentence types and a clever understanding of what information a father would have shared and what he would have kept to himself. We are looking forward to reading their hot writes.

Miss Mercey


Annie


Harry
Hitchman






**Clark Class:**

In PE last week, Clark class were looking at how they could support each other in group balances. They did a great job of working in a team and coming up with ideas on how to do this. Well done to them!

Ms Blackman

**Football Matches:**

Last Friday, the girls' football team played against Hinchley Wood. It was our first match and we played our best against a strong opposition. During the match, Olivia scored two

incredible goals and ended up player of the match. At the end of a fun match, the final score was 4-0 to us. Thanks to our coach Rachel - we hope we made you proud.

Written by Olivia and Josie Y6

On Friday 20th of November the boys played a football match against Hinchley Wood. During the match there were many near misses, some powerful tackles and some excellent opportunities set up by many of our team. However, at the end of the 40minutes match we sadly lost 3-0, although we did play excellently. Hinchley Wood selected Caspar as player of the match for not only being in goal for the first half but coming out and playing midfield during the second half. Thank you to Coach Rachel for acting as team manager and referee for the match.

Written by Caspar and Arshan







**Uniform Policy for PE Days:**

As per our uniform policy, which can be found at St Andrew's Uniform Policy, please remember that all jewellery including studs and watches are to be taken off. Surrey guidance states that no earrings can be worn for PE. This means they cannot be covered in tape/plaster, so please ensure that earrings are removed on days that your child has PE if they are not able to take them out themselves We also ask that pupils try not to get their ears pierced during term time as they will not be able to remove these for six weeks, impacting on their ability to take part in PE.

Hair to be tied up is to be tied up and no gloves to be worn during PE lessons.

**Introducing our House Hero Awards:**

We're excited to introduce our new House Hero Awards, which recognise pupils who consistently demonstrate our school values of Gratitude, Respect, Perseverance and Integrity.

Each week, our House Captains will be looking out for children who make positive choices, work hard, show kindness to others and act as excellent role models within our school community. One pupil from each house will be selected as a House Hero and celebrated during our weekly Celebration Assembly.

We hope this initiative will encourage all pupils to live out our school values and take pride in being positive role models for others.

Congratulations to our first House Heroes, and we look forward to celebrating many more in the weeks ahead!

Mrs Eley




**Cobham Onederland Lantern Parade:**

Thank you to all the families who came along to support the choir and our children showing off their beautiful lanterns made in school last week. It was an amazing evening and we are proud of how the children represented St Andrew's.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## Thank you!




**What an amazing school.**

Thank you for your support with our two collections we have recently run at school.

The **Bags2School** was a great success with donations weighing 196kg. Every kilogram means cash, so we look forward to hearing how much was raised for our Friends of St Andrew's (FOSA).

The children looked great in their mufti clothes for **Children In Need**. We raised £134 in cash and online donations, and each penny will help provide vital support for children and their families across the UK. If you still wish to make an online donation, please go to Children In Need Donations

## What's coming up?

**Flu Innoculations - Wednesday 2nd December**

If you haven't completed the form stating Yes or No to your child having their flu inoculations, please do so as soon as possible. All information was sent via email.

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production - Wednesday 9th December**

Come along and enjoy the Christmas production. Please drop your child off and make your way to the front office and main hall, grandparents and siblings very welcome too.

**Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas School Dinner - Friday 11th December**

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers to school along with their normal school uniform please. Plus we will be having our school Christmas Dinner that day too. If you haven't already booked your child's meal on Scopay, please do so  by Sunday 6th December.

## Celebration Certificates

| Best Class Attendance: | House Points Winner: | Next Week's Value: |
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| Year 6 - Muir | Painshill | Gratitude / Peace |




| Celebration Certificates | | |
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| | **Achieve** | **Star** |
| **Hamza** | Ronnie & Karro | Ava & Tommie |
| **Clark** | Stephen & Jonah | Al Ameen & Willow |
| **Irwin** | Cassie & Oliver P | Isaiah & George |
| **Carson** | Phoebe & Poppy | Maxwell & Ruby |
| **Muir** | Harry & Crystal | Bella &Annie |

# Important School Dates 2026-2027

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| 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<br>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<br>Thursday 25 March to Friday 9 April*** | | |

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| 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*<br>*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.***

**Interested in training to be an educator?**

We would like share an exciting opportunity for anyone who has ever considered a career in teaching or knows someone who might be interested in joining this rewarding profession. Please feel free to pass on to family and friends.

We work closely in partnership with South Farnham SCITT as our local School Centred Initial Teacher Training provider to support the training of new teachers in our community. South Farnham SCITT is hosting several information sessions this term for prospective primary and secondary teachers. These sessions are designed to help you explore the possibilities of a teaching career and understand the various pathways available.

Whether you're just beginning to explore the idea of teaching or you're ready to take the next step toward application, these sessions will provide valuable insights into:

· Different routes into teaching and which might suit you best

· Primary and secondary options, including the new SEND pathway

· Entry requirements and qualifications needed

· The application process explained step-by-step

· What teacher training with South Farnham SCITT involves

· The comprehensive training programme and partner schools

· How to fund your training year

We understand that changing careers or choosing your career path is a significant decision. If you're unsure whether teaching is right for you, the SCITT team can arrange school experience opportunities in both primary and secondary settings to help you make an informed choice. This hands-on experience provides invaluable insight into life in the classroom.

To register for an information session, click on the links above. Alternatively, to find out more about training to teach or speak to the team, please email scitt@sfet.org.uk or phone 01252 717408.

08/12/2026 7:00pm - 8:00pm Online information session Eventbrite link

09/12/2026 10:00am and 11:30pm George Abbot School, Woodruff Avenue Guildford GU1 1XX Eventbrite link

## Let's Support Our Supporters

☃️ The Snowman with Live Brass Band Accompaniment! 🎺

Step into the magic of Christmas with The Cobham Band's live screening of The Snowman, accompanied by a full brass band performing the iconic soundtrack live!

Join us in the beautiful surroundings of St Andrew's Church, Cobham, for an enchanting festive experience that will delight audiences of all ages. As the beloved animated film unfolds on screen, the music will be brought to life by The Cobham Band, creating a truly immersive and unforgettable Christmas event.

🗓️ Date: Saturday 12th December 2026, 4:00pm

📍 Location: St Andrew's Church, Cobham

✨ Perfect for all ages to get into the festive spirit.

🎟️ Get your tickets here: https://www.ticketsource.com/thecobhamband

Limited seats available - don't miss out! 🎄

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Stage Coach Christmas Workshop

Thank you to Stage Coach Cobham for their support in providing a prize for the raffle at our Mini Christmas Fair.

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Emma, the art teacher from Dib Dab Art Class, is performing in the Treasure Island panto in January. Bring along the family to enjoy a swashbuckling adventure performed by the Cobham Players. Good luck Emma, break a leg!

## Panto Advert




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