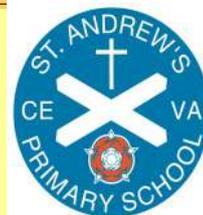




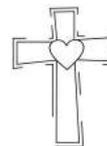
# St. Andrew's CEVA Primary Newsletter July 2022



Head Teacher Mrs Val Griffiths



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*



The end of an academic year is always an opportunity to stop, reflect and celebrate what we have achieved together. Having read the children's reports it is clear that everyone of them has things to be very proud of and a great starting position for their next steps.

For our Year 6 children, in Lamport and Grendon, this means watching them leave and letting their new schools guide them on the next stage of their journey. They will leave us with many memories and, although hard for us to say goodbye, we know they are ready for the all the opportunities awaiting them. Take with you the values that your time at St. Andrew's has given you, work your hardest and always remember; **'With God all things are possible'**.



For me, this is the end of my first term back at St Andrew's and I could not be prouder of the pupils and staff that I have had the pleasure of getting to know. I am so excited for the school as we move into a new academic year. Everyone in our team has the highest aspirations for the school and the community we serve. We are looking forward to a busy year ahead after a well deserved break!

Mrs. McDermott (Year 3 teacher) has had a baby girl! She is called Amelia and weighed 8lb 6oz. Both baby and Mrs. McDermott are doing well and we look forward to meeting Amelia some time soon.



We sadly say goodbye to Miss Wearing who has been with our Reception class for over 5 years; she is starting her Teaching Degree in September and we wish her lots of luck. We are sure she will become a fabulous Early Years Teacher and we may see her back at St Andrew's in the future.

COVID permitting, we are looking forward to being able to invite parents back into school more regularly. We will be informing you if your child is an I-Aspire award winner, which are shared on a Friday morning, so you can join us, if you are able. We are also hoping to get the much missed FOSA (our parent/teacher committee) events back up and running, please do make contact if you are able to contribute or come along to one of our introductory meetings that we are hoping to hold in September. Everyone is welcome; Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles and friends.. (We really cannot do the amazing events like Discos and Fayres without support).

We are also pleased to say we will be offering some after school activity clubs again, with teachers offering a range of sporting, craft and reading clubs to name a few. We will share the details of these and how your child can sign up in September.

So, finally let me wish you a very joy-filled summer break. I hope the weather is kind and whatever you are planning you have a wonderful time.

**We look forward to welcoming the children back in on Monday 5th September 2022**

Please take a look at our uniform requirements if you're replacing items over the summer: <https://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

Much love

Mrs G



## Information for parents/carers



### Holidays, Absences and Timekeeping

It is very important to ask that no holidays are taken during school time, but particular emphasis in May 2023, for pupils in Year 6 as this is when SATs testing takes place. It is very difficult to "catch up" on work missed through holiday absences, so we urge you to avoid this during term time.

We would also politely remind you, that unless there are extenuating circumstances, the Head Teacher is unable to authorise any time off for a holiday. This includes holidays that, *due to Covid*, the dates have had to be changed. This is in line with the DfE and local authority directive who state that time taken for a family holiday will result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority of £60 per child, per parent. When notifying us please complete a Leave of Absence request form for each child; these are available in reception.

It is vitally important that children attend school every day. Of course, there will be illness from time to time, however, we are seeing an increasing number of frequent absences and this really disadvantages the children.

Equally as important, is to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer.

Our Attendance Policy is available on our school website; in addition to the Leave of Absence form, in the parents section: <https://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk/parents/attendance/>

Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am.

Please ensure your children arrive on time and ready for school.



### Pupil Absence:

Please make sure that your child's absence is reported before 9.30am.

**Telephone 01604 406486**

Option 1: State your child's name and class and reason for absence: it is very important that you give clear information on the nature of illness.

**CALL BY 9.30AM PLEASE!**



Our Friends of St. Andrew's group FOSA (parents/friends/family/staff group) are looking for support for next year. We will be holding an information evening at school (date of event to be advertised in September); come along and see how you can help or be involved.

FOSA organize lots of family events at school; fetes, discos, bingo and also in-school competitions and rewards. Help is always appreciated and it can be a little support or a lot; whatever you can do! FOSA welcome any fund-raising ideas you may have or suggestions for competitions the pupils can take part in.

Funds raised by FOSA are spent on lots of lovely things for the children at school; playground equipment; games for classrooms and also treats and prizes. FOSA also contribute towards new books for the library and other extra equipment such as new carpets and plants for the courtyard garden.

