



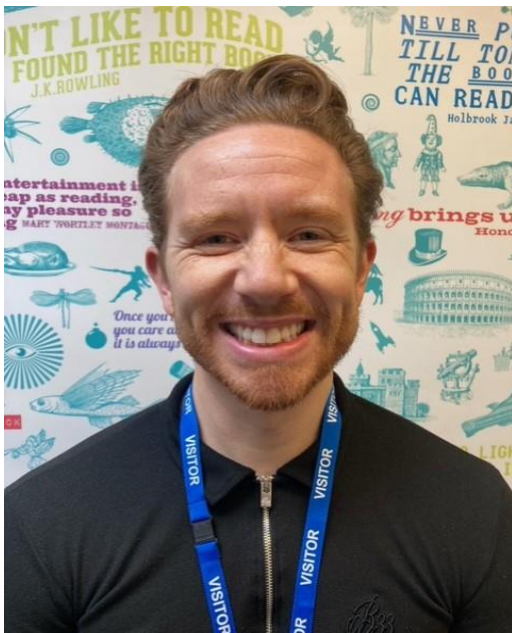
St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 4th October 2023

Our Vision:

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7)
Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere

Dear Parents and Carers,



Hello St. Andrew's... From Mr. Strouvalis! With over ten years' experience in a range of educational settings, I've been fortunate enough to work with many children with varying backgrounds. My current role at St. Andrew's involves supporting a safe, positive and enjoyable environment on the playground for all children across the school. With the help of the KS2 children, we have set up games and activities to support this with great success!

Also, I am working closely with both teachers and students to provide a range of interventions based around literacy, including comprehension, handwriting and spelling. Our key objective is to create a love for language, centered around reading for enjoyment. I hope to meet more of you soon and please feel free to say hello if you see me around. 😊

With thanks, Tom



Year 2

The whole year group had an exciting trip to **the library**, where they were able to take out their first book. We discussed the **book types that we may see and how the process of signing a book out from the library works**. Every child now has a new book to read in class and they can change it weekly. The children said "**This has been the favourite part of my week**" and "**I can't wait to read my new book**".

Forest School

Challenged with the task of making a '**Fantasy Character**' for this year's **Christian Aid Scarecrow Trail**, two groups of year 5 pupils put their skills to the test. We decided to link our



scarecrow to the **Year 5 topic of Italy** and their study of the character

Pinocchio, coupled with a **quick whittling competition** in Forest School to make the best nose, and **Pinocchio was born!**



Year 1



Year 1 have been immersed in all things **Peru, fruit and Harvest!** The children have been painting and drawing fruit grown in Peru, then we got to taste the fruit – some they loved, and some was very sour! We tried **pineapple, kiwi, blueberries, papaya and grapefruit**, and also discovered that potatoes originated in Peru.



Year 4

Year 4 have been learning all about **sound in science** this term. The children have been investigating different **sound sources**, discovering what effects the pitch of a sound and understanding **how sound travels**. They have been using different types of string telephones to find out what makes them the most effective at making sound travel over a greater distance.



EYFS



Phonics lessons have started in EYFS. Two letter names and sounds are being taught each week. 'i' for insects.

Year 5

Year 5 embarked on an exhilarating

journey to **Youlbury Outdoor Activity Centre**. The unforgettable trip offered **hands-on experience in the great outdoors**. Here's a glimpse into the action-packed adventure that unfolded during the visit. The children loved it!



Year 3



We were very lucky to have the **poet, James Carter** come into run a **poetry workshop** for year 3. The children were enchanted by his poems, particularly the one entitled, 'I'm a little alien'. The children composed their own **poems about animals and some of the children shared them** with the whole year group.



Year 6

Year 6 have been studying the **ancient Mayan civilisation**. In the past weeks, we have learnt about Mayan history, culture, and architecture. They utilised advanced coding techniques and collaborated as a team, showcasing their creativity, **problem-solving skills, and teamwork by recreating the iconic Chichen Itza temple using Minecraft**.

Harvest Festival



Songs from our harvest festival will be on the **website later in the week**. Well done to Lucy for making this brilliant **Wheatsheaf**.

Some dates are already on the calendar and dates up to Christmas will be on the next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support,

Annette Mashru - Headteacher

