

Next half-term's Pathway:

Self and Lifestyle

March 2026

It's been another busy half-term packed with a range of events and activities, including our first Year 4 residential trip and a 'break the rules' day! We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 13th April.



Attendance Winners

Our attendance cup winners for March 2026 were:

Week ending	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
6 th March	Miss Pearson	Year 6
13 th March	Mrs Bradley/Miss Cook	Mr Jones
20 th March	Mrs Vellender/Mrs Nicholls	Mr Jones
27 th March	Miss Pearson	Mr Hardeman

Safeguarding Update

We have been focusing on data protection this month. As a school we aim to ensure that all personal data collected about staff, pupils, parents, governors, visitors and other individuals is collected, stored and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

<https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/gdpr/>

The principles of GDPR say that personal data must be:

- Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.
- Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes.
- Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary to fulfil the purposes for which it is processed.
- Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date.
- Kept for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed.
- Processed in a way that ensures it is appropriately secure.

We process personal data relating to parents, pupils, staff, governors, visitors and others, and therefore we are a data controller. The school is registered as a data controller with the ICO and this applies to all personal data, regardless of whether it is in paper or electronic format.

World Book Day



We all looked absolutely fantastic in our costumes!

As part of World Book Day the children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories, looking at books, designing their own front cover and completing artwork to decorate their classroom doors with a book theme.



Red Nose Day – Break the Rules



On Friday 20th March, the children were invited to 'break the rules' to raise funds for Comic Relief.

The school was filled with changes of hair style and colour, temporary tattoos, nail polish and make-up, some strange outfits and a 'naughty lunch' or two!

We raised over £400 towards this cause, thank you.

Astley Burf Residential

On Monday 9th March, Year 4 set off to Astley Burf to participate in our first Year 4 residential experience. The weather stayed fine and they had a great couple of days experiencing: outdoor wall climbing, a high ropes course, archery, an adventure playground & zip wire, team building activities and an orienteering walk. Along with this the chance to 'stay away' with their friends – surprisingly some of them even slept!



Police Dog Visit



On Thursday 19th March, we had an exciting visit from two police dog handlers, Sergeant Foster and PC Foster, who brought along one of the dogs that they work alongside.

We met Addison, the Spaniel, who is amazing at helping the police with their job. We found out about their superior senses, with them being able to hear and smell much better than us! Then, Addison got to show off her outstanding seeking skills.

Mother's Day

Our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed making someone feel incredibly special for Mother's Day.

Each class performed their own poem or song and then both adult and child enjoyed an activity together – we hope you enjoyed joining us.



Year 2 Church visit



On Wednesday 4th March, Year 2 visited St Andrew's Church. Reverend Giles and his wonderful team had prepared lots of engaging activities for them, and they had a fantastic time learning and exploring together. During their visit, they recapped their learning about the features of a church, learnt about Holy Communion and enjoyed completing some crafts linked to the Easter story. A big thank you to Reverend Giles and everyone at St Andrew's Church for such a warm welcome and a lovely, memorable afternoon!

Sporting Success

It's been a competitive month as our Year 6 football and netball teams have been competing in their Dudley Schools' League matches.

We've had some real success as part of these events as our Year 6 boys' football team had two great wins: 6-3 against Alder Coppice and 6-1 against Maidensbridge.

Our girls' team have also competed in the Dudley School League and in their first round of matches they won 2 matches, drew 1 and lost just one match.

School Fete – 'Beach Party'

The event will take place on Thursday 21st May from 3.30pm – 5.00pm and will involve a beach party (with a mocktail bar!), stalls and refreshments (*tombolas, bouncy castle, cake stall, Name the Teddy, Book stall, popcorn, ice cream van, burger van, donut van, candy floss etc...*)

To support this event, we will be hosting two non-uniform days:

- Friday 15th May where we will ask for donations of bottles, sweets and good quality teddy bears.
- Thursday 21st May (beach themed outfits) where we will be asking for donations of chocolate or cakes.

On the day, we are asking that children (and staff) come dressed to school ready for a 'beach party', This is not a day to come in football tops!

If you are able to help at this event (either setting up from 1.30pm or running a stall) please email: fundraising@straits.dudley.sch.uk or call the school office).