

ST. ANDREW'S C.E. INFANTS' SCHOOL

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 19 January 2026

Thank you to so many of our school community that were able to attend our 1st Light Festival. Our huge thanks to Mr Clark for this inspiring after school celebration, bringing light to a winters day, with the hope of Spring to come. Our thanks to all parents, staff and governors who were able to come along and to each pupil, who held their lanterns and lit up the playground.

Our huge thanks to our school 'Chefs' who made 320 biscuits for the occasion, (please see below) our thanks to Relish for these. And to our PTFA for all the hot drinks. I think Mr Clark is already planning next year's celebrations!

DATES FOR DIARY

6th Feb: PTFA Quiz



9th Feb: Children's Mental Health Week

13th Feb: Last day of term / Mufti Day (Scola)

16th—20th Feb: Half Term—School Closed

23rd Feb: School re-opens—Term 4

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Raccoons Class, whose attendance was 97.44% this week.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is approaching fast. It will take place nationwide from 9th to 15th February, 2026. The focus this year is 'This is my place'. As a school we are changing this slightly to 'This is our place'. We all belong here. We all matter.

Your children will be learning and thinking about belonging in a variety of ways. Please see the letter from Mrs Stephen, our Mental Health Lead, which was emailed to all parents and carers earlier this week for further information and links. Thank you.

SENSATIONAL SCIENCE!

Our FS have been looking at what worms like to eat following their look at Super Worm! They have also investigated a frog life cycle.

Year 1's have been looking at senses and seasonal change. Year 2 have been investigating microhabitats with lift the flap mini beasts! They have also been growing seeds (on windowsills and inside cupboards). The results have been intriguing.

We are developing our understanding of spirituality—how we can be spiritual—our first symbol is a mirror—looking into this and recognising ourselves as unique and special, how we feel and who is special to us.

PARKING ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES

We are requesting that you **DO NOT** park on the zig zag lines outside the school, **at any time**. We are extremely concerned about the safety and visibility in the road for all our school community. We have received some correspondence regarding this matter which is of real concern to our school community. It is never safe or legal to park on zig zag lines, as they are crucial for road safety.





PANDAS Peer Support Group

Group details-
1st and 3rd Saturday of each month
from 10:30am till 12pm
in the Community Room at
Tesco Extra, Lottbridge Drive, Eastbourne

Eastbourne

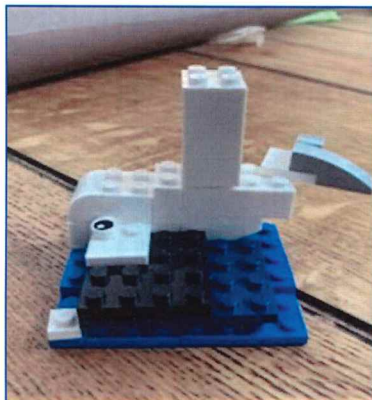
Are you struggling with perinatal mental health?
Looking for a place to unwind and meet other parents?

What to expect-

- Friendly faces who understand
- An inclusive environment
- A warm drink and cosy space
- Toys for little ones to explore
- The chance to make new friends and get support

Starting Saturday the 21st of February

Akim's
Bow
Whale



Jake's Chinese Script



C. Medkins
Mrs. C. Medkins
(Head Teacher)