



St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been in school. We were absolutely thrilled by the fantastic Tractor Trundle on Sunday. A huge thank you to the Friends of School for organising such an impressive event. Their hard work and commitment made the event possible, and we are so grateful for the energy they put into creating such a memorable experience for our community. Thank you as well to our school families, neighbours and the wider local community for coming out to support us. The tractors – and their drivers – looked incredible. Seeing (and hearing!) them coming down the hill back into the village was an unforgettable moment and really brought everyone together. A special thank you must go to Jamie Harris, Emma Jackson and their friends and family who all provided so much help. Those serving jacket potatoes worked hard from start to finish and did an amazing job.

On Wednesday a team of mixed Year 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament at Huish Park Stadium, Yeovil. This was a thrilling event and such an amazing opportunity. They were disappointed to not make it through to the next round of the competition, but they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

This week saw our Reception and Key Stage 1 children shine in their magical nativity performance. It truly had everything you could wish for: confident narrators who told the story with clarity and pride; a host of twinkling angels who danced beautifully; and Mary and Joseph, who lovingly cared for their donkey and baby Jesus while welcoming a delightful array of visitors throughout the story. Well done to every single child involved. Nativity is such a treasured tradition—one we all remember from our own primary school days—and the children made it incredibly special for us this year. Their enjoyment shone through and their enthusiasm delighted us all.

Next week sees us head into the final week of term before we break up for the Christmas and we still have several events on the calendar. On Tuesday, the whole school, including our nursery children will be visiting Yeovil Westlands to watch a pantomime performance of Beauty and The Beast. This is a lovely experience for the children and travelling altogether by coach makes it extra special. Thank you to Friends of School, who pay for the coaches, which brings the cost to families down significantly.

We also need to say a huge thank you to Axminster Care Service. Their generous donation of £1600 towards the new climbing frame in the playground was very gratefully received by Friends of School. The children are loving the new equipment and make the most of it every day. It was lovely that a group from The Axminster Care Service came in to visit the school and see the playground equipment they helped to purchase. We are incredibly grateful for their support.

On Wednesday, the children will be having their Christmas lunch together. This is always a busy and fun packed event as the children all sit together to eat a truly delicious meal and enjoy pulling crackers, telling their jokes and singing along to Christmas songs.

This will be followed on Thursday by a non-uniform/pyjama/onesie day treat which was gifted by our special visitor, Father Christmas, when he visited us yesterday. Each class has been gifted a movie treat box with tickets for a movie afternoon, hot chocolate, marshmallows and popcorn! What a treat for the children to look forward to.

It was lovely to be in the church this afternoon for our Christmas Praise service. Over the festive period there will be other opportunities to take part in services there. On Sunday 21st December: there will be Carols in Candlelight at 6pm and on Christmas Eve the ever popular Candlelit Crib service for all the family at 4pm. There will also be Midnight Mass starting at 11:30pm on Christmas Eve.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make these moments so memorable for our pupils. Warmest wishes, from Mrs Butler

Dates for your diary –

Tuesday 16th Dec – Whole School Pantomime Trip, Children to arrive at **8.20am**

Wednesday 17th Dec – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th Dec – Non-uniform 'Onesie Day' Christmas movie afternoon

Our Core Value
this half term is:

**Making Good
Choices**

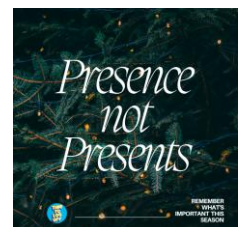
Autumn 2 Clubs – Last week of Term

Thursday – Forest
School Club (All
Years) Mrs Gordon-
Watson

After school
childcare is also
available Monday –
Thursday 3.30–
5.30pm

**Spring Clubs
will be
released next
week!**

Thought for the Week:



Attendance – last week

Whole School – **95.1%**



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6