

School News

End of Year 2025



Summer Themed Non-Uniform Day & Ice-cream Surprise





Short Story Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the competition. This year's competition was judged again by Adrian Scott who was very impressed with the creativity and high standard of writing across all classes.

The Winner is: **Sarah's Secret** by Elena Hoffman, 6th Class

Runner Up: **Glemmy the Worm** by Georgina Deeter Dodd, 3rd Class

Equal Third: **Sherlock Holmes - The Case of the Missing Chicken** by Cameron Cope, 2nd Class

Journal of Arthur Brady by Rachael Clarke, 6th Class

Wind Walkers by Emma Dewhurst, 4th Class

Well done!



SAPA

As the school academic year draws to a close, everyone at SAPA would like to say thank you so much for making our events this past year so successful. Whether it was joining us at our fun run, letting your children attend our Halloween disco and movie nights, baking goodies for our cake sales, buying raffle tickets for our May Fair or simply by just supporting us at our events, we all did a

super job! 🙌

SAPA aims to raise money for worthy causes at our school, provide events for our community and also act as a forum to bring parents and families together in a social setting. We'd like to think that we

did all three this year! 😊

The SAPA team will next meet in September when we will start to plan out activities for our next school year and have our AGM too. We are always on the lookout for new members to join us as well!

All that remains is to wish you all a wonderful summer and thanks again for all of your support this past year.

House Points

Well done to all the children who displayed excellent behaviours to earn house points for their teams. Congratulations to the **Purple** team who collected the most house points throughout the year!

Gardening Club

We have had another wonderful year gardening around the school. The outdoor classroom has been a great addition to our outdoor space and the children have really enjoyed tending the planters and watching the tadpoles in our new pond develop into frogs. Here we are with the window boxes planted and ready for Nigel to put in position. Thanks as ever to Ms. Duffy whose enthusiasm is infectious and who is always willing to help out!

Gardening Club has been wonderful. I have lots of treasured memories from over the years. Thanks to all the children who took part and who helped to keep the school grounds looking colourful.

Ms. Jeffrey



Hockey

Well done to all the boys and girls from 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th class who represented St. Andrew's at the recent school blitz organised by Malahide Hockey Club. A great morning was had by all with some excellent hockey skills on display.



Helicopter Visit

Senior Infants received a wonderful invite from the community Gardaí in Malahide to visit the arrival of the Garda helicopter to Malahide Castle.



Cake Sale



6th Class Graduation



Congratulations to our 6th class who had their graduation ceremony on Thursday 26th June.



Ms. Jeffery

On Friday 27th June, we say farewell to Ms. Jeffery after 36 years in St. Andrew's NS. We thank Ms. Jeffery for all she has done for the children of St. Andrew's over her time here and wish her all the best in her retirement.

A Note from Ms. Jeffery:

Farewell

They say time flies when you are having fun... I think this is true! My time in St. Andrew's since 1989 has gone by in a flash. It's been about having fun with the children, forging friendships with staff and parents and creating memories that will last forever. I have past pupils on the staff; I've taught children of children and I've borne witness to the school's development and evolution. It's been a pleasure and a privilege being part of such a unique and wonderful team and community. Thank you one and all.

Around the Classes

What a busy and exciting month it has been in **Junior Infants**! June kicked off with the Summer Fun Day, and the children were very excited by the visit from the ice-cream van! The final theme in play and learn was 'Under the Sea' which made learning extra fun this month. They had small world play with sea creatures, sand and water, went sailing on a pirate ship in role play, created colourful sea animals in art and even built their own pirate ships from recyclable materials in junk art. In maths they continued to explore money, and had a treasure hunt in the sand searching for and adding 1c, 2c and 5c coins. They have been working hard in English with their reading and writing, and in Gaeilge they have been learning all about An Samhradh. They had a very special day performing their favourite songs and rhymes for their parents. They were wonderful! Their school tour to Mellows was the highlight of the year. The sun was shining and they had so much fun on the bouncy castles, the go karts, in the sand pit, in the pirate ship and on the slides and hammocks. They even had a disco with their favourite pop songs, bubbles and dry ice! All the children in Junior Infants have had an excellent first year of school. They have worked so hard and made lots of new friends. I am so proud of them all and hope they have lots of fun over the summer holidays!



