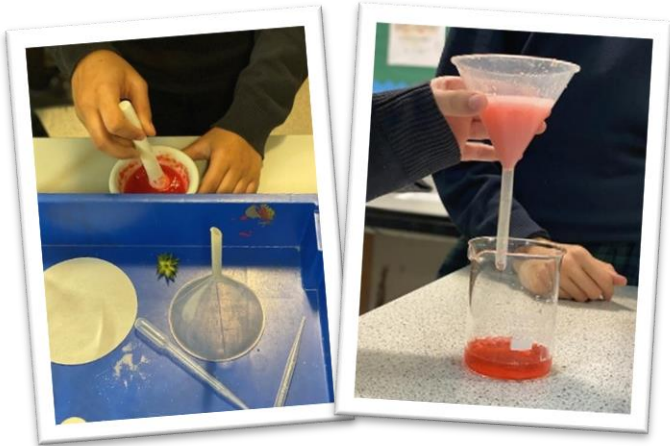


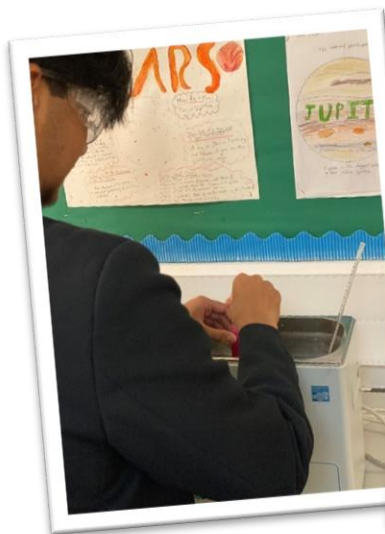
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Science at St Andrew the Apostle this term!

Year 10 Biologists extracted DNA from strawberries, focusing on justifying each step of the method using their scientific knowledge to understand how the DNA was isolated - for example the role detergent plays in breaking down membranes.



Year 11 Triple scientists investigated the effect of temperature on the rate of decay of milk by measuring pH change using the indicator phenolphthalein, which turned bright pink in the alkaline solution!



Year 12 A Level Biologists tested samples for reducing and non-reducing sugars as part of their required work. Our small class sizes meant each student had the option of individually completing the practical to ensure they got involved at each step.

Miss Msrar | Head of Science

Year 7 looked at Matter and Organisms and have been learning about the structure of cells. This topic inspired our students to create fantastic models of cells, an example of which can be seen here. The image is of Denitsa P, whose enjoyment and engagement of the topic is clear from her fantastic model of an animal cell! Well-done Denitsa on an outstanding project, keep up the good work!

Mrs Nelson | Head of Year 7 & 8





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Message from the Headteacher

We will all be subliminally affected by the adjustment of the clocks on Sunday morning - an antediluvian diktat, though not without benefits; not everything has to be decimal!

The previous sentence is a jeu d'esprit on our root words initiative. We have been working on prefixes again this term. Our Year 7s and 8s have enjoyed their Latin lessons this term, which, along with our other languages, are further helping to reinforce the roots of many English words. Sparx Reader has been another very welcome addition: I have been impressed by how many points are being racked up by some of our most avid readers!

Impressive, too, was the 5-0 scoreline in the recent Year 7 football win over Bishop Douglas; there is an abundance of sporting talent bubbling up at STA! We have been blessed, too, with the rapid progress of our new buildings in recent months – all of the sides have now been filled in and the focus will shift inside of the main building in the next few months.

Walter Tull was a gifted footballer and the first black commissioned officer in the British Army and we have been celebrating his life as part of Black Lives Matter Month, which you can read below.

As we go to press, huge kudos goes to Sidney, in Year 13, for coming in the top 0.1% of young mathematicians and qualifying for the next round of the British Maths Olympiad!

Although it falls in the half-term holiday, the celebration of 'Agia Skepi' on 28 October is an important one in the life of the Church. It has come to symbolise, too, the proud spirit of Greek independence and defiance in the face of fascism, which you can read about in the article below. I wish all of you and your families a restful and happy half-term break and I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the school.



Philip Hills
Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

Please be aware there will be TFL Strikes during the month of November - updates on the TFL website. Kindly allow enough travel time for your child's journey to school.



Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- Thursday 24 October - Last Day of Term
- Friday 25 October – Inset Day
- Monday 4 November – Students first day back
- Click [here](#) to access Term Dates

Year 7 5-0 Victory Over Bishop Douglas



In an exciting home fixture, the Year 7 team produced a commanding 5-0 win against Bishop Douglas. Despite the scoreline, the game started off tightly contested, with the teams heading into halftime with a narrow 1-0 lead for the home side.

