



# ANDREWS' ENDOWED WEEKLY

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20th October 2023

## This Week:

As we reach the end of the first half of the term, it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown. This week has been exceptionally busy, with our Year 6 children doing an outstanding job leading parent tours around the school. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at parents' evening, strengthening the essential partnership between home and school, which is vital to ensure your child blossoms.

### **Behaviour Workshop for Parents**

I extend my gratitude to the parents who attended the behaviour workshop on Wednesday. Primary Behaviour Support provided valuable tips and insights to support our children's development. Your continued involvement and support are truly appreciated. Together, we're shaping a brighter future for our students.

I will be organising a second workshop in the Spring term.

### **The Good Mental Health Guide**

I would like to share The Good Mental Health Guide. This is an informative guide with many different links to videos and advice for a range of different areas of need, which has been put onto our school's website. Supporting and prioritizing the mental health of children is of paramount importance. It sets the foundation for their overall well-being and development. Healthy emotional and psychological states in childhood lay the groundwork for resilient, confident, and well-adjusted adults. When we focus on children's mental health, we empower them with the tools to navigate life's challenges, build strong relationships, and succeed in various aspects of their lives. Moreover, by addressing their mental health needs, we contribute to a happier, more productive, and harmonious society. It is our collective responsibility to create a nurturing and understanding environment that allows children to express their feelings, seek help when needed, and grow into emotionally balanced individuals.

### **Recruitment Update:**

We're thrilled to announce that we have successfully appointed a new SENCo, Mrs. Angela Baverstock. She will be joining our team in November and will work closely with Mrs. Harris to ensure a seamless transition of essential information. We're excited about the expertise and dedication Mrs. Baverstock will bring to our school community.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Mrs Louise Gubby to our school team as Admin Assistant. Mrs Gubby has a wealth of experience linked to school's admin. She will be starting to work in the office from 30th October. I would like to extend my thanks Mrs White who has been extending her hours to support Mrs Slater during the recruitment process.

### **Our School's Number on Roll**

Our School has space for 210 children on roll. We currently do have spaces in some of our classes. If you know of families who are moving into the area, we would appreciate it if you could share of Andrews' Endowed with its unique history, caring community and amazing outdoor grounds and outdoor learning.



# SAFEGUARDING

## OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

**Gemma Gundry—Designated Safe Guarding Lead**

**Jessica Armstrong—Field –Safeguarding Governor**

Speak to a member of our safeguarding team if you are worried about a child.

Our safeguarding team liaise with children's services and other external agencies to support families.

Our safeguarding team are here to listen, help and support your family.

## ONLINE SECURITY ALERT



Online safety experts at Ineqe have been alerted to an extremely dangerous website and app called 'Monkey', which allow users to have video calls with strangers. The platform advertises itself as 'an alternative to Omegle, with a TikTok vibe'. Experts have reviewed and tested the platform and have found that it contains large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing and harmful content transmitted via web cameras.

## What is Monkey Web?

- Monkey is an online video chat service that is similar to Omegle or Chatroulette, with a TikTok style interface.
- Users can talk to strangers from all over the world via webcam.
- Once a conversation is finished, or one user wishes to leave the conversation or talk to someone else, they click 'next' and are presented with a new user who could be from anywhere in the world.
- Users are asked to select their gender before meeting people.
- **Key Safety Concerns for Parents and Carers**
  - Harmful Content – Extremely harmful content can flash up for a few seconds before the user clicks next, meaning there is no time to report in most cases.
  - No age verification – There is little to no age verification mechanisms which children of any age can easily bypass. All users must do is tick a box to confirm that they are over 18. If users are signing in using their Facebook or Google accounts, the platform will still ask for a date of birth without any proof.
  - Designed to attract children – Everything, from the name to the graphics used on the platform suggest this is created to attract children. It is described as 'an Omegle alternative with TikTok vibes'.
  - Location sharing – The location of every user is shared publicly (not specifically but will say a country and a town/city) and there is no option to block this.
  - Users can not access this platform without turning their camera on. If you deny the camera, Monkey will prompt you 'Monkey needs the cam'.