Senior Infants had a great month in June. They had lots of fun on their school tour to Mellows in Athboy. They did activities like go-karting, bouncy castles, climbing frames, a disco and more! The class really enjoyed it. The class had their last visit from Mouse from OWLS who played lots of nature games with the class. 5th class very kindly showed the children how to play a variety of board games for their last buddies of the year! Senior Infants and Junior Infants went for a Teddy Bear Picnic and had a special treat from Ms. Fisher and Ms. O'Brien for being so well behaved on their school tour. It has been a month of fun but the children have continued to do lovely work, finishing off bits and pieces for the year. They have worked so hard in Senior Infants and Ms. O'Brien will really miss them next year! I

hope everyone has a really enjoyable summer break.





It has been a lovely, busy last month in **1st Class**. The class have enjoyed learning all about food, thinking about foods around the world as well as foods we can eat to keep our bodies healthy. They also thought about summer, and planned their dream holiday. They thought about what they would pack in their suitcases, wrote postcards as well as setting up their own travel agencies in the classroom! In art, they focused on a new artist, learning all about the life and work of Vincent Van Gogh. They finished this by making some beautiful copies of *Starry Night*. 1st class definitely has a lot of budding artists in the class! In maths the children were working really hard on column addition with regrouping, and I was so impressed with their perseverance and skills, they definitely showed how ready they are for 2nd class! This month also saw the class going on their school tour to the Explorium. They had a fantastic time watching robot dogs, a lightening show, going in a gravity room and much more. The children were brilliantly behaved and they had the best day. They have had a wonderful year and I just want to wish you all a lovely summer, and wish all the children the best as they move into 2nd class.



The month of June has passed by in the blink of an eye! **2nd Class** have been non-stop learning and exploring this month. They have revised maths topics through interactive play on iPads, creating their own maths themed board games and testing their knowledge of tables with tricky challenges and word problems. They looked back on all of their writing genres with a focus on narrative writing for the short story competition. In Gaeilge they scanned back through all of their topics and had fun challenging themselves on their litriú. 2nd class have been flat out with sports this month with visits to the cricket field in the castle and swimming at the PSLC. A few lucky classmates were chosen to take part in the Hockey Blitz up in Broomfield which was great fun. In geography they put a lot of work into learning all about the water cycle. They created their own water cycles and watched their own rain clouds form. They also made mini projects about the water cycle on iPads which the children then presented to the class. The class learnt all there is to know about visiting the travel agent and had great fun recreating their own. They couldn't believe it when the ice-cream van pulled up on one of the hottest days so far this year. They were so delicious that 2nd class were inspired to join up with 4th class to make their own ice-cream art. The class visited the Explorium for their school tour and learnt all there is to know about science, it was awesome. 2nd class have been working hard on their 'Teach the Teacher' lessons. So far they have been learning the most fascinating facts about terrariums, airsoft guns, imaginative art, football, gymnastics, ballet and even a lesson on video games! This truly is a class filled with bright-minded, kind and creative children. It has been my pleasure to teach them all and as we head away on our school break please remember that the beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you. Well done to all of 2nd class on a great month and an even greater year. You did it!





3rd Class have had an action-packed June to finish off the school year and have produced some brilliant pieces of work! They have continued their study of Oceania and have learnt lots about new countries such as Nauru, Tuvalu, Palau and the Marshall Islands. Using this knowledge, the class created some amazing travel brochures to try and attract tourists to these unique places! Using lots of persuasive writing techniques they focused on the topics of adventure, relaxation



and culture to help create their booklets which are truly fantastic! 3rd class also wrote some very enjoyable short stories and Mr. Jones was delighted to see so many entries for the annual short story competition! In maths the class finished off their study of 3rd class topics and have done lots of revision of multiplication, division, fractions and decimals to get them ready for 4th class. They have



also been competing in a class 'Maths Olympics' challenge. In this activity the children created team names, crests and kits and have been working in teams to compete in various maths tasks such as times tables, logic, puzzles, measuring and mental maths. It has been a really fun way of challenging their maths skills! 3rd class have also been participating in 'Teach the



Teacher' this month. Mr. Jones has been very impressed with the variety, effort and passion shown in each of the presentations! From making ooblek to baking cookies to learning how to be a good team player, there has been an amazing amount taught to the class! They also had an amazing school tour in Navan Adventure Centre where the class got to take part in a wide variety of cool activities! From archery to Olympic handball to obstacle courses and laser tag, everyone had a brilliant day and didn't let the rain

dampen their spirits! Mr. Jones hopes everyone in 3rd class has an absolutely amazing summer and wishes them all the very best in 4th class!



