

St Andrew The Apostle School Newsletter 22.05.26





Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

This week's Careers Fair was a wonderful occasion and the highlight of the term. It provided our students with a valuable opportunity to meet range of professionals and to continue to think deeply about their futures. We were delighted to welcome so many external visitors, whose generosity with their time and expertise made the event such a success.

Representatives from fields including law, the NHS and investment banking offered insights that were both informative and inspiring. Their enthusiasm to share real-world experiences helped bring potential career pathways to life for our students.

The conversations taking place throughout the day were thoughtful and purposeful, and it was terrific to see students asking insightful questions and engaging so positively. Events like this are vital in broadening horizons and helping our students connect their learning in school to opportunities beyond it. We extend our sincere thanks to all our visitors for their support and for contributing to such an enriching experience.

We would also like to recognise the hard work and commitment of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have been sitting their examinations. This is an important and demanding time and we are proud of the focus, resilience and maturity they have shown. We wish them every success as they continue through the examination period.

For our Year 10 students, mid-course assessment reports have now been issued to parents via MCAS. We strongly encourage parents and carers to read these carefully and to discuss them with their child. These reports provide valuable insights into current next steps, and your support will be key to helping students make the most of the opportunities ahead.

Looking forward, the next major milestone for Year 10 will be their Mock 1 examinations in November, and consistent effort between now and then will be crucial.

I would also like to congratulate our Under-14 girls' football team on reaching the final of the Barnet Cup this week. Although we did not get the victory we wanted, the grit, determination and spirit captured what we do at St Andrew the Apostle and I am proud of every one of them.

As we reach the end of the half-term, we would like to thank all staff for their continued dedication and professionalism. Their commitment to supporting our students, both in lessons and beyond, is deeply appreciated. In particular, we recognise those colleagues who are giving their time over the half-term holiday to provide additional intervention sessions.

This extra support can make a significant difference, and we are grateful for their willingness to go above and beyond.

Finally, we wish all members of our school community a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on 1 June 2026 at the normal time, refreshed and ready for the final term of the year.

Christopher Martin | Headteacher

Careers Fair Inspires Students Across Year Groups



















On Tuesday 19 May 2026, our school proudly hosted a highly successful Careers Fair, bringing together an exceptional range of professionals and organisations to inspire our students. The event was attended by students from Year 9, Year 10, and Year 12, offering valuable insight into future pathways and career opportunities.

The fair featured an impressive and diverse line-up of careers, ensuring that students could explore a wide range of industries. Representatives from the legal sector included lawyers, corporate lawyers, and Spector Constant & Williams, giving students an understanding of different routes into law. Financial and business careers were equally well represented, with professionals from Metro Bank, Barclays Bank (Investment Banking – Treasury/Finance), Morgan Stanley (Equities Division), and experts in accounting and finance and senior risk consultancy.

Students interested in science and healthcare had the opportunity to speak with professionals working in the NHS, medicine, neuroscience and doctor roles, while those curious about emerging technologies engaged with specialists in artificial intelligence, cyber security and software engineering.

Creative industries were also strongly represented, with a Director of an Actors Agency, a professional photographer and a Chief Experience Officer sharing their career journeys. Meanwhile, students exploring more hands-on or vocational routes gained valuable insight from apprenticeship providers, personal trainers and chartered surveyors.

In addition, we were delighted to welcome representatives from King's College, who provided guidance on higher education pathways and university life and professionals in teaching and architecture, helping students consider both academic and professional careers.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage directly with industry professionals, ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of the qualifications, skills and experiences required for different career paths. It was particularly valuable for our Year 12 students as they begin to make decisions about their next steps, while also inspiring younger students to think ambitiously about their futures.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the professionals and organisations who gave their time to support our students. Their contributions helped to make the event both informative and inspiring, and we look forward to continuing to build these important links in the future.

Mr Browell | Extended Leadership & Head of PE

Celebrating International Success







We are delighted to share the outstanding achievement of Maria (Year 7) and Sesiliya (Year 9), who were given the incredible opportunity to travel to Munich, Germany, to take part in a major International Folk Dance Festival this month.

This prestigious and authentic festival brings together people of Bulgarian heritage from over 50 countries, celebrating how traditions and cultural roots are preserved across the world. Performing under the direction of their organiser and choreographer, Tanya Petrova, both students proudly represented their community on an international stage.