## 500 Words—BBC Writing Competition

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

It will be lovely to have our children show their creative skills and to write their story and enter the competition. If your child would like any help typing up their submission then please send your child's writing in.

Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4> for more details of the competition.

## Our Learning

Acorns - Exploring Autumn

Year 1 - Using part whole models

Year 2 - Investigating materials to find waterproof ones to make a kite

Year 3 – All about the Stone Age People

Year 4 - Our evaporation experiment in Science

Year 5 - Play leader Training

Year 6— African Art

## Art Opportunity of the Month

During the month of October I would like the children to have the opportunity of taking part in The 2023 Big Draw Festival theme #DrawingwithSenses changes the focus from external to internal, exploring the way we personally process the world and internalise our experiences through our senses. This is a great year to look at the 5 basic senses:

Touch, Sight, Sound, Taste and Smell and experiment with these and those that the children are less familiar with to transpose their experiences into creative work and drawings in 2023.

If your child would like to create a piece of art based on this theme, I would love to see it and celebrate their talent.

Well done to **Will (Year 1)** who has shared his fantastic art with me. I look forward to seeing if I get further entries.



# In a Fortnight

## 30th October 2023—INSET Day

I hope you have a restful half term. Monday 30th October 2023 will be an INSET Day. The start of the second half of terms will be Tuesday 31st October 2023.

## School Photos – Wednesday 1st November

The photographer will be visiting on Wednesday 1st November to take individual school photos. We will also

## Forest School

On Friday 3rd November, Year 3 and Year 4 will be having their Forest school session. The children should wear their Forest School kits to school and then bring their uniform in their bag.



**1/11/23** School photographs

**8/11/23** Year 5 Big Sing at Eggar's

**10/11/23** Year 6 taking part in a virtual Remembrance Assembly

**11/11/23** Holybourne Remembrance Day Service

**15/11/23** Year 5 to Eggar's

**16/11/23** Founder's Day

**17/11/23** PTFA event: Children's Disco

**23/11/23** Mufti Day

**27/11/23** Year 1 to Treloar's

**28/11/23** Year 1 to Church of Holy Rood

# Support Groups

## Is your child a worrier?



Come and join our friendly 'Supporting your anxious child' workshop helping you to understand and support your child's needs.

Available to parents and carers of children that attend schools in and around the Alton area.

This 4 week course is located at **The Butts Primary**, Bole Road, Alton, GU34 1PW.

09:00-11:15 on the following Mondays.

- 6th November
- 13th November
- 20th November
- 27th November

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Please email Emily ([e.evans@butts.hants.sch.uk](mailto:e.evans@butts.hants.sch.uk)) or complete the online form to confirm your place

Sorry unfortunately no children or babies can attend.



Alton Cluster Family Support

## Struggling to get your child into school?



Come and join our friendly support sessions

Speak with other families in similar situations and discover lots of hints, tips and advice.

Available to parents and carers of children that attend schools in and around the Alton area.

Our support sessions are located at **The Butts Primary**, Bole Road, Alton, GU34 1PW.

09:00-10:15 - Starting on Monday 16th October, followed by our second session on 4th December. Then regularly in 2024 on the third Monday of the month (term-time only).

