



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

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## 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*

## Reinspired



On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Year 1 had a wonderful afternoon with the team from St. Andrew's Church. They were learning and exploring stories from the Bible, especially the lost sheep. Daisy (a sheep puppet) joined too and brought her favourite lamb toy. She asked the children where the lamb could go to stay safe? Anabel said "Behind the curtain" and Jacob said "maybe behind the chair, at the bottom."

The children agreed to hide the lamb behind the curtain. In small groups, they all made their own sheep and a pen to keep them safe. They counted their sheep in together... but between their next year group talk and returning to their small group, one sheep had gone missing! Some children have brought their sheep home to keep safe, and some have been kept safe on a special display.

## Parents in School



It was great to see parents in school last Friday. We believe it is important parents get to see the children's work and see the outcomes in class. It was wonderful to hear how excited the children were. They loved sharing their work and what they have been learning the past few weeks. Thank you for your support at this event. We plan to do another one in February so you can see the progress the children have made.



## EYFS

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended and participated in the tasks during the EYFS workshop 'How does a child learn to read?' The slides have now been uploaded onto the website and can be found : <https://www.st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk/pupils/class-info/eyfs>

## James Carter visit

We were lucky enough to once again have, James Carter join us for a day of creativity, poetry and laughs! It was fantastic to see so many children from the Thame Partnership join us at St Andrew's and throw themselves into the writing workshop. It speaks volumes to the children's passion for writing that we only managed to work through two of the five planned activities, such was the depth of imagination that everyone worked at.

After a handful of fun warm up games, including all the teachers' new favourite, the "daisy chain". James transported us into the magical world of Harry Potter, with a bit of help from 'Big Steve' and 'Little Steve'...the piano and his melodica! Transforming the iconic opening paragraph into a shape poem. There were wands, broomsticks, scars and even the whomping willow tree. Following a brief lunch break and a recharge of batteries for all, we delved into and broke down James' own poem 'Boasting and Lies'. The children altered and provided a fresh and often unique take on this piece, examining the idea of gods and the stories behind them. The work that was produced was to an extraordinary standard and even managed to blow away Mrs Mashru, who was often called in from her office to hear these tales! A huge thank you must go to James for making this such a truly incredible and memorable day for all involved. The children were fantastic, engaged and really got stuck into the work; When asked for feedback, one particular quote summed up the day perfectly 'Squeezed some of the best work I've ever done out of me!!' Mr Matthews



## Year 6

In year 6 we were extremely lucky to have a fantastic morning with Mrs Mantle from 'Start a Heart'. This was an invaluable experience for us. They played a fun game and saw how the heart controlled and pumped blood around the body. "I enjoyed learning how to perform CPR. It makes me more confident in that I know what to do if I was ever in that situation." "I feel that I would be able to call an ambulance and then help someone who is unresponsive until the ambulance arrives."

