

Friday 15th December

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term at St Andrew's I know all of the Leadership Team are really proud of the journey the staff, children and families have been on during this first term. As you know we had our SIAMS inspection last Friday and we were delighted we were able to share all the ways we help children flourish. The report will be available for us to share with you in the New Year.

We all went on a wonderful Christmas Journey with Otter and Hedgehog class and their Nativity Play was a joy to watch. A special thank you to the staff team who brought the magic together on the day.

The PTFA provided a wonderful afternoon of Christmas Craft on the first of December for Advent Starts Here! The whole school cinema trip was a huge success where the children munched through their snack boxes and lunches whilst watching Elf. Thank you for all of the wonderful volunteers whom without your support we would not be able to provide such wonderful opportunities for our children.

We have finished our year with a Christmas celebration at the church with wonderful readers and beautiful singing. Thank you to Mrs Halsey for teaching the children all of the wonderful carols.

We wish you a restful and peaceful Christmas time and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3rd January 2024!

Mrs Board

Head of School

Monday and Tuesday

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STARS OF THE WEEK NOVEMBER



Otter:

Bertie
Henry
Roman
Bethany
Arthur
Ollie

Hedgehog:

Margot
Theo
Eimear
Alfie M
Hector
Aya

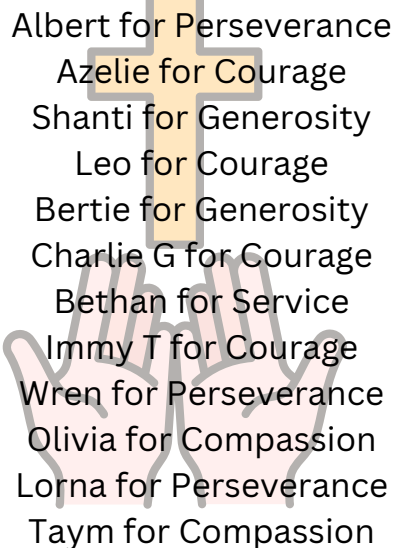
Sika:

Pippa
Darcy B
Hattie
Tala
Toby L
Lilia

Kingfisher:

Charlotte
Simon
Jack
Logan
Lillie-Mae
Jed

VISION AND VALUE AWARDS



Albert for Perseverance
Azelle for Courage
Shanti for Generosity
Leo for Courage
Bertie for Generosity
Charlie G for Courage
Bethan for Service
Immy T for Courage
Wren for Perseverance
Olivia for Compassion
Lorna for Perseverance
Taym for Compassion

HEADTEACHERS AWARDS



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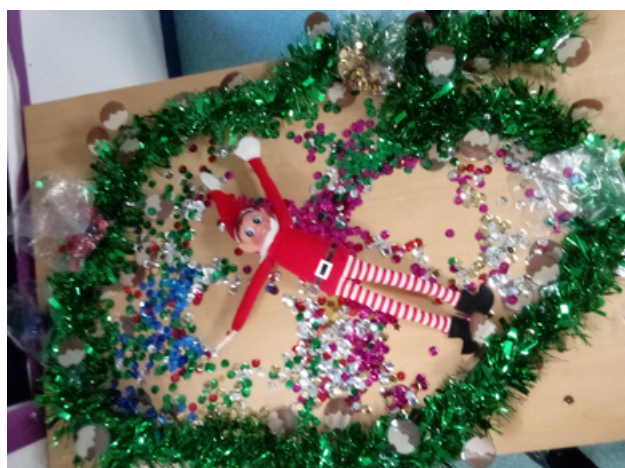
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Otter class have enjoyed rehearsing and performing the Nativity play "A Magical Christmas Journey" with Hedgehog class. They have worked so hard learning their parts and all the songs. We also enjoyed taking part with all the activities provided for us by the PTFA.



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HEDGEHOG CLASS



Wow! How is it Christmas already?

This month the children in Hedgehogs shone brightly during their Christmas nativity play. They all performed beautifully and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to parents and carers for all the costumes provided.

The class also learnt the poem 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson and performed it in our end of term carol service.

Our classroom has become very festive and our role play corner has turned in to a 'Christmas' post office. The class have been busy writing letters and dressing up as elves.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



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What a busy and productive term it has been! Sika pupils have worked incredibly hard this autumn and have enjoyed taking part in some creative activities during our last week of term. We look forward to beginning our new project 'Ancient Civilisations' on our return after Christmas and we wish pupils a well-deserved rest over the holidays!