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Please email Emily ([e.evans@butts.hants.sch.uk](mailto:e.evans@butts.hants.sch.uk)) or complete the online form to confirm your place



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## Autumn Term 2023

(INSET Day – 1st and 4th

September)

5th September – 20th October

Half Term - 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October

(INSET Day – 30th October)

31<sup>st</sup> October – 15th December

## Spring Term 2024

(INSET Day – 2nd January)

3rd January – 18<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term 12th February – 16<sup>th</sup> February

19<sup>th</sup> February – 28th March

Easter Holidays 29th March – 12th April

## Summer Term 2024

(INSET Day – 15th April)

16<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term – 27th May – 31st May

3rd June – 23rd July



# Bulletin Board

## Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30th	31st	1st	2nd	3rd
INSET Day	Acorns, Year 3 and Year 5 PE	Year 1 and Year 3 PE	Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 PE	Year 1 PE  Forest School Year 3 and Year 4
Woodwind Lessons	Violin Lessons Guitar Lessons	Brass Lessons Art Club		



Children in Years 1-6 should have their PE kits in every day at school, as their timetable might

## **Second Half of Autumn Term 2023 School Lunches**

The cost for school lunches for the second half of the Autumn Term is £102 (34 lunches) or £15 per week. Money for school lunches must be paid for in advance – preferably weekly or half termly. We know that some families are facing financial challenges, but if you have difficulty paying please speak (in confidence) to the school.

The New Menu starts on Tuesday 31st October. You can find copies by visiting this link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary#step-6>

For those on a Special Diet due to their dietary requirements these are ready for you to download on the Special Diet Portal – please let the office know if you have a problem with this.

Don't forget if your circumstances have changed or you are unsure if your child is eligible for free school meals please check this link or don't hesitate to contact the school office - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

## **PTFA Fundraising Christmas Cards**

The proof of your child's Christmas Card design has been sent home today. All orders must be made online – you will have the opportunity to approve your child's artwork (please ensure they are in the correct year group) and then place your order using a credit or debit card. All orders will be delivered to the school free of charge.



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## Cool Milk Scheme

Don't forget if you would like your child to receive milk in school your child must be registered with Cool Milk. You can apply on line at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) You must register your child by Tuesday 5pm to start receiving milk at the following week. If you have any questions regarding this you can contact Cool Milk directly on 0844 854 2913. If your child is in Acorns and under 5 they will receive milk FREE but you must ensure that your child is registered before their 5th birthday if you wish your child to continue with milk.

## 'Birthday Book'

As we don't encourage sharing of sweets on birthdays we are continuing our "Birthday Book Scheme" this term so the children can celebrate their birthday by selecting a book for a donation that you would like to make (50p, £1 or £2.50). This has been an extremely successful scheme in the past. We have a selection of wonderful titles, something for

everyone at affordable prices. Your child is bringing home a 'blue' letter that has a slip on the bottom that your child should give to their class teacher by the Wednesday the week before their birthday. Your child will then get the opportunity to select a book of their choice with Mrs Gundry and put a sticker with their name on the inside cover of the book. At the next Celebration Worship your child will be presented with their 'Birthday Book' to show the school which book they have selected. They will be able to take the book home so they can read it with you and then return it to the school library or their Class Book Corner so everyone will get a chance to read it. Until Acorns attend Celebration Worship they will be presented with their book in the classroom so they can show the rest of their class. We hope you will join this initiative and help us increase our stock of books in the class book corners.

## Secondary school applications deadline reminder—31st October 2023

To all year 6 parents—please make sure you have submitted your Secondary School applications by the deadline – Tuesday 31st October 2023, midnight. It is vital that parents understand the importance of applying by the deadline. Late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications which will significantly reduce their chances of gaining a place at any of their preferred schools.

## Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder that all sessions taken at either of the above clubs must be paid half termly in advance and there is no refund if your child misses a session unless they are absent due to illness. If you need to cancel any sessions permanently we require two 'school' weeks' notice. If you pay with vouchers or tax credits please can you ensure these are requested over half term and confirm the amount you have paid and the date it was paid via [bfc.asc@andrewsendowed.hants.sch.uk](mailto:bfc.asc@andrewsendowed.hants.sch.uk) If you currently have an outstanding debt on either club please can you ensure this is paid over half term so the account is clear at the start of next term – thank you

