

# St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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01 March 2024

## Year 10 Football



The Year 10 football team comprehensively beat Christ College 4-2 on Wednesday 28 February 2024. The team dominated from the first moment until the last. Twin boys Adamo and Adoniz made their debuts for the side and both students made a big impact on the game with Adamo creating two goals. STA goals game from Andreas Z, Angel and Hendrik. Special mentioned to Gabriel T who deputised in goal for the match and made a string of impressive saves. The students voted Ivan player of the match after an impressive second half performance at right back.

**Mr Browell | Head of Y10 & PE**

## Message from the Headteacher

Life can often throw unexpected challenges at all of us. It is the ability to adapt and succeed through these challenges that we call resilience: Gabriel's willingness to deputise in goal for an injured team-mate and make some important saves in this week's Year 10 football win is a great example of that.

The widespread availability of AI is another example of our need to adapt: we have been talking to our students and we will shortly be writing to you about what to be aware of and the risks (not least of plagiarism, which can result in disqualification if submitted as coursework) and opportunities (e.g. it can be a superb 'brain-storming' tool and an excellent way for students and teachers to set exam revision questions).

This Sunday's parable of the prodigal son is another great example of adaptation, revealing both our Father's infinite mercy and the need on our part to be truly repentant for our sins with a willingness to be humble servants.

Hopefully, if you are a Year 7 parent, you will have heard something about your child's Latin lessons that they have been enjoying as part of our Classics curriculum. As you will see below, from Monday, in form time, we will be learning a ROOT word, usually with a Latin stem, to help our students build their core vocabulary and to enable them to make links to other languages, such as French. It will hugely beneficial if you can quiz your way through these root words at home each week with your children and perhaps think of some further derivations to reinforce the recall of the root word.

Finally, if you live in the Wood Green area, there is a new Christian Youth Club in the hall of St Mary's Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Tuesday evenings, run by Father Gregory, whom many of you will know from his visits to the school. You can find further details below.

**Philip Hills**



### Upcoming Dates and Information 2024

- Please click [here](#) to access term dates.
- Please click [here](#) to access school calendar.

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## Faith - Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Through the parable of Sunday's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition - inasmuch as we are mired in sin, far from God and His Mysteries - we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast.

The parable of the Prodigal Son forms an exact icon of repentance at its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. But repentance implies action: "I will rise up and go..." (Luke 15:18). To repent is not just to feel dissatisfied, but to make a decision and to act upon it. Those who have committed many sins, and have persisted in them for a long time, often fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin - no matter how great it may be - that can overcome at any time His love for man.

Kontakion of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

### Third Tone

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."



## Root Word of the Week

**(pro: Latin = for/forward)**

**Progress**  
(go forward)

**Propel** (push forward)

**Pro-democracy** (for the establishment of democratic government)

From Monday 4 March 2024, every week students will learn about a different ROOT WORD in their form time. They will learn the ROOT WORD meaning and words which contain it. This is a well evidenced strategy to rapidly expand their personal vocabulary and see our language as word families, which will empower students to uncover the meanings of news words independently through the study of their etymology. To help acquisition, students will be encouraged to remember the root word throughout that week and use it in their lessons. Please ask your child regularly what the root word of the week is and what it means to help them remember it. The next week's root is PRO, from Latin meaning "for / forward."

Ms Bassington | Head of English

**Tuesday 5th March 2024, 18:30**

In the hall of St Mary's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Trinity Road N22 8LD

# YOUTH CLUB

A new initiative dedicated to the young people of our community

- Talks and discussions on our Faith
- Activities, Games, Films & Socialising

**Impact your life in Christ...**

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Spring 2024

Barnet Active Creative Engaging holidays

## BACE HOLIDAYS

**Healthy Eating**  
FREE recipes and top tips

**What's on**

**Free trips to**  
Laser Quest, Bowling  
and Flip Out for the Teens

**Fun Days**  
Sublime science, magic shows  
and movie screenings

**Volunteering**  
Could you be a  
Holiday Activity Volunteer?

**FREE**  
activities  
and ideas for  
ages 4-16

[barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays](https://barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays)

2 April - 12 April 2024

Caring for people, our places and the planet

### RET RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST

## How can you stay safe In and Out of school!

If you are worried about anything, you can speak to ANY Teacher, Support Staff Your Form Teachers and Year Leaders!

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

**Ms Walt DSL** **Mr Martin DSL** **Ms Viale DSL**

PLUS OFFICE SUPPORT

**Ms Azad** **Ms Henshaw-Devall**

Senior Leadership Team:

**Dr Hills** **Ms Malakouna** **Ms Helan** **Ms Bicarregui**

**Outside of school**  
If something happens outside school and you need help, contact:  
ChildLine 0800 111  
Barnet Children's services 020 8359 4066  
Enfield Children's services 020 8379 5555  
After school, at weekends and during school holidays ensure you are safe around water, railways, roads and parks. Be careful at home in the kitchen, or when DIY is underway.

**Be safe online**  
Only share positive messages  
Keep private information private  
Do not meet someone who you met online  
Keep your passwords safe  
Report online abuse using: [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

**ChildLine 0800 1111**

## Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable - Term 3

	Lunchtime	After school
<b>Monday</b>		All Years Boys and Girls Table Tennis (3 – 4pm) B4 Hall KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – SC4 (3.05 – 3.45pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3-3.50pm)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y7 and Y8 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm) Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3-3.50pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Y9 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm) Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)	Dance - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm) Art Club – Art1 Sign Up Only (3 – 4pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3-3.50pm)
<b>Thursday</b>		All Years Boys and Girls Basketball – (3 – 4pm) B5 Changing Rooms GCSE PE Trampolining (INVITE ONLY) (3 – 5pm) East Barnet School All Years Girls Dance - (3 – 4pm) B5 Changing Hall Choir – MU1 (3 - 3.50pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
<b>Friday</b>	Guitar Club - MU1 (12.35 – 1.20pm) MFL Speaking Club – CR11 (12.35 – 1pm) A Level Film Club – EN6 (12.35 – 1.15pm) Apostle News Writing Group (12.35 – 1.15pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)