If you can help in any way whether it is ideas, shopping, setting up events, helping with clearing up or just supporting us; please come along to our information evening - and bring any family or friends who would like to help!! Look out for date of the information meeting in September!

# Gold Tokens

At St. Andrew's, children can be awarded a special Gold token for outstanding behaviour, attitude and/or learning.

These tokens can only be awarded by Mrs Griffiths, Miss Davidson or Mrs. Gentry.

Gold tokens can be exchanged for 10 house tokens and Gold token winners have their certificate displayed in the Hall of Fame (otherwise known as the school foyer!).

We are proud to announce that the following children received a Gold token award for the Spring term:

Year R Sywell – Chloe

Year 3 Pitsford – Charlie

Year R Holcot – Mateo

Year 4 Denton – Keira

Year 1 Overstone – Ellie

Year 4 Brixworth – Daisy

Year 1 Cogenhoe – Ella-Rae

Year 5 Isham – Nicoletta

Year 2 Ecton – David C

Year 5 Althorp – Nhyira

Year 2 Wilby – David S

Year 6 Grendon – Ryan

Year 3 Moulton – Ora-Maria

Year 6 Lamport – Harry

*Well done and  
congratulations to all  
of the children!*

*We look forward to finding out who will get a Gold  
token in next year!*



## Year R News

### We made it!

What a super term we have had. Thank you for all your support over the past year. We have loved being in Reception with all of our lovely children.

#### Muddy Monday

We have enjoyed our weekly muddy Monday walks; we have been busy spotting wildlife and stream crossing as well as enjoying our snacks outside. It has been good to be outside every week, to experience nature and to go for walks. The children have really enjoyed it, we hope it is



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#### Transition Day

Not only did we all have transfer day, which the children enjoyed, but we also had a week where our new Reception children came in. The children were amazing role models, they made all of our new children feel welcome and set a great example.



#### Fathers Day

We had a lovely afternoon celebrating our Fathers. Thank you for all who managed to come, we hope you enjoyed yourselves.



#### Fruit Tasting

We tried some different fruits; kiwi, water melon, pomegranate seeds, pineapple and grapefruit.

Watermelon was a definite favourite, the children were not a fan of grapefruit!



#### Pirates/boats



As part of our curriculum, we had a Pirate day. We made our own eye patches, pirate hats and followed a treasure map to find some treasure in the woods!

We also made our own paper boats and tested to see if they would sink or float.



**Well done to these children in Year R for receiving their I-ASPIRE certificates this term:**

**Holcot:** Emilia-Jayne, Jacob, Kai, Mateo & Savio.

**Sywell:** Austin, Sasha, Bliss, Raul & Ruth



Have a great Summer Holidays, keep busy and active. Read lots, practise any writing and number formation and most importantly have fun!

## Year 1 News

What a busy term we have had!  
The children have continued to work hard this term.  
We are very proud of all the children.  
We would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and wish you all a lovely and restful summer holiday.

### Connected Curriculum- Where could we go for a great day out?

This term the children have enjoyed looking at different days out in England. What makes a great day out? Where could we go for a great day out? The children



designed and drew their own theme parks. They also used the I-Pads to create a design.

The children know that each country has a Capital city and which countries make up the United Kingdom.

Well done to these children in Year 1 for receiving their I-ASPIRE certificates this term:

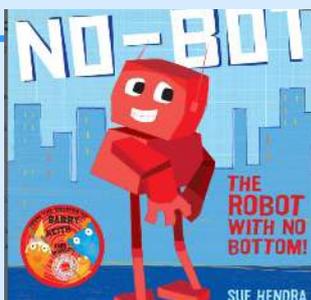
- Imogen
- Rodney
- Donald
- Michael
- Lucas



### Golden token

- Ella-Rae
- Ellie

## English

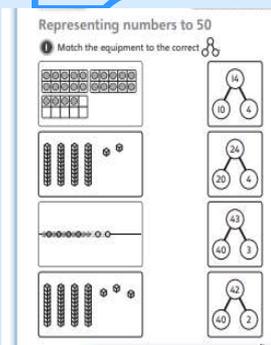


This term we looked at the finding tale story called No-Bot the robot with no bottom by Sue Hendra. The children have searched high and low around the school to help Bernard, but at present we still haven't found his bottom. The children were all able to innovate the text and write their own stories about Bernard the robot.