The breakthrough came thanks to excellent play from Miguel A, who threaded a perfect pass to Fin T., allowing him to calmly slot home the opener. Both teams battled hard in the first half, with chances few and far between, but the hosts managed to hold onto their slim advantage as the whistle blew for halftime. The second half saw a renewed energy from the team, bolstered by the introduction of Lis Z., The second half saw a renewed energy from the team, bolstered by the introduction of Lis Z, who made an immediate impact. Lis was instrumental in extending the lead, assisting two fantastic goals scored by Miguel A, who doubled his tally with cool finishing. Lis Z also showcased his individual brilliance, capping off his performance with a stunning solo goal, leaving the Bishop Douglas defence trailing in his wake.

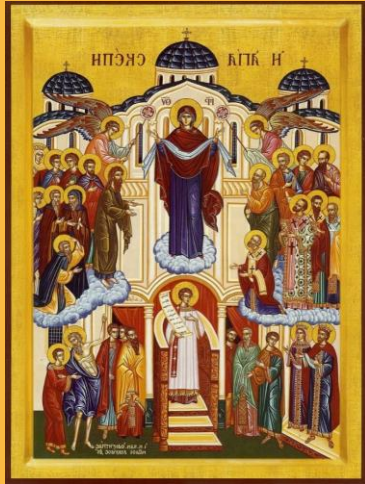
With the attacking unit clicking, the defence stood firm, led by Max, who was outstanding at the back. His disciplined and composed display earned him the well-deserved Player of the Match award, as he marshalled the defence with authority, keeping Bishop Douglas at bay throughout the game.

The team's clinical second-half performance sealed the 5-0 victory, marking a brilliant team effort. Looking ahead, Year 7 will face ARK Academy after the half-term break, full of confidence from this impressive result.

Mr Fowlie | Teacher of PE



Faith – The Feast Day of the Protection of the Theotokos, Ayia Skepi October 28



The feast-day of the Holy Protection of the Mother of God was established following a vision of holy Father Andrew during the course of a Vigil in the Church of Vlachernae at Constantinople. At the Fourth Hour of the night while deep in prayer, the Saint lifted up his eyes to heaven and beheld the Holy Mother of God watching over the faithful as she covered the faithful with her holy Veil. Whereupon the Saint hastened to the altar, opened the coffer containing the Precious Veil of the Queen of the world and, standing in front of the Royal Doors, extended it above the worshippers. Upheld by an invisible power, the holy Veil hung in the air and was of such size as entirely to cover the great congregation. Then, amid a burst of Light, the Mother of God went up into Heaven and out of sight, but leaving the Christian faithful in possession of the Holy Veil as a pledge of Her loving protection. On many occasions the Mother of God give clear evidence of her protection of the Imperial City and, by analogy, of the entire Holy Church of Christ, which is the New Jerusalem.

The Holy Orthodox Church has always glorified the Most Holy Mother of God as the Protectress and Defender of the Christian people, entreating by her intercessions, God’s loving-kindness towards sinners. The Mother of God’s aid has been clearly shown times without number, both to individuals and to people, both in peace and in war, both in Monastic deserts and in crowded cities.

“...She was clad in gold-encrusted purple and shone with an unspeakable radiance, surrounded by the Holy Apostles, Saints, Martyrs, and holy virgins. Seeing the vision, Saint Andrew gestured towards it and asked Epiphanius (his helper), ‘Do you see how the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?’ Epiphanius replied, ‘Yes, Father; I see it and stand in dread.’

Because of this wonderful miracle of the Theotokos, we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us and the world in her mighty and holy prayers.

While most of the Orthodox Christian world celebrates the Holy Protection, of Ayia Skepi, of the Theotokos on October 1st according to ancient Orthodox Tradition, Greeks celebrate the Feast Day of the Ayia Skepi (Holy Protection), on October 28th as a special holiday in order to invite the secular government of Greece (Hellas) to honour the Mother of God for her loving protection of the Greek Nation during World War II.

The celebration of the Holy Protection dates back to 626 A.D. when the miraculous intervention of the Theotokos saved the city of Constantinople from the Avars (Turkish-Mongolian Nomads), and it was officially established that October 1st be the date to honor this great miracle. All Orthodox Christians celebrate this feast on October 1st until 21st October, 1952 when the Holy Synod (Council) of the Church of Greece decreed that from henceforth there was to be celebrated in Greece a dual feast of the Holy Protection and the National holiday of ‘Oxi’ (‘No’) Day which commemorates the day when Greece said a resounding ‘NO’ to the Axis powers, shunning fascism and Nazism.