Their participation reflects not only their hard work and commitment, but also the power of cultural connection. We are extremely proud of their achievements and look forward to hearing more about this memorable experience.

Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher & Teacher of PE

Gold Medal Glory for Angela at International Free sparring Event



We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Angela, who secured a gold medal at the prestigious International Free sparring Event held in Tolworth on 26 April 2026.

Competing against a strong field of talented athletes from across the region and beyond, Angela demonstrated exceptional skill, determination and composure throughout the day. Her performances showcased not only her technical ability but also her resilience and focus under pressure—qualities that truly set champions apart.

From the opening rounds to the final bout, Angela impressed judges and spectators alike with her confident sparring, tactical awareness, and unwavering spirit. Each match reflected the hard work and dedication she has consistently shown in her training, culminating in a well-deserved place at the top of the podium.

Winning gold at an international event is no small feat, and Angela's success is a testament to her commitment and passion for the sport. She has set a fantastic example for her peers and has made everyone immensely proud.

We would also like to recognise the support from coaches, family, and teammates who have contributed to her journey—success like this is truly a team effort.

Congratulations once again, Angela, on your incredible achievement. We look forward to seeing what you accomplish next!

Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher & Teacher of PE

Year 8 Athletics

















Our Year 8 students made a fantastic start to the athletics season at their first athletics meet, representing the school with pride, determination and true sportsmanship. From the moment they arrived, they embodied our core values of respect, caring for one another, and honesty, supporting teammates and celebrating each other's achievements throughout the evening.

Some incredible individual success stories:

1st Place - Lis 300m

1st Place - Wealth 100m

2nd Place - Sophia L 200m

2nd Place - Elizabeth 200m

3rd Place - Staver 200m

Team events were equally inspiring, with the boys' relay team earning a well-deserved 2nd place. Both the girls' A and B relay teams performed brilliantly, each achieving 3rd place and showing excellent teamwork and determination.

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 8 athletes for their effort, resilience, and positive attitude—an excellent start to the season ahead.

U14 Girls Reach the Borough Cup Final



The U14 Girls delivered a strong and spirited performance in the Borough Cup Final, showing quality across many areas of the pitch. However, they came up against an excellent and well-disciplined Wren side, who played a brilliant game and ultimately outperformed STA on the night.

Myna captained the team superbly, leading by example and consistently demonstrating our school values through her composure, commitment, and encouragement of others. In goal,

Gabriella (Y8) was outstanding, pulling off a series of impressive saves to keep the team competitive throughout.



Going forward, Tiana posed a constant attacking threat, supported brilliantly by Kimia and Sade, who both showcased exceptional versatility by contributing across the pitch—from defensive duties to leading the line in attack. Gabriella and Alexandra (Y9) once again stepped up with determination and pride, representing the school with resilience and effort.

