

# MEET THE TEACHER YEAR 1

## A warm welcome to our Year 1 parents

Here is some information about our school day,  
as well as some other important notes for you.

We hope you find it useful.



**St Andrew's**  
Church of England Primary School



# — Year 1 Team

## **Teaching Team**

Mrs. Meekin (1B)

Mrs. Anderson (1W)

## **Support Staff Team**

Miss. Dagli

Mrs. Delaney

Ms. Hanno

Mrs. Okon-Williams

Mrs. Reynolds

Ms. Suleyman



# — School Day

- We have a 'soft start' from 8:45 a.m. and the gates are closed at 8:55 a.m.
- We have registration at 8:55 a.m. and then go to Collective Worship.
- We have a 15-minute morning and afternoon break time, as well as an hour's break at lunchtime.
- We say a prayer before lunch and before the end of the day.
- Gates open at 3:25 p.m. and school finishes at 3:30 p.m.



# — Uniform Reminders

## **Ties**

KS1 – A standard tie to be worn from Year 1 upwards. Indoor PE kit to be brought into school – white t shirt and dark blue shorts.

## **Jewellery**

Apart from small gold or silver, round stud earrings in pierced ears, no jewellery should be worn in school. It is advisable to remove earrings on PE days. Nail varnish, make up and temporary tattoos should not be worn.

## **Hairstyles**

Long hair must be tied back. No patterns, lines or logos should be shaved into the hair. Please see the Uniform Policy for more details.





# — Our Curriculum

In Years 1 to 6, children are taught the National Curriculum, this includes;

- English
- Maths
- Science
- History & Geography
- Art & Design Technology
- Computing
- Music
- French (KS2 onwards)
- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)
- Physical Education (PE)
- Religious Education (RE)

As a Church of England School,  
we follow the RE syllabus created by the London Diocesan Board.



# — Mental Health and Well-being

Pupils' emotional well-being forms a central part of our ethos school in and out of the classroom. We know that children learn best when they feel safe, calm and secure and have a trusted adult to go to, if needed.

Some of the ways in which the school is championing well-being:

- We have a Senior Mental Health Lead to oversee our plan for supporting good mental health and well-being
- We have a school governor who takes the lead on mental health and well-being
- Our PSHE curriculum has been developed over the past two years and is overseen by our PSHE Leader
- PSHE Themes include *Family and Relationships* and *Health and Well-being*
- PSHE lessons are taught weekly
- Circle time sessions also happen regularly in all classes
- Mindfulness techniques are taught and used to help to restore focus and calm
- 1:1 or small group targeted interventions offer support to key children



# — Reading

**Reading at home** At St. Andrew's School, we know how important it is for children to read and share stories at home. Therefore, we expect parents to support their child with reading every day.

**Reading in Year 1** Children read a decodable book matched to their current knowledge, 2-3 times per week with an adult in school. This book is then set within the Collins E-Library for children to read to an adult at home. The expectation is that they are reading with 80% fluency before the book comes home.

Children also bring home a sharing book to be enjoyed with an adult.

**Reading records** There is a reading record book, for parents to complete about the e-book. This will be checked once a week and should be sent back into school with your sharing book on a Thursday.

Your feedback is really appreciated.



# — Reading Bear

Every week, a child will bring home our class reading bear along with a packet of biscuits and a sachet of hot chocolate. They choose their favourite book to share with the bear and then write a sentence to say why they picked it, and draw a picture in the notebook provided.





# — Homework

In addition to daily reading, homework will be set once a week on Microsoft Teams. Your child will have their own log in for this. Please see the class teacher if your child is unable to log on.

Maths, English or another area of the curriculum, to support work already undertaken in class.

The task may involve the use the Purple Mash or MyMaths platforms but will always be detailed on Teams.

**Homework is set on Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday.**

Please speak to the class teacher if you have queries about homework.



