



St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very productive week in school as many of the projects taking place this half term came to a conclusion.

One of the highlights of the week was our wonderful Maypole dancing. Every class took part, including Little Acorns, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning this traditional style of dance. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and teamwork as they practised the routines. We hope that all the spectators enjoyed the finale where you were able to see some of the dances in action. The children should be very proud of their performances.

Sadly, the Year 5/6 cricket tournament had to be postponed due to the poor weather conditions. However, the children took the disappointment in very good spirits and enjoyed being able to return to class and take part in their cooking session instead. Foxes Class filled the school with a delicious aroma on Tuesday as the children cooked their own individual twists on a traditional bolognese recipe. The children showed great independence and creativity while developing important cooking skills.

Owls Class have been practising their chopping and peeling skills and learning about seasonal produce as part of their Design and Technology cooking unit. During computing lessons this week, we also saw the children creating their own characters and props before recording video trailers to promote a book. It was wonderful to see such imagination and confidence on display.

In Year 1 and 2, the children have been thoroughly enjoying their art sessions, where they have been learning to mix colours to create their own paintings. In computing, Mr Evans has been teaching the fundamental skills of computer programming, including how to identify and 'debug' errors in their programmes — an important skill for young coders to develop.

If I mention that Hedgehogs Class have been sharing the wonderful story 'The Bug Collector' this week, you will probably be able to guess what they have been busy searching for! The children have enjoyed exploring minibeasts and have studied the work of a Japanese photographer famous for bug photography. They have also used play dough creatively to make their own fantastic 3D bugs. There has also been great excitement this week, as the first butterflies emerged from the caterpillar chrysalises! These will be released into our school garden before the holidays begin.

Have a fantastic half-term and enjoy the promise of some great weather. Please remember that school is closed to pupils on Monday the 1st June, as we have a teacher training day.

Best wishes,

Donna Butler (Head of School)

Our Core Value
this half term is:

LOVE

Summer 2 Clubs –

**Monday – Ball Games
(YR-4) Primary Sports**

**Monday – Play Prep
(Y5/6) Mrs Whitehead**

**Wednesday – Darch
Martial Arts (Y2-Y6)
Vicky & Jamie**

**Thursday – Netball &
Basketball (Y3-6)
Coach Chloe**

**Thursday – Forest
School (all years)
Primary Forest School**

**Friday LUNCHTIME –
Drawing Club – Mr
Band (YR-2) in Oak Rm**

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

Thought for the Week:

Sending happy thoughts
and a little sunshine
your way.



Attendance – last week

Whole School – 97.69%



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6

Save the dates!

FOS Colour Run – Saturday 13th June

Owls Class Worship – Tuesday 16th June at 3pm

Sports Day – Monday 22nd June at 1.15pm

Reserve Sports Day – Monday 29th June at 1.15pm

Foxes Class Summer Production – Wednesday 8th July (evening) Thursday 9th July (afternoon)

Hedgehogs Class Worship – Tuesday 14th July at 3pm

Year 6 Leavers' Service – Wednesday 22nd July at 2pm in St Andrew's church