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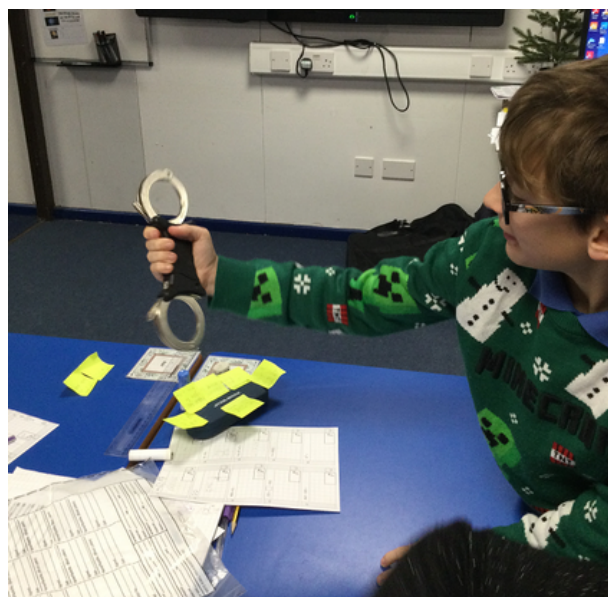
KINGFISHER CLASS



This month we are thrilled to welcome back Mrs Hedges. We also say a big thank you and goodbye Miss Cumber, we wish her well on her next adventure.

We were fortunate to have Sica (Hector and Margot's mum) in to talk us through the life of a Police Officer. She very kindly let us try on her uniform, answered all of our questions and discussed a variety of crimes!

Have a wonderful Christmas break, however you are spending it!



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PTFA PAGE



Chairperson - Stephanie Moss
Vice Chairperson - Emma Hallett
Secretary - Committee members
Treasurer - Cat Marsh

Next PTFA meeting:
Thursday 11th January
2024

THANK YOU!

PTFA for paying and
organising the cinema
trip

On behalf of the St Andrews PTFA we would like to Thank you all for your support and donations to raise money for our school. It has been extremely busy for the PTFA committee this term – starting off contributing towards the 2 school trips that Sika & Kingfisher went on, We then had 2 successful wreath making workshops – which raised £606 – Special Thanks must go to our Chairpersons (Steph) parents and Steph for doing all the organising and most of the foraging – Thank you. Next came the PTFA takeover enrichment where we helped the children decorate homemade Gingerbread Men – Thank you Ashley & Tania for baking all of these, Decorate Stockings which will hopefully be filled soon, and make Christmas Tree's – it was great to see all the children enjoying themselves. We then saw the KS1 nativity plays – we laid on refreshments for both performances and managed to raise £54. Christingle was organised within the school but the PTFA funded all the equipment needed. We had fun on Friday announcing the winners of our annual Christmas raffle - Thank you to all the businesses and supporters who kindly donated to the raffle, we had some fantastic prizes, but unfortunately I didn't win anything!! We have managed to raise a profit £661 which is amazing for a small village school – this has helped fund the School cinema trip to see Elf.

Finally we would like to Thank the Yetminster Fair committee. We sent across an application for help towards buying new books for our school and we have been successful in receiving £200. We will work together with the teachers at school to purchase book that are needed for our school.

For any last minute Christmas shopping don't forget our easyfundraising page at:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewsptfa/>

Once again, Thank you to all of you for all your support, kind messages and donations, If you fancy joining our fun loving committee our next meeting is on Thursday 11th January 2024.

Merry Christmas

St Andrews C of E School PTFA Committee

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Remember → LOTS OF LAYERS DURING THE COLDER MONTHS!



FOREST SCHOOL DATES- SPRING TERM

4TH JANUARY - NO FOREST SCHOOL

11TH JANUARY - KINGFISHER

18TH JANUARY - SIKA

25TH JANUARY - HEDGEHOG

1ST FEBRUARY - OTTER

8TH FEBRUARY - KINGFISHER

Kitlist

Longsleeve Top & Trouser

Waterproofs

Cup for hot chocolate

Change of clothes

Waterbottle

Walking boots/Wellies

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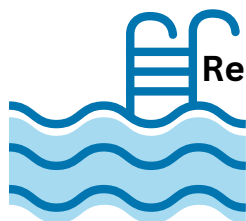
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Save the date



Reminder: Sika class start weekly swimming on Tuesdays from 9th January for 10 weeks.

Hello January

Tuesday 2nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd	All students back - first day of Spring term
Tuesday 9th	Sika Swimming
Tuesday 16th	Sika Swimming
Monday 22nd	Y6 Height & Weight check
Tuesday 23rd	Sika Swimming
Wednesday 24th	'Open the book' Collective worship with Rev Moody
Tuesday 31st	Sika Swimming
Wednesday 31st	Daniel Engalnd Collective Worship

Forest school
11.01 Kingfisher
18.01 Sika
25.01 Hedgehog

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A full list of upcoming events can be found on our [website](#)

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