

"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 15th September 2023



Willow Class have had a very busy week of learning! Our reception children completed their bikeability sessions and all worked really hard to develop their balancing skills. On Thursday afternoon, they enjoyed an activity with Mrs Munden where they set up a maze and worked brilliantly as a team to navigate their way around it. Our Year 1 children have enjoyed sharing a new book 'No, Nancy, No!' The children made predictions about the book and wrote labels for the characters, author and title. They have also started to use adjectives to describe the character Nancy and had made a super effort to use their phonics knowledge to exciting vocabulary.

It has been another busy week in **Oak Class!** In English lessons, the children have really enjoyed starting to read their new class text 'Katie in London' and have been working hard to write some interesting sentences to recount the story so far. In their History lesson, the children started to learn about what London was like in the past and compare it with modern day London, enjoying using a range of sources to extend their knowledge.

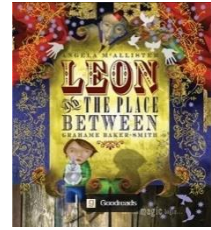


In English, the children in **Beech Class** have been reading a story called 'The Wonder' by Faye Hanson. They then had to use different sentence openers, and adventurous words and phrases to describe the beautiful pictures in the story. In Maths, the children have begun learning about 3-digit numbers; identifying hundreds, tens and ones and representing them in different ways. In Science, the children learnt about nutrition and the five different food groups. They then sorted examples of food into the correct groups. In Geography, the children learnt about the eight points of a compass and practised using them to answer a series of questions. The week finished with Group 1 completing an 'unnatural' scavenger hunt in their first Forest School session, and Group 2 having a fun PE lesson with Mr H from Progressive Sports.

The children in **Elm Class** have been writing some amazing similes and metaphors based on the book, 'Leon and the Place Between' by Grahame Baker Smith. Here are some examples of them:

'It's like a silver fluttering butterfly'
'The stars are golden flowers'
'The clouds are purple and blue candyfloss'.

You can listen to the story at [Leon on the Place Between](#)



The children in **Sycamore Class** have had a fantastic time with Bikeability, practising their cycling skills and learning how to be safe on their bikes. They have also been learning about symbols and keys on a map. They matched different symbols with what they represent and then created their own. In Science, the children have been learning about forces and thought carefully about which forces effect different objects. In Art, they have been drawing in the style of William Morris, copying one of his drawings to see his style and technique. In RE, they have thought about how they would describe God and what Christians think of him.



This week, the children in **Maple Class** have begun planning their Mr Men or Little Miss books. They have watched some of the original videos and read lots of the books to analyse how they are written to ensure their own versions are in the same style. During their art lesson, the children started to learn about Salvador Dali and his stylish moustaches! With lots of practise, the children's tennis skills are improving - Wimbledon here we come.

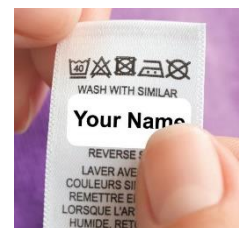
Tempest Photographs – Thursday 21st September

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday. Every child will be photographed individually and in family groups.

We are also inviting families who would like to include pre-school children with their siblings in a school photograph. Please make your way through the front door to the school hall. Doors open at 8.30am for the pre-school photos.

Label Clothing

Could I politely remind parents and carers to label the children's clothes please. Jumpers, cardigans and fleeces particularly are difficult to return to their owners without a label. The lost property bin is already filling up and we are just two weeks into the term. Thank you.



Long Hair

As part of St Andrew's uniform policy, we do prefer for children with long hair to have it tied back please. This keeps their hair out of their face and also, we find, slows the spread of headlice. Scrunchies, bobbles and hair sets are available from our school uniform supplier, Tailored Branding. [CLICK HERE](#) to view products.



Parking

Last moan, honest! In my 12 years as headteacher at St Andrew's, we have been fortunate enough to have had very few incidents involving children being hurt by cars. I am however, becoming aware that some parents and carers could be more considerate when parking. A car parked inconsiderately puts the children and their families at risk. A voluntary one way system is in place where cars only drive past school with it on their left, coming into Ferrers Road past the Woolpack Pub. For more information about parking, visit the government website about the [Highway Code](#).



Pupils of the week...

Well done to Charlotte, Ernie, Elsie, Harvey, Sophie, Maddie and Christina for showing the school values this week. We are really proud of you.

Bikeability



Well done to all of the children who have passed their bikeability assessments this term. Children from Reception Class, Year 5 and Year 6 all took the assessments and passed.



School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 18th September

MENU	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) or Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea with Rice (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)
TUESDAY	Chicken Tandoori with Golden Rice (Wg) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly and Pineapple (Ve)
THURSDAY	Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg) or Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve)(Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Swede, Shredded Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Iced 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

Lord,

So many tragedies have taken place around the world this week. Please bless those families who have lost loved ones. Please bring hope and comfort to them.

Amen.

And finally...

Good news. This year's Harvest Festival will be held in Weston Village Hall on Friday 13th October at 10.30am. Parents and carers are welcome to come and join a short service. Classes will sing songs and say prayers to thank God for the harvest we have. Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

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