



ANDREWS' ENDOWED WEEKLY

<https://www.andrewsendowed.co.uk/>

8th December 2023

This Week:

Firstly, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and relatives who joined us in supporting our Key Stage 1 children during their delightful nativity performance. Witnessing their confidence and hearing their merry voices was truly heart warming. We have raised £42 for Children in Need

The Importance of Reading

Speaking of voices and the magic they create through stories, I'd like to address the critical importance of reading in our children's lives. Recently, I have read the Annual Literacy Survey findings for 2023, that documented the views of approximately 71,000 children. It has revealed a concerning trend the lowest level of reading enjoyment since 2005. It's disheartening to note that fewer individuals, particularly girls and those aged 8 to 11, express the joy they once found in reading.

Reading holds immense significance in shaping our children's futures. It's not merely about decoding words on a page; rather, it unlocks a world of imagination, nurtures empathy, and enhances critical thinking skills. It's the cornerstone upon which their academic success and personal growth are built. As parents, your involvement in cultivating a love for reading within our children's lives is invaluable. Whether it's setting aside dedicated time for shared reading, exploring diverse genres together, or simply encouraging them to pick up a book that piques their interest, your support plays a pivotal role in fostering a lifelong love for reading.

Let's work together to reignite the passion for reading among our children. By creating an environment where books are celebrated, where stories come alive, we can empower our children to rediscover the joy and wonder that lies within the pages of a book.

Thank you for your ongoing support, dedication, and commitment to our children's education. Together, we can inspire a generation of enthusiastic readers who will embrace the power of stories and knowledge.

Enhancing Communication

At Andrews' Endowed, we highly value effective communication between the school and our parents. We understand the importance of a strong partnership in supporting your child's educational journey. To further improve our communication channels, we're eager to collaborate with parents. Your input, ideas, and suggestions play a vital role in shaping our approach. If you're willing to work together with us to enhance communication methods or have any suggestions, we warmly invite you to put yourself forward to work with the school in a focus group. Please email schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk to show your interest. Together, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for our students. Your participation in this endeavour is greatly appreciated.

We appreciate your ongoing support and involvement in the life of our school. If you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Christmas Tree Festival

We're thrilled to announce our participation in the upcoming Christmas Tree Festival at St. Lawrence Church! Our talented children have poured their creativity into decorating beautiful decorations for Andrews' Endowed Christmas Tree. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Hudd for her efforts in arranging and setting up our tree at the church. This event promises to be a wonderful celebration of community spirit and the joyous holiday season. We can't wait to see our tree among the many others, shining brightly at the festival!



Health Bulletin

Our school is in a pre-paid area for the emotional health resources hub, www.inourplace.co.uk ('The Solihull Approach'). This means **you** can access a range of free online support to better understand children's emotional health, brain development and wellbeing. There are courses for teenagers too.

As part of our school's commitment to supporting mental health for our children, we would like to raise awareness of these important resources for you.

There are courses available from bump to 19+ years, and include:

- Understanding your child (0-19 years)
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- Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19 years)
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- Understanding your child's feelings
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- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
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- Understanding your relationships
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- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child/teenager
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- Understanding your teenager's brain
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- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only)
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- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only)

All courses can be translated using Google Translate and some professional translations are available.

All the information needed to sign up for these free courses can be found at:
[The Solihull Approach | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](http://The Solihull Approach | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)).

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



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Headteacher's Awards

Class		
Year 1	Alice A - For her great singing in the Nativity	Charlie P - For being a wonderful bear in the Nativity.
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Year 2	Matilda D - For her fantastic organisation in the Nativity.	Ruby S - For sharing her ideas especially in RE.
Year 3	Daniel N - For super focus in his lessons.	Ruvarashe C - For her excellent attitude to all of her learning.
Year 4	Percy T - For his courage in extending his own learning tasks.	Thomas C - For his focused learning and his polite, respectful attitude.
Year 5	Geoffrey K - For always showing our school values.	Jacob M - for always being very kind and considerate.
Year 6	Lincoln E - For his great effort in his homework,.	Alys M - For her fantastic start to her layered self portrait.