UKMT Competition

We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievement of Sidney, a Y13 student at St Andrew the Apostle School, who has recently excelled in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) competition. With a high score that places him among the top mathematicians in our school, Sidney has earned an invitation to the next round of this prestigious competition, British Mathematical Olympiad (BMO).

The UKMT is a well-respected mathematics competition that challenges students with a series of intriguing and complex problems. It aims to foster a love for mathematics and develop problem-solving skills among students across the UK. Sidney demonstrated exceptional talent and determination, navigating through the competition's rigorous questions with skill and precision.

Sidney has always shown a keen interest in mathematics, participating in various school clubs and activities that promote mathematical thinking. He credits his success to his supportive teachers and peers, as well as the extra practice he put in leading up to the competition.

As Sidney prepares for the next round, the entire school community is cheering him on. This accomplishment not only highlights his individual talent but also inspires fellow students to pursue their interests in mathematics and beyond.



We wish Sidney the best of luck in the first round of BMO! Keep up the fantastic work! Congratulations, Sidney! We’re proud of you!

Miss Sorgente | Deputy Head of Maths

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Soldiers of the British Empire

Walter Tull

Was an English professional footballer and British Army officer of Afro-Caribbean descent Born in 28 April 1888 Folkestone. Died 25 March 1918 France.



Walter had a successful career during the war. In 1916 he moved back to England and began training as an Officer. At this time, only a white, British-born person could be trained to be an officer. Walter became an exception these rules and was allowed to continue his training. In May 1917 was 'commissioned' to the rank of Officer. Was Highly praised for his role in battle, notably for leading soldiers. On the 25 March 1918. He led an attack on German trenches. They had to cross 'No Man's Land', which was open ground and under fire from German machine-guns. He was hit and killed. His body was never found.

The British Soldiers / Walter Tull

British Soldiers
The soldiers of the British Empire played a crucial role in the expansion and maintenance of the British Empire across the globe from the late 18th century until the end of the 20th century. Soldiers were often recruited from the British Isles but many came from the colonies and were regarded as inferior to the British.

Walter Tull
Walter Tull was a professional footballer and British Army officer. His father was a black man and his mother was white. He joined the Army in December 1914, during the First World War. He was the first black officer in the British Army. In 1917 he was made an officer and became the first black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle.

Soldiers in the British Empire
The British Empire relied on soldiers from various parts of the world. These soldiers were often recruited from the colonies and were regarded as inferior to the British. They were used in various roles, including fighting, guarding, and maintaining the Empire.

The legacy of the British Empire
The legacy of the British Empire is complex and controversial. It has been praised for its role in spreading Christianity, democracy, and modernization. However, it has also been criticized for its role in exploitation, oppression, and the deaths of millions of people.

Black History Month

In History, the students have been learning about the Soldiers of the British Empire. In Y9, we celebrated Black History Month by paying tribute to the soldiers of black/mixed heritage, who were enlisted in the British Army and fought during WWI.

Ms Koveri | 2ic History, Classics, Politics

Lionel Fitzherbert Turpin

Rifeman Lionel Fitzherbert Turpin was a Guyanese soldier of the British Army who fought during the First World War. He was born in 1896, in Georgetown, British Guiana. A merchant seaman, Turpin enlisted in the army in August 1915, at York, in England.

During this time there was discrimination and prejudice towards black men who travelled to the 'Mother Country' from the colonies to take part in the fight against the Germans. There were certain rules and regulations within the armed services around recruitment of black men and whether they could be accepted for officer training.

Turpin

Turpin was sent out with No. 32 British Expeditionary Force to the Western Front in Europe. He was in battles of the Somme and his army service ended in 1919 with two medals, and many war injuries.

WHAT HAPPENED TO LIONEL TURPIN

His son Jackie recalled: "My father put up with his war wounds best as he could but his health deteriorated fast." Lionel was eventually allocated a bed at the Ministry of Pensions Hospital in Birmingham, but on 6 March 1929 he passed away due to his war injuries.

