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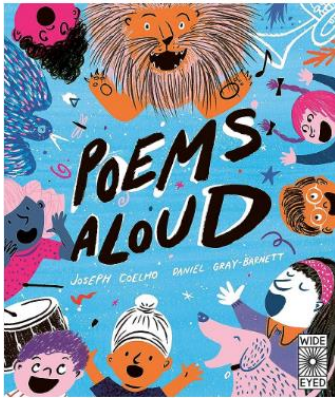


"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 8th September 2023

Wow Willow Class! What a fantastic start to the new school year. Year 1 children have shown what lovely and considerate pupils they are this week, They have welcomed the new reception children into school and been helpful and kind friends. Our reception children have joined our school with amazing confidence and enthusiasm. They have enjoyed engaging in every area of the classroom, worked hard to learn new sounds in their phonics sessions and showed some super maths skills. Well done children!



We have welcomed several new children to our school and they have quickly settled in due to the school values of 'fellowship' and 'compassion' that they have been shown by their classmates. All of the children have been full of enthusiasm and have quickly adapted to the classroom routines. They have already made a great start with their learning in different areas. This week the children have really enjoyed learning about different poems from the book 'Poems Aloud' by Joseph Coelho, culminating in their super performance of the poem 'Funny Fish' during the celebration assembly on Friday.

The children in Beech Class have settled well into their first (very hot!) week back at school. They have been getting used to the new routines and have particularly enjoyed going on the activity trail at break times now that they are in KS2. In English, the children have been working on poetry. They have written their own poems and practised reciting some tongue twisters, which they then performed brilliantly in assembly on Friday. In maths, the children have been representing and partitioning 2-digit numbers in preparation for working on 3-digit numbers next week. An excellent first week!



The children have settled well into Elm Class this week. They have started their Year 4 learning with enthusiasm. Like the other classes, this has included learning poems from the book, 'Poems Aloud' by Paul Coelho and reciting a tongue twister with actions in assembly. They have started topics on Animals including Humans in Science and The Ancient Egyptians in History. We have all enjoyed teaching the children this week.



This children in Sycamore Class have enjoyed getting straight into their learning. They have been colouring, collaging and painting for an RE display based on God. They have also enjoyed practising ball skills in PE with the children from Elm Class. In Science, the children have been learning about different forces including friction, gravity, buoyancy and air/water resistance, and have identified which forces act on which objects. They have also practised their handwriting, working really hard to use leading lines. In maths, the children have used counters and base 10 objects to represent different numbers up to 2,000,000 and in English they have been learning poetry written by Joseph Coelho. The children enjoyed reading tongue twisters and making up riddles. They practised and performed the poem 'something wondrous' in front of the school in assembly with great confidence and volume.



Maple have settled into the new term beautifully! The children have shown a really positive attitude towards all their learning this week, being particularly impressive at learning a selection of tongue twisters! In PE they practised tennis skills and managed some impressive rallies too. All in all, a lovely start to the new school year.



Library Summer Reading Challenge - 2023

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge in conjunction with their local library service. All children who took part are invited to bring in their certificate and medal to our assembly on Monday (11th September) so that we can all celebrate their brilliant achievement and reading successes.



School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 11th September

MENU	WEEK TWO
MONDAY	Vegetable Lasagne (V) or Lentil & Mushroom Keema Curry with Rice (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)
TUESDAY	Chicken Paella (Wg) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day (Chicken) with Roasties & Gravy or Handmade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Orange Jelly and Mandarins (Ve)
THURSDAY	Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg) or Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce (Ve)(Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Garden Peas Banana Custard
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Vegeball Marinara Sub with Chips (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

CHILL – 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.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SCHOOL WEB PAGE FOR BOOKINGS](#)

Chill emergency phone number – 07535042629 operational during
Chill hours only - 7.45am to 8.45am and 3.20pm to 6pm.

If you have any questions please email Sue McCoskry
chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Prayer Space – St Andrew’s School Prayer

Lord,

Thank you for our schools, their staff and the systems in place to educate our children.
Help us never to take education for granted but to see the gift it offers.

Jesus was a teacher, as well as a healer.

Guide us, like Jesus, to use our knowledge and skills to make the lives of others better.
Amen.

Musical Instrument Lessons Year 3 – 6

Contracts have been sent out via Class Dojo to parents who expressed a wish for their children to learn a musical instrument. Lessons start next week. Please make payments as soon as possible. Lessons will be on the following days:

Day	Instruments	Teacher
Tuesday	Violin, Cello	Mr Parkes
Wednesday	Flute, Clarinet, Oboe and Saxophone	Mr Milgate-Scarrott
Thursday	Guitar	Mr Owen

And finally...

I spoke to the children in Friday's assembly about the importance of crossing roads safely. A parent expressed a concern about a group of children crossing the road this week. Please remind your children about road safety. The link below takes you to a website with some good advice.

<https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/green-cross-code/>

Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 11 September	Sycamore Class (Year 5) Bikeability training – Level 1
Monday 11 September	Welcome to Maple Class meeting for parents
Tuesday 12 September	Sycamore Class (Year 5) Bikeability training – Level 1
Tuesday 12 September	Stoke City FC Assembly – City 7s
Thursday 21 September	Children's school photos – Tempest
Thursday 28 September	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 5 October	Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting
Wednesday 11 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Thursday 12 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Monday 16 October	Maple Class children leave for Stanley Head residential visit
Friday 20 October	Maple Class children return from Stanley Head

Half Term: Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

Inset day: Monday 6 November

Monday 13 November	Whole school flu immunisation
Thursday 30 November	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 14 December	Christmas pantomime in school
Friday 22 December	Last day of term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 25 December – Friday 6 January

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January	Term starts
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Half term break: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Thursday 14 March Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 31 March

Easter Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8 April Term starts
Wednesday 10 April Elm Class (Year 4) to Laches Wood – Residential visit
Friday 12 April Elm Class return from Laches Wood
Monday 22 April Stafford's Gotta Dance 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday 6 May School closed – May Day
Thursday 16 May Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm

Inset day: Friday 24 May

Half Term Break: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Inset day: Monday 3 June

Thursday 20 June Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 4 July Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting
Friday 19 July Leavers assembly 2.00pm

Inset day: Monday 22 July

Summer Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August 2024

Term Dates for 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Term Ends: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August