## Maths

This Term, we focused on interpreting, ordering and comparing numbers to 50. The children are beginning to have a strong understanding of numbers to 50, including their place value and relative sizes. The children were also introduced to counting in multiples of 2's, 5's and 10's.



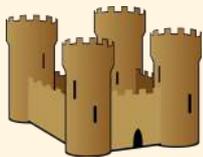
## Year 2 News

All of the staff in Year 2 would like to thank the children for their hard work this year, we have all thoroughly enjoyed working with you and wish you the best of luck in Year 3! We would also like to thank the parents for their ongoing support this year.



### Seaside Day

In Connected Curriculum we have been learning about how seaside resorts have changed overtime, the physical and human features as well as why people might want to visit a costal area of the United Kingdom. To celebrate the end of our Connected Curriculum unit we held a seaside day at school! Here are some photos...



### Silverstone Workshop

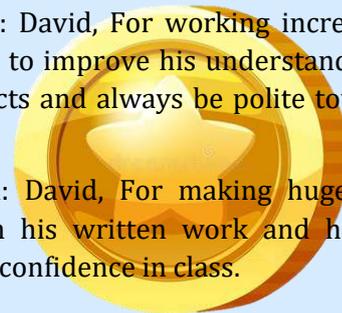
To revisit our previous learning of Transport we were very lucky to experience a workshop with Silverstone this term. We had a fantastic time learning about the different parts of vehicles, formula one and trying on the gear!



### Golden Token Stars

In Wilby: David, For working incredibly hard this year to improve his understanding across all subjects and always be polite towards others.

In Ecton: David, For making huge improvements in his written work and his involvements & confidence in class.



### IASPIRE Stars

This terms stars are....

In Wilby: Aaliyah, Ocean, Huanita, David, Luca & Riley-Maire

In Ecton: Michael, Alexandra, Calessi, Kaley, Ola & Leo



## Year 3 News

### How Can We Make Living Here Better for Everyone?

This term, we have been learning about how we can make where we live better for everyone. To start off our new learning, we went for a walk around Ecton Brook to see if we could find any rubbish. Unfortunately, we discovered some litter in different areas. When we got back to school, we discussed whether we agreed that one way in which we could make our local area better to live in would be to prevent people from littering. After that, we considered how we can reuse different materials through recycling and created our own leaflets explaining what different recycling symbols mean. As well as this, we also thought about how we could reuse plastic to create something else. Some of us made planters and pencil cases! To promote recycling and making our local area better to live in, we finally created posters to remind our community to put rubbish in the bin and recycle different materials correctly.



#### Cooking

During the last week of term, after learning about mass in Maths, we were treated to making bagel pizzas! We followed a recipe and weighed out the ingredients. We could not wait to eat them. They tasted delicious!



#### English

This term, we have been writing our own journey stories using 'The Papaya Who Spoke' to help us. Our focus was to use fronted adverbials and direct speech correctly and we enjoyed the drama activities to help us. We even got to try a papaya!



#### Maths

In Maths, we have been learning all about different types of measurement. We have focused on how different types of lines, how to draw lines accurately and how to convert



#### I ASPIRE STAR

Well done to the following children for receiving IASPIRE certificates for demonstrating the school's values:

*Pitsford: Ivann, Kayden, Nicholas, Harrison, Roy, Sara*



*Moulton: Oscar, Russell, Fleur, Bentley, Lola*



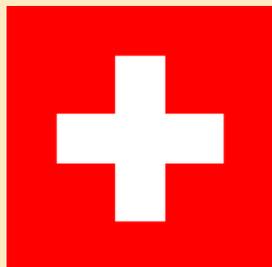
#### Sports Day

This term, we participated in Sports Day. We completed various activities including the howler throw, standing long jump and sprinting and some of us completed a long distance run too. It was an exciting day and we really enjoyed celebrating sport.



# Year 4 News

*It has been an extremely busy term in Year 4.*



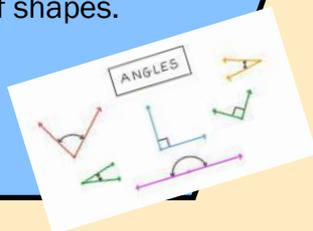
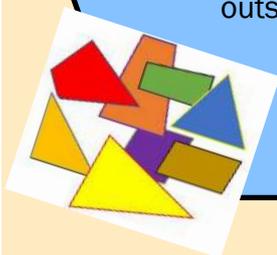
## Connected Curriculum – European regional study

This term we have been learning about The Alps and the countries they are in. We discovered how they were created from the movement of tectonic plates. We then researched Switzerland and presented our findings to the rest of the class. Our final focus was on the River Rhine, its source, the countries it runs through and where the mouth of the river meets the sea.



