

# ST. ANDREW'S SOUTHGATE

## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. As we approach the end of our Autumn term at St. Andrew's Southgate, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. It has been such a pleasure getting to know the children, staff and parents of this wonderful community and I can honestly say that it is an honour to be the headteacher of such a special school. Our term has been busy with many exciting events, academic achievements, religious celebrations and sporting fixtures; I am incredibly proud of our St. Andrew's Southgate children. As the famous line from the poet T.S Elliot said "The end is where you start" and we have certainly ended this term fantastically.

This newsletter shares some of our school successes this term. The St. Andrew's Southgate team wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas filled with love, laughter, silliness and joy. See you in 2024!



## DAVID WALLIAMS

On the 12th October David Walliams visited St. Andrew's Southgate to launch his new book 'The Blunders'. He read extracts from some of his most popular stories and we were the first children in the country to be read the first few pages of The Blunders!



## SEPTEMBER FEST

Thank you to the PTA for a wonderful start to our September with a school Septemberfest filled with delicious food, treats, games, stalls and live music! What a way to start our year.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

We had a 'spotacular' day for Children in Need. A HUGE thank you for supporting the charity. St Andrew's raised £249!



## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

We have had an amazing term of sporting successes from football games to gymnastics across the borough with St. Andrew's coming in 3rd and 4th. There were some great efforts in netball from the girls and of course we went on to win the boys cross country and the indoor athletics! We are now representing Enfield in the London Youth games. Go St. Andrew's Southgate!



## THE RECEPTION 'SING A LONG'



The Reception 'sing-a-long' was brilliant and they performed with such confidence with amazing headdresses.



## YEAR 1 AND 2 NATIVITY



Year 1 and 2 delivered a spectacular performance of the Nativity to the school and parents. The children worked hard to learn their lines, song lyrics and even dances. Well done!



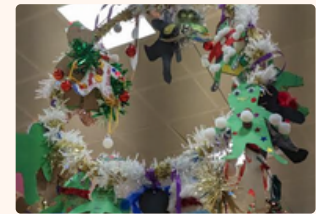
## YR 5 RECORDER CONCERT



Year 5 have spent the term learning the recorder. Their performance last week was excellent and even included some singing. Thanks to the parents who joined in at the end for a festive sing song!

## CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S

We have been busy getting ready for Christmas at St. Andrew's Southgate. It started with a Christmas Art day where children made incredible Festive hoops that decorated our hall for our Christmas dinner, whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers. Our Christmas dinner was delicious, thank you to our very own school chefs and to the St. Andrew's staff for making it such a special lunchtime. We even had Santa serving burritos and pasta this week!



## CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Annual St. Andrew's Southgate Christmas Carol Service was wonderful. The children sang beautifully and the lighting of the Christingles was magical. Thank you to everyone who supported the service by prepping resources, making Christingles, practicing carols, sharing readings and attending. We would also like to thank you for the generous donations in the playground and church for the Children's Society.



# Key Dates



## St Andrew's Spring Term Dates 2024



### JANUARY 2024

Monday 8th	All day	School INSET day
Tuesday 9th	8.40am gates open	Term resumes
Thursday 25th	9am	PTA Annual General Meeting in school hall
Tuesday 30th	9am	Year 6 SATS information meeting for parents-letter to follow
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	Year 6 to Frameless

### FEBRUARY 2024

Friday 2nd	All Day	Whole school Number Day-Letter to follow in Spring term one
Friday 9th	3.30pm	End of Term
<i>Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup>- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</i>		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.40am gates open	Term resumes

### ⊕ MARCH 2024

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	World Book Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	All Week	Science Week
Monday 18th	1.30pm-7pm	KS2 Parents evening meetings
Tuesday 19th	1.30pm-7pm	Reception and KS1 Parents evening meetings
Wednesday 20th	12pm-10pm	KS2 Voice in a Million
Wednesday 27th	5pm	Easter Service- All children to wear school uniform.
Thursday 28th	1pm	End of Term
<i>Easter Holidays: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</i>		

### APRIL 2024

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All day	INSET DAY
Tuesday 16th	8.40am gates open	Term resumes

