



Newsletter 10



"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 10th November 2023

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to **Willow Class** this week. They have a very busy and exciting half term ahead! The children worked hard this week to learn and perform a poem called 'Poppy, Poppy' for the Remembrance Service. The children worked hard to speak clearly and to learn all the words. In maths, the Year 1 children have been continuing to focus on calculations, they have been using part-whole models to answer addition word problems and are beginning to learn about subtraction. Children in reception have focussed on their tricky words this week, we have spent some time reading the words, making them with magnetic letters and letter stones and writing them.

In their maths lessons, Year 2 have started to add pairs of 2-digit numbers together, using strategies such as drawing tens and ones, totalling the tens and ones, and using number facts they know to help them. Meanwhile, Year 1 have been learning to recognise and understand odd and even numbers and have been using their developing addition skills to solve word problems. **Oak Class** enjoyed finding out the ending to the 'Hodgeheg' story this week, and also particularly enjoyed their Dance lesson in PE, creating sequences of super movements to music, on the theme of plants and gardens.

In Maths this week, the children in **Beech Class** have been developing their number sense; exploring the connections between calculations when adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s e.g. using $12 - 5 = 7$ to calculate $120 - 50 = \underline{\quad}$. In Computing, the children have begun learning about computing systems and networks. They sorted digital and non-digital objects, and learnt that digital devices accept inputs, follow a process and produce outputs. In History, the children started learning about the Stone Age. They found out how people survived during this time; what they ate, how they sheltered, and artefacts that archaeologists have found to help us interpret the past. They then created a fact card for an artefact of their choice. On Friday, the children performed their 'REMEMBER' acrostic poem at the memorial service; demonstrating the school value of Respect.

The children in **Elm Class** have enjoyed colouring their remembrance poppies on disks of oak wood. In PE, the class is doing gymnastics and focusing on controlled movements when leaping and turning.

In **Sycamore Class**, the children have been showing their respect for all those people who have fought in wars or are working today for peace ready for Remembrance Day by decorating wooden discs with poppies, practising their Remembrance poem and singing Remembrance day songs. In Science, the children have been learning about properties of different materials and experimented on different objects to see what properties they had. In Forest School, the children had lots of fun with flint and steel creating sparks and using

cotton wool to make a small fire. In Progressive Sports, the children had great fun playing Basketball and different playground games. In DT, the children have been learning about motors, pulleys, propellers, fans, axles and wheels and drawing diagrams to explain each one.

Another short but packed week in **Maple Class!** As part of their English lessons, the children have begun writing war poems which, nicely, have linked into their History topic (World War II) and the Remembrance Service. Gymnastics on Wednesday morning was successful, with everyone mastering the backward and forwards roll with style. The week was rounded off with the children reciting 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon at the Remembrance service. At the service, the prayer group led us in prayer and a lovely wreath string, made of mini poppies painted on wooden discs, was laid on the War Memorial. The picture attached is of the children's completed Dali inspired clay clocks.



Remembrance Service

On Friday, a Remembrance service was held at the memorial stone in Weston. Each class recited a poem and the children sang *Brothers in Arms* and *I Watch the Sunrise*. It was a very moving occasion.



Harvest Cake Sale - £63.00

If you recall, after the harvest festival, the children went back to school to enjoy a cake each. Families were asked to donate towards Macmillan Cancer Support. Through your generosity, £63.00 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed the cakes and thank you to all who donated to the charity.



Children In Need – Friday 17th November - Wear something SPOTTY

The children are invited to join in celebrating Children In Need Day on Friday 17th November. It will be a non-uniform day and the children are invited to wear something spotty, if they have it. Donations to the Children In Need charity can be made via ParentPay. All monies donated go to the charity.

Applications for Reception-age children 2024

Parents are now able to apply for school spaces for their children to start school in September 2024. This is done through the school admissions team at Staffordshire County Council. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024. The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on their website. [CLICK HERE](#)

We Are Now On FACEBOOK - Reminder

The Governors have asked me to promote St Andrew's more and so I have created a Facebook page. Could I ask a favour, please? Where possible, could you share the link amongst the community. I will try to post articles that are slightly different from the weekly newsletter items, just to add a bit of variety. The link to the page is: <https://www.facebook.com/st.andrews.weston>



OPEN MORNING – Tuesday 28th November 2023 - Reminder

We will be hosting an open morning on Tuesday 28th November. Doors will open at 9.30am and families looking for places at St Andrew's are invited to look round school. This Open Morning is primarily aimed at children starting school in September 2024 but will be open for families who have children in other year groups thinking about joining St Andrew's. Please spread the news about this event. Thank you.

School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 13th November

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 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)



STAA are having a
Collection
Bag 2 School



Everyone is welcome to get involved.
We will distribute bags to all children on
Friday 17th November

**Please return your full collection bags on
Tuesday 28th November by 9AM**

Please give any good quality, clean clothes, bedding, curtains, soft
toys, belts, handbags and shoes – Thanks!

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

Enquiries to Sue McCoskry - chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk

This week's attendance

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
96.3%	97.4%	100%	100%	95.8%	100%

Excellent attendance from Beech, Elm and Maple. Well done children.
12 days of education were lost to absence this week.

And finally...

A big thank you to Mrs Edgecombe's husband for taking the time to cut out, drill and sand well over 100 wooden disks for the children to decorate with poppies for the Remembrance service.

Mr Hayward.

Prayer Space

A prayer of commemoration for the fallen

Father of all, remember your holy promise,
and look with love on all your people, living and departed.
On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever
all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare,
those who waited anxiously at home,
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;
those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.
Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.
And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and
nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 13 November	Anti-bullying week begins
Monday 13 November	Whole school flu immunisation
Thursday 16 November	Open the Book assembly
Tuesday 21 November	Whole school poetry day
Tuesday 28 November	OPEN MORNING 9.30am – 11.00am
Wednesday 29 November	School enrichment day – Squash and Racquetball
Thursday 30 November	Open the Book assembly – St Andrew's Day
Thursday 30 November	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 8 December	School Christmas Fair – 3.30pm
Monday 11 December	School Christmas discos
Wednesday 13 December	Year 1 & 2 visit to Ford Green Hall
Thursday 14 December	Christmas pantomime in school
Tuesday 19 December	Willow and Oak Children's Christmas Performances
Wednesday 20 December	KS2 Carol Concert in Church 1.30pm TBC
Thursday 21 December	School Christmas Dinner
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
Wednesday 20 March	
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