Born
1896

1915
Applying for the 1919 army

Died
1929
tragically losing his life

Soldiers of the British Empire

Some successful soldiers of the British Empire were from African and The Caribbean, one of these soldiers was Walter Tull. Walter Daniel John Tull, an English professional football player of Afro-Caribbean heritage, served as an officer in the British Army. After Willie Clarke and Arthur Wharton, he was the third person of mixed descent to play in the Football League's top division. He played as an inside forward for Northampton Town, Tottenham Hotspur and Clapton. While stationed in Scotland in 1917, he also became the first player of African heritage to sign for Rangers. Tull served in the Middlesex Regiment, which included the two Footballers' Battalions, during the First World War. On 30th May 1917 he received his appointment as a second lieutenant, and on 25th March 1918 he was killed in action.

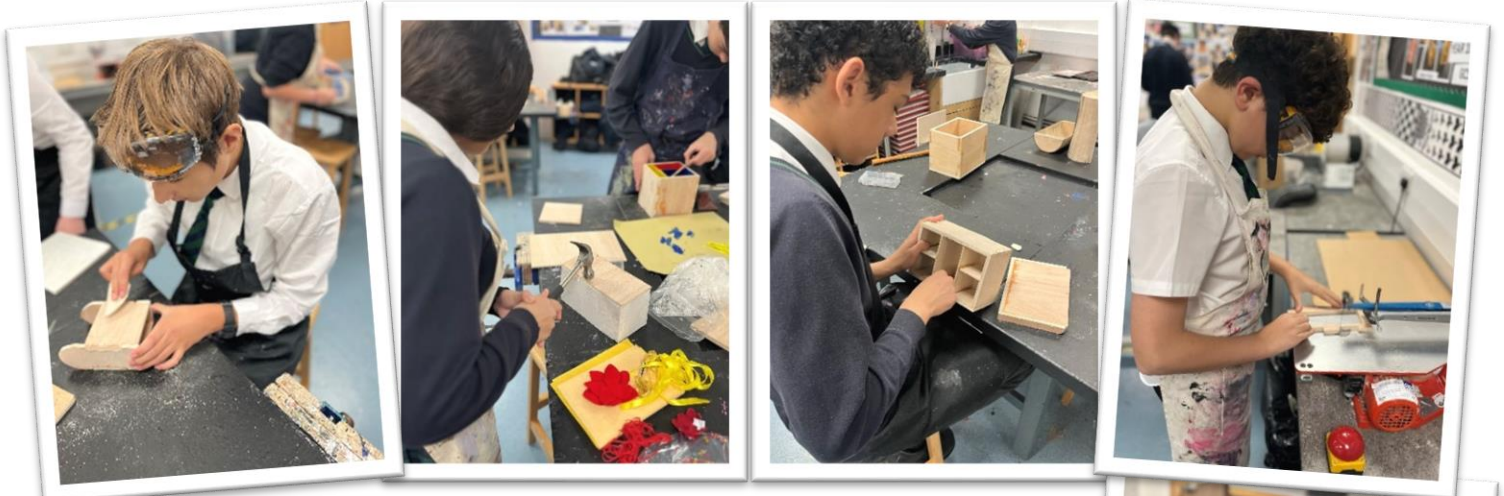


Left: Walter Tull, former footballer and Second Lieutenant during WWI



Right: A group of black soldiers, part of the British West Indies Regiment (BWIR)

Art & DT News



Year 10 have been working hard this term in DT to create their tools boxes. They are learning to create wood joints such as comb and dowel joints and create high quality finishes. We can't wait to see the finished outcomes!



Two of our year 7 DT club students completed their cushions! Fully handmade and painted with some appliqué too! Amazing work!

Mrs Ayres | Head of Art & DT



Key stage three art club had a speed drawing round. Students were given set time limits and set mediums to quickly sketch the person in front of them. All attendees created several beautifully quick sketches of their peers. Students improved their observation and time management skills whilst practising with several different mediums.

KS3 Art Club is on every Thursday from 3-4pm in Art 2.

Miss Lisle | Teacher of Art & DT

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Maths and Reading Leaderboard



Dr Frost – Top 10 users in School

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
1	Kavin (11/ma1) Algebra	19049
2	Sofia (11/ma1) Algebra	15670
3	Zara (11/ma1) Algebra	15206
4	Katina (11/ma1)	13944
5	Savan (12B/FM, 12E/Ma)	13504
6	Luca (10/ma1)	13197
7	Nicholas (11/ma1) Algebra	12010
8	Unyas (11/ma1) Algebra	11662
9	Gabriel (11/ma1) Algebra	11570
10	Ariana (11/ma1) Algebra	11354

Dr Frost Maths is an online learning platform designed to support students in mastering maths skills. It offers a range of interactive resources, including video tutorials, practice questions, and step-by-step solutions across all key stages. The platform is used for weekly homework, allowing students to practice and reinforce topics covered in lessons. It also provides personalised feedback to help track progress.