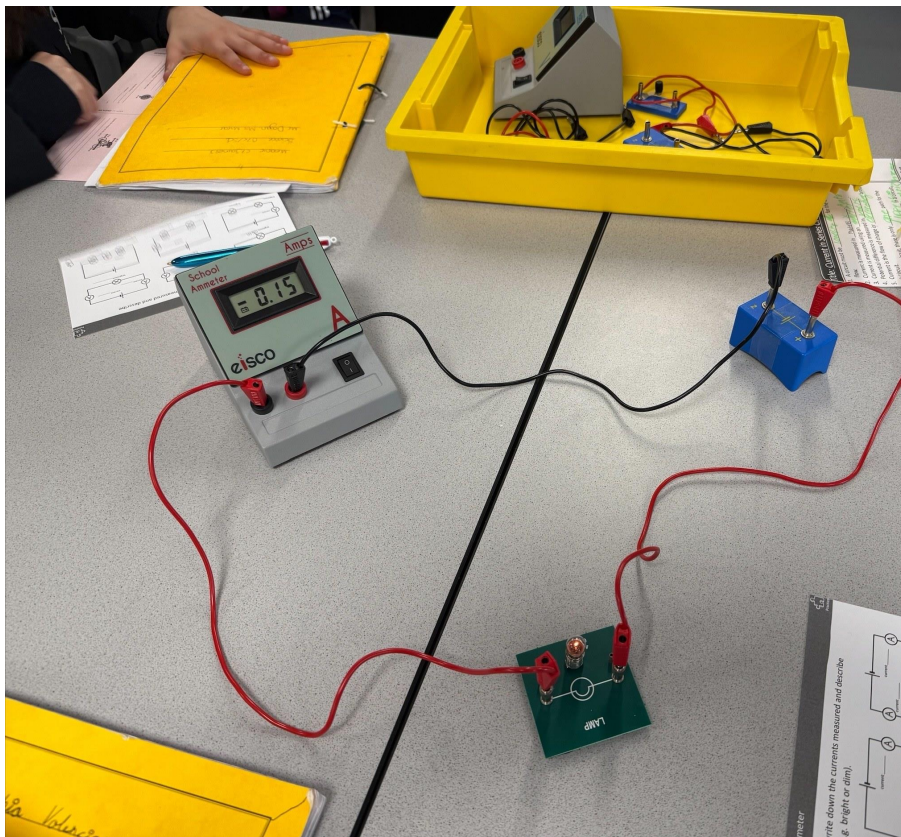
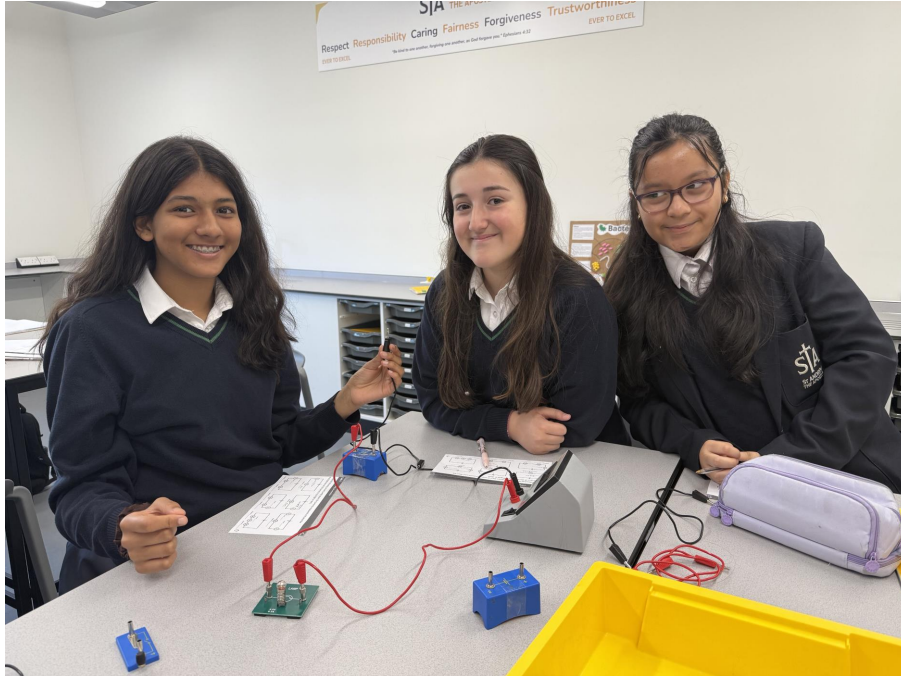


A huge well done also goes to the three Year 7 players, Serena, Carmen and Ioanna who rose to the challenge of representing the Year 9 team, an incredible opportunity and achievement.



Special recognition must go to Serena, whose exceptional performance earned her a well-deserved Player of the Match nomination.

Constructing Electrical Circuits



Year 7 students demonstrated excellent focus and teamwork this week as they engaged in constructing electrical circuits, carefully assembling components such as bulbs, switches, ammeters and voltmeters while developing their understanding of how current flows and how different components affect a circuit's performance.

Miss Msrar | Head of Science

Year 7 Textiles





Year 7 students have made an excellent start with their first textiles project and have shown great enthusiasm in lessons so far. They have been learning about a variety of fabrics, exploring their different properties, textures and uses within textiles design. Alongside this, students have also been developing their understanding of health and safety when working in the textiles room, particularly when using sewing machines and other equipment safely and responsibly.

They are currently working towards achieving their 'driving test' on the sewing machines; this important milestone will demonstrate that they can use the machines independently, safely and accurately.

Students have also begun the exciting design process for their very own tote bag project. They have created imaginative and thoughtful designs, considering both style and functionality. Next week, they will begin bringing these ideas to life as they start constructing their tote bags using the sewing skills they have developed. It has been fantastic to see their creativity, resilience and growing confidence throughout the project so far.

