

Attendance and Absence

In recent days, the topic of school attendance has been made a top priority by the government. Attendance rates at St. Andrew's are, in general, above the DFE's target of **95%** for all pupils. However, where there is a pattern of regular absence or where communication for non-attendance has been poor, a referral can be made to the Education Welfare Officer. Thank you to parents for ensuring all children develop good attendance habits.

Attendance Matters

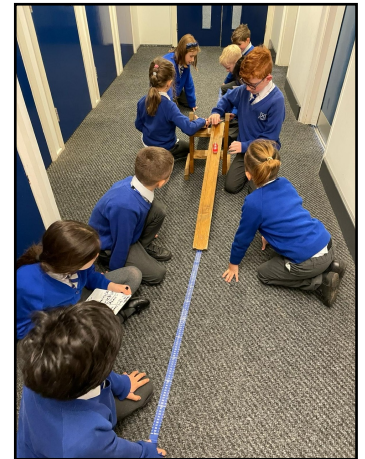


High 5 Netball Success

This week, our Netball Team played two matches against George Spicer and Chase Side Primary. Even though it was a very cold afternoon, all team members showed great sportsmanship. They won 8-0 and 9-0. Many thanks to Miss Chick and Miss Ferguson for coaching the team.

Friction in the corridor!

This week, our **Year 3** children have been testing out their theories about friction, using planks, ramps and cars. They took up almost the whole corridor, as they tested to see which car wheels had more friction. A fun science lesson!



Musicians ready for exams

We have many children who request to play in one of our assemblies, to practise performing in front of an audience before an exam. This week Jamie and Charlie in **Year 4** played Grade 2 pieces on the violin and piano respectively. Both played quite complicated pieces with confidence and skill. We wish them both well in their exams.

Secondary school places

Secondary school places were allocated to our Year 6 pupils today. If you are a parent of a Year 6 child and you wish to talk to a member of staff about placement, please contact the school office next week to speak to Mrs Statham or Miss Mann.

PTA Spare Change Challenge

Our Spare Change Challenge has now ended and we are super impressed with how full the milk bottles were in every class! The bottles were collected today and will be counted in the next week. A huge thank you for taking part.



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Springtime in school

Spring is in the air at school and we are getting ready to welcome lots of animals and plants! We have eggs waiting to hatch in **Reception** classes, frogspawn in the pond and seeds being planted in so many classrooms. Every day, our youngest children have been checking the frogspawn, to see if there have been any changes! In Reception, the children have enjoyed



painting their own gardens, based on the book 'Errol's Garden' by Gillian Hibbs. They look love

Crime scene greets Y6 in the small hall!

On Monday morning, our **Year 6** began their English lesson in a rather unusual way. Awaiting them in the small hall was a crime scene to investigate. Two outlines of figures, a small bottle, a dagger, a flower and two family crests with the names *Montague* and *Capulet* written on them. The children then spent the week reading the play Romeo and Juliet and have been trying to investigate what happened to these two people.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 7th March	World Book Day (dress up day)
Thurs 7th March	Book Sale after school run by some Year 5 children. All books 50p
Thurs 7th March	PTA Wonder Bar Chocolate Sale after School
Fri 8th March	England Football Biggest Ever Girls' Football Session. Girls can come dressed in a football kit or sports kit on this day
Tues 12th March	RW visit to Wolden's Garden Centre in Crews Hill
Wed 13th March	RB visit to Wolden's Garden Centre in Crews Hill
Thurs 14th March	Year 4 visit to the church
Tues 19th March	Parent Meetings ONLINE
Thurs 21st March	Parent Meetings ONLINE
Thurs 21st March	Y6 and YR Height and Weight checks
Tues 26th March	Year 1 Hot Cross Bun Walk
Wed 27th March	Easter Service led by 5B at 10am. Parents welcome.
Thurs 28th March	TERM ENDS AT 2pm

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