



St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support the St Andrew's Day Fayre at the village hall on Saturday. There was a really good turn out and it was lovely to see so many groups within the village join together for this annual village event. Friends of School made over £200 profit so thank you for your support.

Our lovely Friends of School team were busy in school on Monday as they came in and helped the children to make a Christingle each. Many thanks to the village gardening club for supplying the oranges and to everyone who came in and helped. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and it starts the festive period off really well as the children reflect on the symbolism of this festive decoration.

Christingle is a Christian celebration that uses an orange with a candle to symbolise Jesus as the "Light of the World". The celebration involves making and lighting a Christingle, which consists of an orange representing the world, a red ribbon for Jesus' love and blood, four cocktail sticks for the seasons or corners of the world and sweets or fruit on the sticks for God's creation. Reverend Nicky led a wonderful worship based on this, enabling the children to really understand the meaning behind this.

We are all extremely excited about the Tractor Trundle on Sunday. Friends of School have put a huge amount of effort into planning this exciting event so please gather your friends and family to come and enjoy the spectacle. The posters explain the timings and viewing locations of the tractors as they make their way between Forton at 3.30pm and Chardstock village hall carpark at approximately 5pm. There will be jacket potatoes with hot and cold fillings on sale from 5-6.30pm and there will be hot and cold drinks available too. At 6pm there will be Christmas singing in the carpark area - I will print out plenty of song sheets so please come and join in!

There will be no parking available in the village hall carpark as this will be reserved for the tractors upon their return. Please car-share where you can and please park respectfully within the village (not blocking gates and driveways of local residents), using side streets where you can as many large tractors will need to be able to drive through the village. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday for a fun and festive afternoon.

Next week sees us start our main Christmas events in school. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 start us off on Tuesday and Wednesday with their two performances of The Nativity Play. Please make sure you have booked seats through the school office as we will only be able to permit entry for pre-booked seat allocations. On Thursday 11th, it will be our annual Christmas Jumper (non-uniform day). This will be for a donation and the money raised will be split equally between Friends of School and the national charity Save the Children. Our final Christmas event for next week is our Christmas Praise event in the church. This will be held at 2pm on Friday 12th December, please join us if you can. We would also appreciate help with walking to and from the church so please let the office know if you are able to help with this. Our Christmas Praise service is always a lovely way to get in the festive mood and to take some time for a calm reflection on the true meaning of Christmas and to think about the very first Christmas and the simplicity of that humble birth.

Have a great weekend,

Donna Butler (Head of School)

Our Core Value
this half term is:

**Making Good
Choices**

Autumn 2 Clubs -

Monday - Dodgeball Club
(Y3-6) Mr Troman

Monday - Film Club (Y3-6)
Mrs Dauey

Tuesday - Mindfulness
and Yoga Club (Rec-Y2)
Mrs Gilfillan - FULL

Tuesday - Singing Club
(Y3-6) Mrs Butler

Thursday (lunchtime) Eco
Club (Y5-6) Mr and Mrs
Kear

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

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

Thought for the Week:



Attendance - last week

Whole School - **89.6%**



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class - R

Squirrels Class - Y1/2

Owls Class - Y3/4

Foxes Class - Y5/6

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 7th December: **FoS Light up Christmas Tractor Trundle**
3pm-6.30pm (See FoS poster for details)

Tuesday 9th December: Rec & KS1 production 'The Nativity', 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th Dec: Rec & KS1 production 'The Nativity', 5.30pm

Thursday 11th December: **Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day**

Thursday 11th December: **FoS Bags2School** – bags can be left in school

Friday 12th December: **FoS Bag2School Collection** 9am

Friday 12th December: **Christmas Praise** – 2pm at St Andrew's Church.

Tuesday 16th December: **'Beauty & the Beast'** Whole School Pantomime Trip, **Early drop off for 8.30am Departure**

Wednesday 17th December: **Christmas Lunch**

Friday 19th December: Last day of term! School closes for Christmas break

Children return Tuesday 6th January 2026

