



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

25.04.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week (aren't they all!) here at St Andrews. On Monday I was contacted by Dr Bowers (SIAMS Inspector) to explain that St Andrews will have our SIAMS inspection on Monday 29th April. Dr Bowers will be in school all day, meeting with children, dropping in on lessons and speaking with staff and governors. She will be available to speak with parents from 3.15pm – 3.30pm. Her letter to parents was distributed on Monday but if you missed the letter it is included below:



National SIAMS Team
22 April 2024

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)
Inspection of St Andrew's Church of England Primary School

Letter from Dr Elaine Bowers SIAMS Inspector

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Church of England and Methodist schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England, although there has been some delay to our inspections due to Covid.

I will be inspecting your child's school on 29 April 2024.

A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community.

As part of my evidence-gathering I will speak with a range of people from within the school community. It is likely that I will speak with some of you on the inspection day.

Following the inspection, I will write a report. Once the report has been finalised it will be published, and the inspection findings will be shared with you. This will be approximately three weeks after the inspection. The report will celebrate all that is special about the school, and will identify next steps that are helpful in the school's ongoing development as a Church school.

The report will be published on the school's website, and I would encourage you to read it.

I look forward to spending time with the school community on 29th April.

Kind regards,

Elaine Bowers SIAMS Inspector

Collective Worship

As part of our month of Friendship, next we are focusing on supporting one, using the Parable which tells the story of when Jesus healed the paralysed man (Luke 5:17-26). Trafford House certainly saw the fruits of supporting each other and working together as they celebrated winning the House Trophy Competition last term. Here are some pictures of them enjoying their reward:



Clubs

It was great to see so many children enjoying the first week of our clubs. 15 of our children had their first skateboard lesson with Thurston from Projekts Skate Park. Thurston was so impressed with the enthusiasm and politeness of our children (which is always remarked on by visitors or when we go out on visit). Well done Skateboard Team! It is lovely to hear that you are demonstrating our vision and values so well.

Sharing Assembly

This week is the turn of Y6. Next week, Year 5 will be presenting their Sharing Assembly (3rd May).

Class Prayer Assembly – Change of Date

Y4 are holding their class prayer assembly at **2.50pm on Monday 29th April**. All Y4 parents and carers are invited.



Parent Questionnaire

It's that time of year again when governors and senior leaders ask parents and carers for their feedback about our school provision, including asking for interest in wrap around care (7.30-8.50, 3.20-5.45pm). The number of responses in the Autumn Term were low so in attempt to improve the number of responses, the questionnaire is now available as a Google Form:

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<https://forms.gle/sSNmiMotGGqXtvGNA>

I believe that this link cannot be copied from the digital newsletter so I have included the link in the social media/Parent App message that goes alongside. Paper copies will also be available from the school office or available to download from Parent App. The deadline for submission is 24th May.

Name of child (optional):	Class (optional):				
1 My child is happy at this school.		😊	😄	😞	😡
2 My child feels safe at this school.		😊	😄	😞	😡
3 When I contact school I receive a warm welcome.		😊	😄	😞	😡
4 Key members of staff are available to speak to me when I need them.		😊	😄	😞	😡
5 The school makes sure that the pupils are well behaved.		😊	😄	😞	😡
6 The school deals with bullying quickly and effectively.		😊	😄	😞	😡
7 The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the year.		😊	😄	😞	😡
8 When I have raised concerns they have been dealt with them properly.		😊	😄	😞	😡
9 The school has high expectations of my child.		😊	😄	😞	😡

Time Table Rockstars Legends!

A HUGE well done to everyone who have been completing their Homework Challenges using the Times Table Rockstars learning platform. 80% of you have completed your tasks! Keep up the good work!

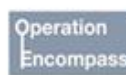


More good news

The National Literacy Trust have donated 500 new books to our school and class libraries. Please could we all encourage our children to look after these new books. Thank you Mr Worsley for liaising with the Literacy Trust and arranging this donation.