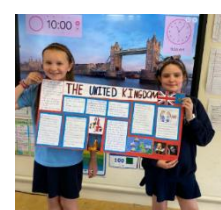
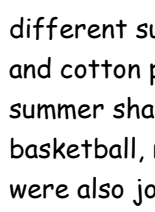
4th Class enjoyed the final month of the school year with lots of summer activities. In English, they finished their novel 'Holes' and really enjoyed seeing the story unfold. They also designed their own book covers and wrote reviews of the story. They showcased their own talents in story writing as well, competing in the short story competition, producing absolutely amazing stories. In Gaelige, 'An Samhradh' and 'Bia' were at the forefront of their studies this month as they wrote and designed their own menus and picked up lots of new words and phrases about summer. In art, 4th class enjoyed lots of



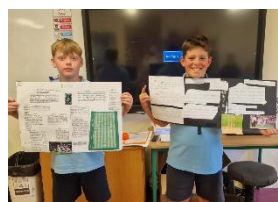
different summer topics such as making ice-creams using cardboard and cotton pads, designing their own beach flip-flops and drawing lovely summer sharks. In P.E. 4th class enjoyed playing football, cricket, basketball, rounders and relay races during the month of June. They were also joined by Senior Infants and 1st class to participate in station activities where 4th class really enjoyed the role of helping the younger students with learning new skills. In music and drama, they enjoyed playing games like 'wink murder', '7up' and 'guess the song'. In SESE, they made projects in pairs on a country or city of their choice. They did their own research on iPads and designed posters which turned out amazingly. Each group then presented their project to



the class and discussed what they focused on and why they chose that country or city. 4th class have had a tremendous year and have worked really hard. They are looking forward to the holidays and would like to wish everyone a lovely summer break!



What a busy and exciting few weeks it's been in **5th Class**! Here's a roundup of all the



wonderful things they have been up to lately. The tables turned recently as the fantastic students took the lead during 'Teach the Teacher' sessions! The class learned about anime, karate, chess, the history of track and field, rugby, tennis and hurling. Everyone took part in a science experiment and in a drawing lesson. The creativity and confidence on show were truly impressive.



The classroom turned into a swirl of colour during our tie-dye t-shirt project. Each student designed their own shirt with vibrant patterns. They look amazing and will be perfect for summer wear. The children were busy engineers in science, building simple electric circuits and using their skills to design and construct working model lighthouses. They explored switches, bulbs, and batteries. They have just finished reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, and what a beautiful, moving story it was.



The book sparked great discussions about kindness, empathy, and being true to yourself. The class watched the film after they had finished reading the book. In history, 5th class have been diving into the world of Greek myths and legends. The class created colourful comic strips and dramatic retellings of their favourite myths — it's been legendary! Creativity has been in full bloom as students wrote their own summer-themed stories. From beachside mysteries to holiday adventures and magical ice-cream, the imagination on display was fantastic! The class also had a brilliant Board Game Day, full of laughter, teamwork and strategy. From Monopoly to Uno, it was a great chance to relax, play and enjoy each other's company. I am very proud of everything 5th class has achieved this term. Here's to finishing the year with smiles, sunshine and lots of great memories!



The last month of primary school for **6th Class** has been a packed one! Well done to the class for putting on an amazing performance of music and acting in their show 'Do you Remember the First Time?' for their parents. They've been active with class football tournaments in the castle and an impromptu trip to the beach to take advantage of the sunny weather. They found time to create amazing art making giant 3D treats for a sweet shop display and impressive self-portraits taking inspiration from the work of Andy Warhol. They did some self-reflection about what they appreciate about themselves. They discussed preparation for secondary school, looking at timetables, the role of different teachers and making new friends. They planned science experiments to do with their 1st class buddies which turned out more challenging than expected! They became budding travel agents and planned specially tailored holidays for some of the teachers. They researched flights, accommodation and activities. From trekking in Machu Picchu to sailing around the Greek islands, they learned a lot about travel and costs and delighted the teachers with their presentations. They composed a poem 'Advice for Junior Infants' to perform at their graduation ceremony and end of year assembly. We can't believe their time in St. Andrew's has come to an end. We wish them a wonderful summer and all the very best beginning secondary school in September!



June Anti-Bullying Topic

Our anti bullying theme for June was all about kindness. Classes reflected on ways they can be kind to others like sharing a smile and doing kind deeds.

Assemblies

We said goodbye to 6th class at our last assembly of the year and we wish them all the best as they move to secondary school. We also bid farewell to Ms. Jeffery and wish her well in her retirement. The children recited speeches and poems they had written for Ms. Jeffery and sang songs.

Revd. Canon David made a presentation to Ms. Jeffery on behalf of the Board of Management and Paul from SAPA made a presentation on behalf of all the parents and children.

