



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,

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Stef Chapman, who will be leaving school in December. Stef has been with us for six years and has been offered a post with our IT support company. Thank you to Stef for taking the school on such a positive IT journey which has been invaluable for all the pupils and staff. We wish you all the best for the future in your new post.

In Art this term, Year 5 have been refining their drawing skills. They began the term by practising drawing facial features and producing excellent self-portraits. They are now studying William Grill, illustrator of 'Shackleton's Journey', and are learning how to use tone to create effective art pieces.



Year 1 had a great day tasting and drawing fruits from Peru. They were learning about taste buds, along with talking about texture and smell. They heard some great describing words such as 'juicy', 'squishy' and 'sweet'. The children particularly enjoyed tasting the pineapple and then trying to recreate them in art books, using colouring pencils to show the texture accurately.

During term 1, Year 4 have been learning all about sound in science. They have been investigating how sounds are made and how the pitch can change by experimenting with different musical instruments. As part of our topic, the children have been designing and creating their own musical instruments, carefully adjusting features to make higher and lower pitches.

In Music, we have also been putting their knowledge into practice by playing glockenspiels. The children are enjoying learning simple tunes, keeping a steady beat, and exploring how different notes create melodies. It's been a fun and creative way to combine science and music.



The Reception classes have been looking for signs of Autumn. We loved hunting for leaves that had already changed colour and fallen from the trees. The teachers were all very impressed with how well we lined up when the fire alarm went this week. Although this was just a practice drill, we discussed all the different ways we need to keep ourselves safe in the event of a fire.



The Year 6 children of St Andrew's enjoyed their residential trip to the hills of Shropshire. They showed great courage as they faced and overcame many of their

fears. Throughout the week, they took part in a wide range of activities, including abseiling, climbing, grass sledging, archery, and more. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, from the delicious food to the peaceful woodland retreat.



I know some of you have thanked the team who gave the children this wonderful opportunity but on behalf all stakeholders, I would like to thank the staff who gave their own time and made this trip possible. We are very lucky to have such a brilliant team.



Last Friday a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls had an excellent and action packed day out at Chinnor Rugby Club. As part of the drive to capitalise on the recent world cup triumph, Chinnor RFC alongside the RFU wanted to help offer opportunities to girls in the local area to get into the sport. They were honoured to meet an inspirational member of the world champion Red Roses side – Maud Muir. Maud, like many of the girls who attended the day, is local to the Oxfordshire area and it is safe to say helped to inspire a plethora of budding rugby stars of the future! They were also incredibly lucky to be some of the first people to have their photos taken with the actual Women's Rugby World Cup trophy.



It was a truly inspiring day, and all the girls had massive smiles on their faces throughout the day, despite the rain.

Thank you Mr Matthews for enabling this opportunity.



Diary Dates

October 13th - Parents' evenings commence

October 15th - Y5 Residential

October 16th - MUFTI - Wear Red for SRtRC

October 20th and 23rd - African Drumming workshops

October 24th - Parents to visit classes 2.30pm - Around the World

November 6th - Open afternoon 1.30pm

November 10th - Anti Bullying Week/World Kindness Day

November 11th - Armistice Remembrance 11am

November 13th - Open morning 9.30am

November 14th - SASA Y5 Cake Sale

November 14th - MUFTI Children In Need

November 21st - SASA KS2 Disco

November 25th - Henry VIII visit Y4

November 28th - St Andrew's Day

December 1st - Open afternoon 1.30pm

December 3rd - Thame Festival of Christmas Music 7pm

December 5th - Posada starts

December 6th - SASA Christmas Fayre

December 8th - Y1 Christmas Production 2.15pm

December 9th - Y2 Christmas Production 2.15pm

December 10th - YR Christmas Production 2.15pm

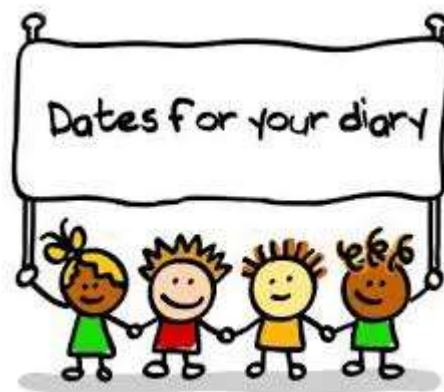
December 11th - Y6 Trip Imperial War Museum

December 12th - Y3 Christmas Production 2.15pm

December 17th - Christmas Lunch – MUFTI Xmas Jumper can be worn

December 18th - A Christmas Pantomime in school for Y1 - Y6 and a special surprise 'visitor' in a red suit for Reception children - Christmas Jumpers can be worn

December 19th - School finishes at 1.30pm



Thank you for your continued support, Annette Mashru - Headteacher