



St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter

Be kind to one another, forgiving one another, as God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

15 Sept 2023

Message from Headteacher

We're all gearing up for our **Open Day on Tuesday 19 September 2023**. HUGE thanks in advance if your child has been chosen to be one of our tour guides or to help me by giving a speech to prospective parents and joiners. School will be closing early on Tuesday 19 at 12.35pm and we will reopen slightly later than usual on Wednesday 20, at 10.35am. Our new buildings, which seem to grow taller and wider by the day, will be a wonderful inheritance for present and future pupils and we feel truly blessed to be receiving them at last: do please mention it to your friends who have children coming up for secondary school.

It has been wonderful to see clubs and activities get underway again at the start of the new term. Basketball club, in particular, is proving hugely popular once more across all age groups, as are football, netball and dancing. It's not too late to sign up either, if your child is interested in attending after school.

On Thursday we celebrated the of the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. The feast dates back to the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the site of Christ's tomb) in Jerusalem circa AD 335. The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death. The feast celebrates the redemptive transformation of a barbaric instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind. It also commemorates the discovery of the True Cross. Legend relates that the relic was found by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land in AD 326. The Chapel of St. Helena



inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built by the Crusaders in her honour, and below it lies the Chapel of the Finding of the True Cross. St Helena has always held a special place in my heart as she is the patron Saint of my home town, Colchester. The Colchester coat of arms (above) reflects this

connection: the red in the shield represents the blood of Christ, the green cross is the living cross of St Helena, the three crowns are a symbol of the three kings in the nativity and the nails were recovered by St Helena along with her discovery of the true cross.

Dr Philip Hills (Headteacher)

Open Events for Intake 2024-25

We look forward to welcoming all prospective students and parents to the following events:

Open Evening

Tuesday 19 September 2023 – 5.30pm to 8.00pm

Tours of the School

from 25 September 2023 – 9.00am and 11.00am

This evening is dedicated to those parents of children in Year 6, 5 and (even) 4, who are looking for a secondary school for their child. We would love to see them visit our school, meet our staff and be shown around by our wonderful students. The evening will take place in Building 5 from which we can see our new building take shape.



Tours during the school day will see our students in lessons in both Building 4 and Building 5. You are more than welcome to see us on the evening and book a tour during the day!

Follow us

For all our current and prospective parents, follow us on the following platforms:

<https://twitter.com/standrewta?lang=en>

<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewTheApostleSchool>

Upcoming key Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- Tuesday 19 September – Open Evening – Early closure at 12.35pm
- Wednesday 20 September – Late Start at 10.35am.
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates.
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar.
- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletters.

Site Update – Drop-off and Pick-up



For up-to-date news on our new school building and site, please click on the following link: [St Andrew The Apostle Plans.](#)



You will have seen the exciting developments on the building of our new school over the summer. Further to the letter that went to parents earlier this week, we are pleased to inform you that there will be pedestrian access for students via Brunswick Road. Our construction company (B&K) has created a pathway from the Brunswick Road to Building 5, which will aid access to students who live on the Brunswick Road side of the school for the days that they are timetabled in Building 5.

Please note the following regarding the use of this entrance:

- It is exclusively for students, and parents must drop-off at the start of the pathway.
- Parents who have appointments at the school must enter via Oakleigh Road so that they can enter through the visitors' entrance and sign in at reception.
- Entrance to the pathway will be open from 8.00am to 8.25am and from 3.00pm to

3.25pm. These times will be strictly adhered to.

- Students who are timetabled in Building 4 must enter the North London Business Park through the Oakleigh Road entrance.



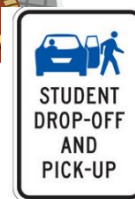
All other arrangements for dropping off students by car will continue. Therefore, if you wish to drop your child off at school, please access the North London Business Park via Oakleigh Road, continuing around the multi-storey car park and dropping off in the bays in front of the multi-storey car park. If you are collecting students at the end of the day, you may park in white bays on the ground floor of the car park, but please do not arrive before 2.45pm and ensure you leave before 3.20pm.

We will review the usage of this entrance in the opening weeks of the school term. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the changes mentioned above, please contact the school through the usual channels.

Details of access and drop off points can be found here: <https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/how-to-find-us>

Extra – Curricular Sports Clubs

PE extra-curricular clubs will start on Monday 11 September 2023.

**Monday**

Activity: All Years Boys and Girls Football
Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm
Venue: Bethune Park

***Change in building 4 & 5 changing rooms.**

Tuesday

No clubs due to staff meetings

Wednesday

Activity: All Years Girls Dance
Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm
Venue: Building 5 Hall

***Change in building 5 changing rooms.**

Activity: All Years Boys and Girls Basketball
Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm
Venue: Building 5 Playground

***Change in building 5 changing rooms.**

Thursday

Activity: All Years Girls Netball

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Building 5 Playground

***Change in building 5 changing rooms.**

Please note students do not wear PE kit to school on the day of clubs. If you do not have PE on the day of the club, but wish to attend, please bring PE kit to change into after-school. Full PE kit must be worn to after-school clubs. If you have PE lessons on the day of a chosen club, you will already be changed into full PE kit.

Mr Browell (Head of PE)

Public Health Information

Please see link below for signs and symptoms of

Asthma to look out for.

[Asthma](#)