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Reminders

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Here's a reminder about how **St Andrew's Primary School** has become a member of **The National College** – a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

That's why you've now got access to **hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides** to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Sign up is easy

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-andrew-s-ce-primary-school-3> and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

You can download the National Online Safety app using the links below:

- [App store](#)
- [Google Play](#)

They're always here to help

The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their [help centre](#) provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in [contact](#) with them.

I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources. Here are some examples:

The screenshot displays the National College website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for LIBRARY, CPD, DISCOVER, and TOOLS. Below this is a horizontal menu with categories: Improvement & Inspections, Governance, Teaching & Learning, Assessments & Feedback, Primary Curriculum, Safeguarding, Online Safety, Mental Health, Climate Education, SEND, Admin & Finance, Staff & Recruitment, and Health & Safety. The main content area features two sections: 'Newest in Mental Health' and 'Highest Rated in Mental Health'. Each section contains four course cards with titles, 'Watch Now' buttons, and star ratings. The 'Newest in Mental Health' section includes courses like 'Looking After Your Wellbeing Online', 'Helping Children and Young People with Managing Device Stress and Anxiety', and '10 Ways Gaming Can Support Positive Outcomes'. The 'Highest Rated in Mental Health' section includes courses like 'An Introduction to Mental Health & Wellbeing', 'From Virtual to Real Life: Rebuilding Pupil's Emotional Wellbeing After Lockdown', 'The Impact of Online Behaviour on Mental Health & Wellbeing', and 'Supporting Pupil Wellbeing and Mental Health During Remote Education'.

- If your child needs glasses, please ensure that they arrive at school wearing their glasses. Restricted vision severely impacts on a child's ability to read, write and learn. Office staff are making a number of calls every day to ask that glasses be brought into school. A second pair of glasses could be kept at school to ensure that a child is never without them.



- Apart from PE/Games days, children should wear plain black shoes or entirely black trainers. A number of children are wearing trainers of a variety of colours, or black trainers with coloured soles/shoes laces. Please could I ask that children wear uniform as stated in the policy.



- Over the last few weeks the number of children who arrive late or who are picked up late from school has increased. All children should be in school by 8.50am when our doors and gates are closed. Children should be collected promptly at the end of the school day at 3.20pm. Staff here at school are happy to help if you have any queries or would like support to improve punctuality.



- A small number of children are arriving at school telling staff that they haven't eaten breakfast. Please could parents and carers ensure that children have eaten and are ready for learning at school. Breakfast Club is available every day from 8am where children have the opportunity to have breakfast. Booking isn't necessary. It is available for anyone who needs it. £1 per day.



God bless,
Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

Summer Term 2024 Parents Key Dates Dates subject to changes – staff absence, etc.	
April	
29th	Y4 Class Prayer Assembly – NEW DATE!
26th	Y6 Sharing Assembly
May	
1st	Y3 Class Prayer Assembly
3rd	Y5 Sharing Assembly
9th	Reception Class Prayer Assembly
10th	Y4 Sharing Assembly
13-16th	Y6 SATs
16th	Y5 Class Prayer Assembly
20th-24th	Poetry Week
21st	Y6 Swimming (not Y4)
23rd	Year 3 RHS Bridgewater
24th	Poetry Celebration Assembly
June	
5th	Y1, 2 Chester Trip
12th	Y6 Class Prayer Assembly
14th	Y2 Sharing Assembly
17th - 21st	Assessment Week DT Week
19th	Y4 at Ordsall Hall Buildings and Finance Meeting
21st	Y1 Sharing Assembly
26th	Standards and Welfare Committee Meeting
28th	EYFS Sharing Assembly
July	
2nd	Reception Trip
5th	EYFS/KS1 Music Celebration
10th	Reception Graduation
12th	Clubs finish KS2 Music Celebration Bastille Day
15th – 19th	Transition visits to other classes
16th	Y3 Trip
17th	Full Governing Board Meeting
19th	Reports out to parents Transition Celebration Assembly
24th	School closes for 2023-2024

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