# — Enrichment Activities

- Local visits linked to curriculum areas
  - Visits to London
  - Use of the school grounds for fieldwork in science and geography
  - Songsack for Y1
  - Key Stage 1 Nativity
  - Class buddy system with Year 5 children
  - Extra-curricular clubs run by outside providers
  - Themed weeks such as Parliament Week and Arts Week
  - Lunchtime and after school clubs run by staff
- more details to follow in the next week



# 2023-24

St. Andrew's School Main trips, events, visitors and workshops planned for 2023-24						
Year group	Autumn	Subject/focus link	Spring	Subject /focus link	Summer	Subject link
Reception	Aldersbrook Park Nativity Performance Local walk to the Post Box Story Cafe	Science RE  Literacy	Enfield Town Library Spring Walk - local area Story Café Visit to Crews Hill on the bus Ducklings E Story telling and drama workshop E	Language and Literacy Understanding the world  People, Culture and Communities	Finsbury Park  Story Cafe Elmer Day  Enfield Town Market	Understanding the world and Maths  Personal, Social and Emotional Development People, Culture and Communities
Year 1	Museum of Childhood workshop E Enfield Town Library Nativity Performance	History  RE	Holt White Bakery visit Chicks E Story telling and drama workshop E	RE	Transport Museum, London Forty Hall	History Science
Year 2	Nativity Performance Great Fire of London workshop E	RE History	Forty Hall Holt White Bakery visit	History RE	Visit to the Mosque in Palmers Green Chalkwell Beach, Essex. EE	RE History
Year 3	Christmas Service	RE	Recorder lessons E Celtic Harmony – Herts EE C	Music History	Local walk - Blue Plaque trail in Lancaster Road Capel Manor House and Gardens E	History Science
Year 4	Harvest Festival British Museum (Ancient Egypt)	RE History	Natural History Museum Charmag Mandir (Hindu temple) in Enfield E	Geography RE	Tolmers Camp, Herts EE Tower of London E	PE and OAA History
Year 5	Parliament Week	Citizenship	British Museum (Benin) Easter Service in Church Planetarium workshop E	History RE Science	Visit from the Enfield Caribbean Assoc STEM project with Chace Community	History/geography Computing/STEM
Year 6	5 day Residential visit to Gillingham Park, Essex Parliament Week	 Citizenship	Art Walk/ Art Gallery in London	Art and Design	Imperial War Museum, London Junior Citizens event Leavers' Service Year 6 Production	History PSHE Citizenship RE
ARTS WEEK SUMMER 2024						
Church visits and visits from Fr. Steve throughout the year						
Cost of trips. E = up to £7 EE = up to £21 EEE residential overnight trip. C=Coach needed Some events, workshops and trips may change due to availability						

Proposed trips, workshops, events and themed weeks for 2023-2024

Parents will receive an emailed copy of this.



# — Being Active

## **Outdoor PE**

Outdoor PE takes place on Wednesdays, with Coach Romaine. Romaine is well known to the children, and he works across the school, in all year groups. Children come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays.

## **Indoor PE**

Indoor PE takes place on Mondays this term.





# — Communication

**Drop off and pick up times** If you need to pass on a message, members of the Senior Leadership Team or other members of staff are available outside on the playground.

Medicine must always be handed to a member of staff. Please contact the office for a form to complete.

**School office** Please email or call to give messages during the school day.

**School website** This is updated regularly and includes the school calendar.

**Newsletters** Our fortnightly newsletter is available to read on the website.

**Curriculum letters** These are emailed and uploaded onto the website.

These will give parents further information about what is being taught in each subject.



# — Helping with Fundraising

## **Annual maintenance contribution**

All parents who join St. Andrew's School understand that the Governing Board requests **an annual contribution of £35** per child, to help maintain our buildings, boilers, roofs and other costly refurbishments and repairs. We really do need every parent to pay this contribution, so that we can maintain our buildings. Payment is made via ParentPay and can be paid in instalments or in full.

## **Join our amazing PTA**

The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help raise much needed funds for the school. Their hard work has enabled the school to purchase much needed equipment.

Our on-going playground project is in evidence!

## **Sign up to easyfundraising**

If you shop online by registering with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) you automatically raise money for the school, every time you spend. It doesn't cost you a penny either!



# QUESTIONS



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