## Maths

We have had a busy term classifying triangles and quadrilaterals, identifying acute, obtuse and right angles and finding lines of symmetry inside and outside of shapes.



## English

In English, we have been writing a finding / suspense story and have been learning how to include tension and suspense by using lots of description, short punchy sentences, show not tell, powerful verbs and senses to appeal to the reader. We have also practiced using effective expression when reading our stories out loud.

## P.E.

We have been practicing for Sports Day this term and really enjoyed the competition on the day itself.



This term, I-ASPIRE certificates went to:

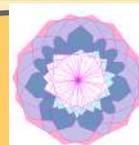
Brixworth—Chantelle, Helen, Kimia, Nicoleta and Anastazja.

Denton—Leonell, Maja, Niko, Toby and Tommy.



## Computing

We have used algorithms to design repeated patterns.



In R.E. we have been learning about how and why some people show their commitments during the journey of life?

We have continued our reading competition between Brixworth and Denton on who can read the most each week? The overall champions for the year are **Denton**. Well done!



## Year 5 news

### I ASPIRE

As we come to the end of the year, we celebrate the achievements of all the Year 5 students who have worked so hard this year. Special congratulations this term go to: Norris, Kayne, Rutendo, Andreea and Nicoletta in Isham Artur, Maks, Teaghan, Nhyira and Elliot in Althorp.

### Silverstone Experience



We were delighted to welcome Charlotte from the Silverstone Museum into school. We extended our understanding of the properties of materials



and why they are used



in Formula 1.

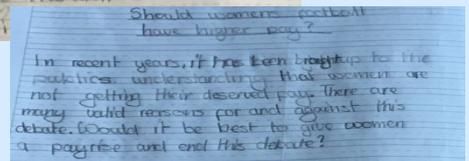
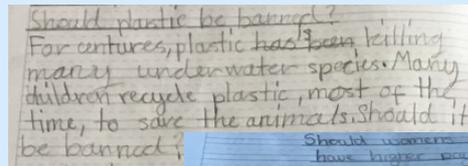


As we come to the end of another school year, the Year 5 team would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you a very happy summer.



### Join the debate!

This term, Year 5 have had some very interesting discussions on a range of subjects. With the recent release of another Jurassic World movie, should we bring dinosaurs back? Should children have to come to school in the sweltering temperatures we have seen this month?



### Sports Day



It was great to see so many of you supporting the children at their Sports Day this year. We had some fantastic performances and everyone had a great morning.



## Year 6 news

### Enterprise

This term we have been working hard on an enterprise project. We were put in groups of 4 and school gave each group £20 to start up our own businesses. We had to design our own products, work out our profit and advertise and sell our products. On Tuesday 19th July, we got the opportunity to sell our products to the school. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we haven't been able to total all the profit up but we will be putting it towards some new books for school, giving some to a local charity and we will use a little for a treat for us too! We made lots of different items including: bag charms, coasters, book marks, bracelets, flower pots and slime! We have learnt lots of new business skills.....Alan Sugar watch this space!

Thank you to everyone who supported our businesses and bought our products.



### The Boy and his Amazing Coat

On Monday 18th July 2022, on the hottest day of the year, we got the chance to perform our production, The Boy and his Amazing Coat, to the school and our parents! It was amazing! We sang our hearts out and acted our socks off. We really enjoyed all of the rehearsals and having the chance to show off our creative skills. We even got the chance to make the props ourselves, be in charge of the technology and design the backdrop! Thank you to everyone who came to watch us, we hope you enjoyed the show!



Well done to those children who have been awarded an I ASPIRE certificate this term for all of their hard work.



\* Zofia, Ira, Molly, Quinn, Ola and Leyla in Grendon.

\* Michalina, Caitlyn, Harmony, Luca, Kaitlyn and Shannon in Lampport.



## Year 6 Dinner Dance

On Friday 15th July, Year 6 had their Dinner Dance to celebrate the end of their time at St. Andrew's. They had a great time, eating and dancing the night away with their friends!



