



Newsletter 12



"Following God's path to flourish in life"

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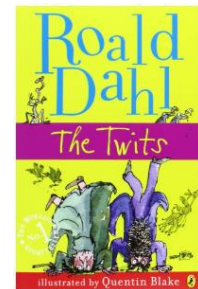
This Week In School

The children in **Willow Class** have been learning about the nativity story beginning with the annunciation and then the birth of Jesus. The children made collages showing the nativity characters and of course, they have been rehearsing for the production.



In **Oak Class** this week, the children have shown lots of enthusiasm and energy whilst rehearsing for their Christmas production. They have also demonstrated some super writing skills when starting to write a recount about the first Moon landing, using their brilliant imaginations to take on the persona of one of the astronauts. In their Science lessons, the Year 1 children have been labelling different animals and considering why their features are important, whilst the Year 2 children have been investigating the key features of different habitats.

The children in **Beech Class** have been doing lots of work based on Roald Dahl's *The Twits* this week. At the start of the week, they used descriptive vocabulary to write disgusting descriptions of Mr and Mrs Twit. The children then had to invent another trick that Mr and Mrs Twit could play on each other and write an additional chapter for the book.



The children in **Elm Class** have had a busy week completing lots of assessments. The week ended with a Science lesson about electrical circuits. The children demonstrated brilliant determination and enthusiasm during the session to create circuits using lights, buzzers and motors. The children worked brilliantly with their partners and were helpful and supportive of each other.

This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have worked so hard and showed great perseverance through their assessments. They have enjoyed their dance lesson learning new skills and sequences to music. They have also been learning about Advent, and have created a beautiful display showing the Nativity, Advent wreath, a holly banner and holly wreaths. They have enjoyed using pencil colours, paint, pens and lots of glitter.

Maple Class has been busy completing assessments this week. The children have also found time, and the space, to investigate a giant timeline to help them put the Ancient Greeks into a world history perspective. Our Science lesson involved starting with simple circuits and building up to circuits including buzzers, motors and switches. The children thoroughly enjoyed making things make noises and lights flash!

School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 28th November

| Week 2 Menu | Hot Specials | | Daily Fave | Jackets | Puddings |
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| Monday | Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges | Mixed Bean Pasta Served with Tomato Pizza Bread | Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato and Filling | Jam Sponge with Fruit Slices |
| Tuesday | Chicken Noodle Stir Fry Served with Two Vegetables | Vegetable Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge | Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato and Filling | Banana and Apricot Flapjack served with Fresh Fruit |
| Wednesday | Roast Gammon Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy | Vegan Sausage Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy | Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato and Filling | Chocolate Ice Cream with Fruit Slices |
| Thursday | Keralan Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice and Two Vegetables | Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Masala Served with Wholegrain Rice and Two Vegetables | Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato and Filling | Apple and Berry Crumble served with Custard |
| Friday | Breaded Fish Served with Chips and Three Vegetables | Quorn Dippers Served with Chips and Three Vegetables | Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato and Filling | Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices |

Attendance of the week...

| Willow | Oak | Beech | Elm | Sycamore | Maple |
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| 99.3% | 96.1% | 97.8% | 99.64% | 96.9% | 99.62% |

Well done **Elm Class**, you have pipped everybody to the post - again!

Pupils of the week...

Well done to Josh, Leah, Millie, Sophie, Amelia, Charlie, Emma and Chardonnay for being our pupils of the week. They have been brilliant at demonstrating one of our core values: Service.



CHILL – Before and After School Wrap-Around-Care

Online booking forms are available on the school website. Please make all bookings by 1pm on Friday the week before and ensure payment has been made in **advance** via ParentPay or childcare vouchers activated. To make a booking click on the link below.

[CLICK HERE to book your child into CHILL](#)

Prayer Space – Written by our Worship Group

Dear God,

Help us to appreciate the kind and generous actions of the charity 'Children In Need'. Thank you for your endless charitable service towards all children around the world. Help us to continue to support the charity through donations of money, toys, food, clothes and much more.