Miss Agathangelou | Art & DT Technician

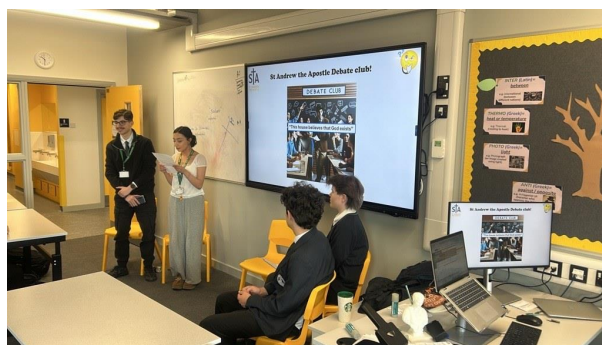
UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge



Year 7 and 8 students proudly took part in this year's UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge, a national competition testing problem-solving, logic and perseverance. We congratulate all participants on their commitment and resilience. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to celebrating further successes in future.

Mr U Dogan | Head of Mathematics

Debate Club



This term Debate Club has been buzzing with excitement as students from Year 7 to Year 12 came together to tackle some of the biggest and boldest questions of our time. We began with a fast-paced debate on Net Zero, where younger students impressed with sharp, thoughtful questions while older students delivered confident, well-researched speeches exploring the balance between environmental responsibility and economic reality. The discussion set a high standard for the term and sparked real curiosity about future topics. Our second debate focused on Thatcherism and it drew in a wide range of viewpoints from across the school. Students explored the legacy of free-market reforms, social change, and the long-term impact on modern Britain. The atmosphere was lively and energetic, with plenty of strong challenges, clever rebuttals and moments of genuine insight. It was a brilliant showcase of the club's growing ambition and the confidence developing across all year groups. This week, we rounded off the term with one of our most philosophical motions yet: "This House believes that God exists." Year 12 speakers Oliver and Ariana proposed the motion with clarity and conviction, drawing on classical philosophical arguments and moral

reasoning. Opposing them were Miles and Jess, who argued from an agnostic standpoint. Rather than denying God's existence, they focused on uncertainty, the limits of human knowledge and the value of questioning. Their thoughtful approach made the debate accessible and engaging for students of every age. This brought the term to a strong and memorable close. The STA Debate Club continues to grow in confidence, curiosity and school-wide enthusiasm. If you're ready to challenge your thinking, now is the perfect time to get involved!

Mr Walch | Head of Humanities



Get ready to shine! St Andrew The Apostle is thrilled to announce that auditions for our spectacular annual Talent Show are officially open. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their diverse talents, from mesmerising music and captivating dance to hilarious comedy and dramatic performances. We can't wait to see the incredible skills that our pupils have to offer!

Whether you're a solo artist, part of a dynamic duo, or a member of a talented group, we encourage everyone to participate. This year's show promises to be an unforgettable celebration of creativity and performance across all disciplines. Don't miss your chance to be a part of the magic!

Key Information

Audition Period:

18 May until June 4th

Talent Show Event:

June 26th at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tickets:

£5 per person

Audition Details:

- **Music Auditions:**
Every Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday, break or lunch, in the Music room.
- **Dance Auditions:**
Please see Ms Walt.
- **Drama Auditions:**
Please see Mrs Nelson.

We are incredibly excited to witness the array of talents that St Andrew The Apostle has to offer. This is more than just a show; it's a platform for students to build confidence, collaborate with peers, and experience the thrill of performing.

To all our budding performers, take the leap and sign up! To our wonderful school community, mark your calendars and prepare to be amazed!

Next Steps

- **Pupils:** Start preparing your act and come for auditions by June 4th!
- **Families:** Save the date for June 26th and get ready to cheer on our amazing students. Tickets available to buy on ParentPay for £5 per person.

Faith and Reflection

In our Faith section this week, we are reminded of the importance of living out our school value of Caring in practical and meaningful ways. Faith is not only something we learn about, but something we demonstrate through our actions each day—how we treat one another, how we respond to those in need, and how we contribute to our wider community.