Top 3 Students for each year group

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
Year 7		
1	Teshan (7/Ma1)	5370
2	Lucia (7/Ma1)	946
3	Dominic (7/Ma1)	938
Year 8		
1	Tia (8/Ma1)	7412
2	Aurelia (8/ma1)	6408
3	Alex (8/ma1)	6076
Year 9		
1	Andreas (9/Ma1)	10807
2	Alaya (9/Ma1)	9528
3	Bowen (9/Ma1)	9246
Year 10		
1	Luca (10/ma1)	13197
2	Hana (10/ma1)	11205
3	Peter (10/ma3)	9123
Year 11		
1	Kavin (11/ma1) Algebra	19049
2	Sofia (11/ma1) Algebra	15670
3	Zara (11/ma1) Algebra	15206
Year 12		
1	Savar (12B/FM, 12E/Ma)	13504
2	Christos (12E/Ma)	10990
3	Peter (12E/Ma)	10624
Year 13		
1	Gabriella (13A/Ma)	11180
2	Natalia (13A/Ma)	10765
3	Giorgio (13A/Ma)	7918

For revision, Dr Frost Maths is an excellent tool, with resources covering a wide variety of topics, past exam papers, and challenges to help students prepare effectively for assessments.

Parents can also monitor their child's progress, ensuring they are keeping up with the work and improving their understanding of maths.

This platform ensures students get the support they need to succeed in maths.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths & Business studies

Sparx Reader

Sparx Reader – Top 10 Readers in School this term:

Rank	Student	Total SRP
1	Dominic Y7	29422
2	Teshan Y8	28830
3	Anu Y8	15257
4	Ella Y8	13331
5	Lucia	8080
6	Olivia Y8	7902
7	Freddie	6433
8	Jessica	5723
9	Nijvwa	5355
10	Alaya	4879

Sparx Reader is an online reading platform allowing students to regularly read books for pleasure. Everyday reading is not only a relaxing activity, but also allows students to expand their ideas, vocabulary and improve understanding of any text they will face in exams or as adults.

Sparx Reader offers students a choice of books at their reading level, as well as ensuring they read books with understanding by completing check-in questions along the way. The platform is used for KS3 English weekly homework; students need to achieve minimum 300 points each week (this equates to approximately 30 min of careful reading).

We are very pleased that many of our students exceed this target every week, with some top scorers achieving well above a thousand points a week. Since the launch of Sparx Reader a month ago, our KS3 students have completed amazing 907 hours of careful reading and read altogether 284 books so far. Truly well done!

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3	Nijvwa	5355

Please ask your child what they are currently reading, and perhaps you can enjoy listening to them reading out loud a section of their current Sparx book.

Ms Bassington | Head of English

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STA ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE

The Art department invites you to take part in a Christmas Card Competition!

Your card must include:

- A religious themed design
- Colour
- A seasonal greeting on the front of the card
- Created by hand or using PC

Time to get festively creative!

Deadline: 22nd November

Please hand entries to Mrs Ayres, Miss Agathangelou, Mrs Gomez or Miss Lisle.

Prizes to be won!!

Term 1 2024 – Root Words Recap
Match the root word to its meaning.

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|--------------|------------------|
| 1.SUB | a) speak / say |
| 2.AD | b) to / towards |
| 3.ANTE | c) Under / below |
| 4.DEC / DECA | d) ten |
| 5.DICT/DIC | e) good |
| 6.BENE | f) before |

Task 2: Which ROOT WORD from Term 1 is represented by each picture?



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- Pilgrimage to the monastery of St John the Baptist, Essex.
- Ten-pin Bowling.

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Tickets will be granted on a 'First come first serve' basis. Please purchase your tickets asap. For more information call 020 8888 2295 or email agiosvarnavas@gmail.com.

Join Friends of St Andrew (FOSA)

Friends of St Andrew is a group of parents that provide invaluable support for our school. They need your help to raise funds for specific projects and would welcome more members to give time and help lead the group. FOSA supports many of our events including our Open Evening by offering refreshments and talking to prospective parents. If you would like to be involved in supporting or leading this group, please contact them through the school using the usual channels.



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Timetable

[Click here](#) to view the schedule for the first half term should students wish to attend.



Parents: feeling too busy rushing around to find out what your son/daughter is learning at school? Check out the curriculum online on our website to find out more: [Curriculum](#)



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