Let us be grateful for the time and energy the volunteer charity workers give.

Amen.

Christmas Cards

A tradition at St Andrew's is to not give out Christmas cards to people who we see every day but instead use the money we would spend on the cards to improve the lives of those less fortunate. From Monday 5th December, the children will be able to "purchase" a Christmas message card. The cards will be displayed in school and then they will be read out to the school on the last day. All money raised will be used to support Oxfam's charity work. Donations for Christmas message cards will be able to be made via Parent Pay.



St Andrew's Christmas Fair

We are now on the run up to our first Christmas fair in 3 years. Preparations are being communicated via Class Dojo. Just to remind you:

- We have asked the children in Willow Class to bring in cakes we can sell at the refreshment counter at the fair
- We have asked the children in Oak Class to bring in chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Each family in KS2 has been asked to fill a red paper cup with goodies like wrapped sweets, small toys, stationery etc
- Every child to bring a bottle on Thursday 1st December. This is a non-uniform day.
- Every child has been asked to donate books, jigsaws and toys they no longer need or use. Please check that all toys and jigsaws have all their pieces.

Finally, a special thanks to STAA and the staff for preparing the Christmas fair. Don't worry if you can't donate anything, just come along to the fair and enjoy yourselves. We are asking the children to dress up Christmassy on Friday 2nd December to get them in the mood for the fair. Christmas jumpers are very welcome. Again, it is a non-uniform day.

Abecedarian Assemblies

Before covid changed the world, we used to invite parents into special assemblies to celebrate the successes of the children. We are going to start these again. These assemblies are held termly and the parents and carers of 2 or 3 children from each class are invited into school to join in celebrating the children's successes. Invitations will go out by Friday 2nd December via Class Dojo. The assembly will take place on Thursday 15th December at 2.30pm.

And finally...

I would like to finish by saying well done to the children this week. It has been assessment week and the children have sat through reading, writing and maths exams. They have concentrated really well.

Another reminder, the children in Key Stage 2 are invited to a Christmas disco on Monday 5th December from 3.30pm until 5.00pm. Don't forget to put it in your calendar.

And, thank you to all the local companies who have generously donated gifts for the STAA raffle. It would help immensely if all sold and unsold tickets could be back in school by Wednesday 30th November (St Andrew's Day!)

Like the summer fair, the Christmas fair will be mostly cashless and "goes" on the stalls will be through the pre-paid cards. Members of STAA will be selling pre-paid cards after school the week leading up to the fair.

Mr Hayward.



Term Dates and Events for the Year 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022

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| Thursday 1 December | Governors meeting 6.00pm |
| Thursday 1 December | Non-uniform day – Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair |
| Friday 2 December | School Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.00pm |
| Monday 5 December | School discos (Rec/KS1 in school time – KS2 3.30pm-5.00pm) |
| Wednesday 7 December | Christmas Wreath making for parents – STAA event – 7.00pm |
| Friday 9 December | Christmas pantomime in school – Children only |
| Tuesday 13 December | Willow and Oak Christmas Production 6.00pm |
| Wednesday 14 December | KS2 Christmas Carol Service in St Andrew’s Church 1.30pm |
| Thursday 15 December | Christmas dinner |
| Thursday 15 December | Abecedarian Assembly |
| Friday 16 December | School talent show |

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Inset day: Friday 26 May

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset day: Monday 5 June

Wednesday 5 July New Reception children (September 2023) to visit all day

Wednesday 5 July Y6 pupils to visit Weston Road Academy

Friday 7 July Sports Day and Summer Fair

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

Term Dates Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September
Term starts: Tuesday 5 September
Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November
Term ends: Friday 22 December
Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January
Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February
Term Ends: Friday 22 March
Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April
May Day: Monday 6 May
Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May
Term Ends: Monday 22 July
Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August