This message is reflected powerfully in recent news stories celebrating kindness and community spirit. Across the UK this month, initiatives such as “A Million Acts of Hope” have highlighted the quiet, everyday ways people support one another, through volunteering, helping neighbours, and serving their communities with compassion. These acts may seem small, but together they build stronger, more united communities and remind us of the shared responsibility we have to care for others. From a Greek Orthodox perspective, this calling is deeply rooted in our faith. We are reminded that love is not simply words, but action—expressed through generosity, humility, and service. The lives of the saints offer us powerful examples of this. During the week of 18–24 May, the Church commemorates a number of holy figures, including St John I (18 May), St Bernardine of Siena (20 May), St Christopher Magallanes and Companions (21 May), and St Rita of Cascia (22 May), each of whom demonstrated faith through care for others, courage in adversity and unwavering trust in God. These name days remind us that holiness is lived through everyday acts of kindness and faithfulness.

We also celebrate Pentecost (24 May), one of the great feasts of the Church, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. This moment marks the beginning of the Church’s mission to go out into the world, to serve, to teach, and to bring hope. It is a powerful reminder that we, too, are called to live out our faith boldly and with compassion. We see this same spirit in the work of volunteers today, including those supporting the NHS. Stories of individuals giving their time to help patients, offering companionship, reassurance and practical support, show how deeply impactful simple acts of service can be. This is faith in action: placing others at the centre of our concern and living out the value of Caring in real and meaningful ways.

As we reflect during this period, let us consider how we can each contribute positively—through words of encouragement, acts of generosity or simply taking time to listen and support those around us. In doing so, we strengthen our community and live out our faith in a way that is authentic and meaningful.

Faith is most powerful when it is visible in the way we care for one another.



Music: Learn an Instrument or Join a Band – Sign Up Now

We are delighted to share that instrumental tuition and our Music Academy opportunities are open for applications through BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust). Learning an instrument or joining a band is a fantastic way for students to build confidence, creativity, and teamwork skills, while enjoying the fun of making music together.

For new parents:

You can register for lessons via the BEAT website: <https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>. Once registered, students will be placed on a waiting list, and places will be offered as vacancies arise, usually at the start of each term.

For existing parents:

You do not need to re-enrol. BEAT will contact you directly with payment details for the new term.

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come basis, so we encourage parents to register early to avoid disappointment.

Music at our school continues to thrive, and we look forward to welcoming even more young musicians into lessons and ensembles this year.

A reminder for all students:

Choir takes place every Monday lunchtime. Year 9 bands rehearse on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes, and the Year 11 band rehearses on Thursday lunchtime. Any student can sign up and I am so happy that so many students have been attending.

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- ▶ St John's Smith Square
- ▶ artsdepot
- ▶ European Tours
- ▶ Duke's Hall
- ▶ StoneX Stadium

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- Jazz Ensemble

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ONE VOICE CHOIRS

BARNET YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

BARNET YOUTH BRASS BAND

BEAT MUSIC ACADEMY EAST

Saturday Mornings

East Barnet School, 5 Chestnut Grove, East Barnet
EN4 8PU

BEAT MUSIC ACADEMY CENTRAL

Wednesdays & Thursdays After-School

Dollis Primary School, Pursley Rd, London NW7 2BU

BEAT MUSIC ACADEMY WEST

Saturday Mornings

St Mary's and St John's School, Sunningfield Road, Hendon,
NW4 4QR

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Meet the Staff - PGCE Student Teacher Edition!

I have enjoyed the supportive, kind and welcoming staff. I loved the pupils who were always so enthusiastic, keen to learn and participate in new activities. I appreciated the fact that staff trusted me to let me take part in new creative processes with the pupils and gave me a chance to establish myself in the classroom and in the whole school. I had the opportunity to teach more than just languages and to discover new parts of the curriculum.

Ms Buffault

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term


Whether you're passionate about sports, music, arts, literacy, numeracy, debate, or horticulture, there's something for everyone. Clubs are open to all year groups and offer a fantastic opportunity to explore interests beyond the classroom.

For clubs running at lunchtime, students will be issued lunch passes to allow early access to the dining hall—ensuring they have time to eat before attending their chosen activity.

To sign up, students must use Student Portal:


1. Log in to the portal
2. View your **dashboard**
3. Click on **clubs**
4. Find your preferred club and click **enrol**.

We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of what's on offer. Please see attached lunch and after-school timetables.



