



Summer Term 2023

Welcome back to the start of our summer term. As the weather slowly improves, we look forward to warm days ahead. This half term, pupils in Year 6 and Year 2 will be taking their SATs (National tests). For Year 6, these take place the week beginning Tuesday 9th May. In Year 2, these will take place during May.

REMINDER TO PARENTS ABOUT SCHOOL ABSENCE

We are noticing a small, but significant increase in the number of parents who are taking their children out of school during term time, to go on holiday or abroad. There are approximately 39 school weeks in a year, which means parents have almost 13 other weeks to take holidays or to visit family members and friends. The government expectation for all pupils' attendance is 96%.

Please do not let your child miss out on their learning

In some cases, up to 10 Maths and 10 English lessons can be missed at one time, which means it is very difficult for the child to catch up. We take poor attendance very seriously at St. Andrew's and the office staff will insist on evidence being given for any unauthorised absence. In some cases, persistent absence can and does lead to parents being fined for keeping their child out of school.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the highest attendance for the last week of the Spring term and last week.

Week ending 31st March: 5B 97% and 1B 96%

Week ending 14th April: 6W 99.2% and 1B 97.4%

Alex meets the England Football Manager

Last term, Alex in Year 5, entered a 'Legends of Football' competition organised by ELMs, our sports company. Alex was only one of 20 children to win a day at Watford F.C., meeting many ex-players and playing football.

The highlight Alex told us, was holding the Premier League trophy and meeting Gareth Southgate, the England Manager. Miss Izzet, Alex's class teacher, also attended the event. We are so pleased to have shared Alex's special day.



Curriculum Letters

Our Curriculum Letters for this half term are on the website. Please click [here](#) to view them.

What has been happening at school?

This week, our **Year 5** children took part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) workshop with E4K (Engineering for Kids). After discussing of what a robot is and its purpose, the students were given the task of building one. Using teamwork, perseverance and resilience, most of the groups were able to successfully complete the build a robot, using instructions and had great fun controlling their robots using a remote control.





Our **Year 2** children have been learning how to take a good photo, using editing tools to enhance their photos. At the end of this unit, they will choose their favourite photo, which will be judged by their Year 6 buddies. As well as Computing, the Year 2 children have started learning steps for their Folk Dancing unit.



Our **Year 4** children spent a wonderful day at the Natural History Museum, as part of their learning about Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

Even though the museum was busy, the children really enjoyed learning how earthquakes and volcanoes are formed. Thank you to all the staff and parents, who supported this trip.

Coronation Events

Last week, the PTA emailed a poster about selling packets of seeds for £1. The seeds will be on sale after school on 2nd, 3rd and 4th May. There will also be a cake sale on Friday 5th May after school. All cakes, from 50p.

During the Coronation week, our children will be learning about the Coronation itself in history lessons, as part of their learning about change and continuity. RE lessons will focus on learning about The King's role as Head of the Church of England, as well as the meanings of the symbols used in the new emblem.

Lots of art and craft activities will be taking place, including decorating bunting, designing and making a crown and designing their own emblems. We will be practising 'God Save the King' ready for a Crown Parade on Friday. All children will be given the chance to decorate a biscuit ready to eat on Friday.



FRIDAY 5th May
Coronation Celebration Day
Wear **RED**, **WHITE** and **BLUE**
colours! Non-uniform day



Thank You

And finally, a huge thank you to one of our Year 3 parents, for buying garden spades and forks for our Nature Club. They arrived this week. The children love the shiny green handles and cannot wait to start digging with them next week in Nature Club.