Our Learning

Acorns - Playing with my friends at After School Club

Year 1 - DT - Making cars

Year 2 - PE - Developing our hockey skills

Year 3 - Science - learning about rocks. Some rocks are formed through layering. We have been looking at the porosity of rocks

Year 4 - Art - Drawing a tiger in the style of Henri Rousseau

Year 5 - PE - Running games with elements of choice

Year 6 - Art - Identity layered self-portrait

Artist of the Month.

The artist of the month who I have chosen is Claude Monet , who is a French artist and founder of the impressionist painting. The opportunity will allow children to look at a different artist and their work. Children can then respond to this artist by either creating a picture, taking a photograph, writing a story, doing some research or showing their exploration of the artist in uniquely creative ways.

If your child would like to participate in this opportunity, their creative work can be given to me.

December's Artist of the Month is Claude Monet

It would be great to have as many children entering with their investigations and representations of Claude Monet.



Next Week

Christmas Parties

During the week, the children will be having their Christmas Parties. The children are welcome to bring some party clothes to school on the day of their party. Our Acorns can wear their party clothes all day. Please ensure the clothes are warm for the children to play outside.

The Party Days are:

Monday 11th Acorns and Key Stage 1

Tuesday 12th Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 13th Year 3 and 4

We hope the children enjoy this special occasion.

Thursday 14th Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 14th the children will be having their Christmas Dinner. The children are able to bring in a Christmas hat or accessories to celebrate this occasion.

Acorns' Forest School 15th December

On **Friday 15th December**, our Acorns children will be having a Forest School session. Please could the children wear many layers to ensure that they are kept warm. In order for children to enjoy the experience, it will be beneficial for the children to wear thick socks and to wear thick gloves.

Carols Around the Tree 15th December

On Friday 15th December, we will be holding our KS2 Carols Around the Tree. All Families (Acorns, KS1 and KS2) and friends are welcome to join us for this event. We will send a copy of the hymn words home via email so you can join in with the hymns if you wish. If you attended the service then you may take your child/ren home.

Car Parking

A reminder for all parents, please do not use the staff car park when dropping off and collecting your children. This is for staff parking only, unless you are advised to park there by a member of staff.



11/12/23 Lower School Christmas Party

12/12/23 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party

13/12/23 Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party

14/12/23 Christmas dinner day

15/12/23 Carols Around the Tree



2/1/24 INSET Day

5/1/24 Forest School Years 5 and 6

11/1/24 Swimming Gala

15/1/24 Year 5 DT at Eggars

17/1/24 Year 1 Drumming Workshop

18/1/24 Year 6 height & weight

22/1/24 Year 5 DT at Eggars

29/1/24 Year 5 DT at Eggars

29/1/24 Parent's Online Safety Workshop

30/1/24 Year 2 Trip to Gilbert White's House

Autumn Term 2023

(INSET Day – 1st and 4th

September)

5th September – 20th October

Half Term - 23rd October – 27th October

(INSET Day – 30th October)

31st October – 15th December

Spring Term 2024

(INSET Day – 2nd January)

3rd January – 18th February

Half Term 12th February – 16th February

19th February – 28th March

Easter Holidays 29th March – 12th April

Summer Term 2024

(INSET Day – 15th April)

16th April – 24th May


Half Term – 27th May – 31st May

3rd June – 23rd July



Bulletin Board

Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
Year 2 PE	Acorns, Year 3 and Year 5 PE	Year 1 and Year 3 PE	Year 2, Year 5 PE	Year 1 PE Forest School Acorns
				
Woodwind Lessons	Violin Lessons Guitar Lessons	Brass Lessons		

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

The Invisible Cookie Scheme at The White Hart

The White Hart has worked with our PTFA to have Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School as their charity for the month of November. They are offering an 'Invisible Cookie Scheme', where their customers have the opportunity of paying the price of a cookie and the money is then given to the charity. If you would like to buy an 'Invisible Cookie' then please enjoy the hospitality at The White Hart.

Thank you to the PTFA for the work that they are doing. They are working to fundraise a phase of our outdoors development. The next stage of the Outdoors development will be the children voting on equipment that they would like to have on a Fitness Trail.

Looking for a School Place for Reception 2024?

If you know someone looking for a school for their child do ask them to call the school office at the start of next term to book a visit. A reminder to our families with a child starting school in September 2024 the deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.

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. 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.