Extra - Curricular Lunch Time Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 11 Public-Library Style revision (TA)	Year 11 Public-Library Style revision (TA)	Year 11 Public-Library Style revision (TA)	Year 11 Public-Library Style revision (TA)	Year 11 Public-Library Style revision (TA)
Chess Club (Miss Rafique & (Mr Kallioer)	Mind the Gap (Ms Nicolas)	Year 9 Band Practice (Mr Lasihiotakis)	Year 11 Band Practice (Mr Lasihiotakis)	KS3 Reading Club (Ms Pallas)
Choir (Mr Lasihiotakis)	Cultural Greek Dance (Ms Ntaountaki)	The Inner Circle KS5 (Ms Sorigenti)	Strategy Club (Mr Dogan)	
Post Advice and Support (Ms Koveri)	KS3 Debate Club (Dr Beedle)	Debate Club (Mr Walcott)	Drama Club KS4 (Ms Nelson)	
		IT Surgery (Mr Ahmed)	Greek Language Club (Ms Ntaountaki)	
		Apostle News Club (Ms Casey)		
		Drama Club KS3 (Ms Nelson)		
		Paired Reading Club (Ms Bassington)		



Extra - Curricular After School Schedule 3pm to 4pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Learning and Practice club (TA)	Learning and Practice club (TA)	Learning and Practice club (TA)	Learning and Practice club (TA)	Learning and Practice club (TA)
Young Writers Club (Ms Casey)	Art Club KS3 & Year 10 (Miss Lillis)	All Years Cricket (PE Team)	DT Club (Ms Ayres)	Level 3 Algebra Club (Mr Dogan)
All Years Football (PE Team)	Allotment Club (Ms Mahonui)		Physics Club KS4 (Mr Chalpass)	Electric Car Club (Mr Chalpass)
	Criminal Psychology (Ms Coler)		Science Club KS4 (Miss McCaffrey)	
			STEM Club KS3 (Miss Moran)	
			Chemistry Club KS4 (Ms Frost)	
			All Years Dance Club (Miss Watt)	
			Year 7 & 8 Spanish Film (Ms Errami)	

A Walk down Memory Lane



23 May 2025



Year 7 Rock Their Way Through a Mathematical Challenge!

Year 7 students brought energy and creativity to the classroom as they celebrated National Numeracy Day with the exciting "Rock Stars, Dress 2 Impress" challenge. The room buzzed with colour and character as pupils decided what their rock stars would wear — all while sticking to a £120 budget.

But it wasn't just about fashion! Behind the scenes, students engaged in a fun and practical maths activity. Using a price list and receipt sheets, they worked in groups to design three complete outfits, applying their arithmetic skills to calculate costs and stay within budget.

The challenge sparked teamwork, problem-solving, and a love for numbers in a supportive, hands-on environment. It was a fantastic celebration of maths, creativity, and individuality — proving that learning really can rock! Click [here](#) to see the challenge.

Maths Department



The Maths Department Celebrate 5 million points on Dr Frost!

School Rank	Points This Year	
76th	5,020,407	
Top 10 Dr Frost users in School		
RANK	STUDENT	TOTAL MASTERY
1	Olivia F (9/Mat)	24460
2	Anna-Maria (11/Mat)	23323
3	Teshan F (8/Mat)	22410
4	Anu (9/Mat)	22327
5	Luca I (11/Mat)	22302
6	Angelo F (11/Mat)	21099
7	Bowen (10/Mat,Year 10 Algebra)	20924
8	Andreas Isidro, T (10/Mat,Year 10 Algebra)	19522
9	Hana T (11/Mat)	18526
10	Ollivia C (11/Mat)	18235

Top 3 for each year group		
Year 7		
RANK	STUDENT	TOTAL MASTERY
1	Dheeran F (7/Mat)	9960
2	Yusef I (7/Mat)	7105
3	Sasha D (7/Mat)	6823

Year 8		
RANK	STUDENT	TOTAL MASTERY
1	Teshan F (8/Mat)	22410
2	Ayaz I (8/Mat)	16069
3	Dominic (8/Mat)	13438

Year 9		
RANK	STUDENT	TOTAL MASTERY
1	Olivia F (9/Mat)	24460
2	Anu (9/Mat)	22327
3	Aurelia I (9/Mat)	17563

Year 10		
RANK	STUDENT	TOTAL MASTERY
1	Bowen (10/Mat,Year 10 Algebra)	20924
2	Andreas (10/Mat,Year 10 Algebra)	19522
3	Alaya I (10/Mat)	17853

Year 11		
RANK	STUDENT	TOTAL MASTERY
1	Anna-Maria (11/Mat)	23323
2	Luca C (11/Mat)	22302
3	Angelo T (11/Mat)	21099



20/05/26

We are proud to celebrate an outstanding achievement by our STA students, who have surpassed 5 million points on Dr Frost Maths!

Dr Frost Maths is an integral part of learning at STA. Students use it to learn new topics, practise key skills, revise for assessments, and catch up on missed work—benefiting from instant feedback that supports their progress every step of the way.

This remarkable milestone reflects the hard work, commitment, and perseverance of our students. Every point earned represents dedication and a genuine effort to strengthen mathematical understanding.

The Maths Department is incredibly proud of this achievement and the positive attitude our students consistently demonstrate towards their learning. We now look forward to our next challenge: exceeding 6 million points!

Mr U Dogan | Head of Maths & Business Studies

Sparx Reader - English Department

Sparx Reader

At St Andrew, students in Years 7 to 10 are expected to earn at least 300 points per week (which equates to approximately 30 min of careful reading) through reading a wide selection of fiction books of their choice from an online library.

Our students of Years 7 to 10 have already read 2,518 books and spent 5,283 hours of careful reading.

Well done and keep up the good work!

Ms Bassington | Head of English

Congratulations to our top April readers from each year group:

Year 7 Top Readers:

Edris M: 5,311

Evangelia P: 3,090

Lara A: 2,950

Year 9 Top Readers:

Anu O: 11,564

Konstantinos: 1,543

Wonder: 1,530

Year 8 Top Readers:

Ayaz I: 3,710

Sophia D: 2,732

Moyosoreoluwa: 2,543

Year 10 Top Readers:

Ali O: 1,341

Bowen: 933

Miles: 857

Ms Bassington | Head of English

Root Word of the Week

Ask your child what it means and where else it appears!

SEND May Half Term Activities

Are you looking for SEND friendly activities this May half term?

Join us for a 2 day in-house gardening project and a day trip to Hanwell Zoo.

Gardening Project

26 - 27 of May 2026

10.30am - 3pm

£30 per day

Community Focus, Friary House, N20 0NR

Zoo Daytrip

28 May

9.45am to 3pm

£45

Drop off and collection at Community Focus, Friary House, N20 0NR

All sessions are supported by a 1:3 ratio of staff to young people, equipped with sensory materials and staff trained in inclusivity and SEND practice.

BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers

An Online Parent/Carer Training Course

Summer Term (2) 2026

*A comprehensive training and support programme for parents/carers of children aged 7-19,
with a diagnosis of Autism.*

This course is available free of charge to families living in Barnet.

A 6-session online training course, covering topics including:

- *An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic.*
- *Communication.*
- *Sensory needs.*
- *Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.*

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to learn together and share experiences online. Please do not sign up if you have already attended this course, or the Cygnets Course. BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers.

Summer Term 2026 Two, A 6-session morning course.

Dates and times:

Tuesday 2nd June 10-11.30am

Tuesday 9th June 10-11.30am

Tuesday 16th June 10-11.30am

Tuesday 23rd June 10-11.30am

Tuesday 30th June 10-11.30am

Tuesday 7th July 10-11.30am

Sign up form here: [BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers, June & July 2026.](#)

[Sign-up form. – Fill in form](#)

For any enquires please email Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk with 'BACPAC course' as the subject, thanks.

Sustainability at STA: Over 28,235 Bottles Saved!



STA has made an incredible impact by saving over 28,235 plastic bottles since the start of the school year, thanks to the installation of brand-new water fountains in our new building. This initiative not only promotes sustainability but also encourages students and staff to make environmentally conscious choices every day. Well done to everyone involved!

STA's Carbon Cut: 6,936kg of CO₂ Saved!



St Andrew the Apostle School is proud to announce that our new building has already helped save 6,936 kilograms of carbon dioxide through our use of solar panels—a huge step toward reducing our environmental footprint. This achievement reflects our commitment to sustainability and creating a greener future for our school community.

Safeguarding at STA

At St Andrew the Apostle School we take safeguarding and child protection issues very seriously.

We believe that all those who come into contact with children and families in their everyday work have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Prior to employment all staff (paid or voluntary) are checked.

The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) for Child Protection is Ms Walt.

The deputy designated safeguarding lead's (DDSLs) for Child Protection are Mr Martin and Ms Bicarregui.



Attendance

