



St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter

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

08 Sept 2023

Message from Headteacher

It's been wonderful to welcome everybody back and in particular to meet our new Year 7s!

We have had a lot of last-minute enquiries about joining the school, which is very encouraging. It might have something to do with our record GCSE grades – Year 11 achieved almost half a grade of 'value added' per GCSE subject, which is especially impressive in a year where nationally, marking was much tougher, as marking reverted to 2019 levels. It has been excellent, too, to welcome back so many of a talented Year 11s to our Sixth Form.



I was delighted, too, to welcome numerous students via our New Brunswick Park Road entry point, which will be open to all students in Building 5 on a given day from 8.00am in the morning until 8.25am and then in the afternoon from 3.00 - 3.20pm. You can see the steel frame of the new Sports Hall rapidly taking shape along Brunswick Park Road, opposite the entrance to the New Southgate Cemetery.

We started the Year with an assembly on marginal gains and how establishing winning habits inside and outside of the classroom was the key to long-term success. Everything that you as a parent can do to support your child with regular mealtimes and bedtimes and encouragement to polish off a substantial chunk of homework with an hour of returning home will boost your child's chances of success. We talked, too, about how, with God's grace, we can all work on being the person that God wants us to be and achieving our full potential.

So that we can prepare for our **Open Evening Event**, the school will close at 12.35pm on Tuesday 19 September 2023. Students in receipt of free school meals can collect these from the school canteen at that time. This will allow staff to prepare classrooms and displays for the evening.

Also, please note that on Wednesday 20 September 2023, students will have a later start to the school day so that staff can ensure that classrooms are ready for lessons on that day. Students must be in school at 10.35am where they will be registered in tutor time.

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!

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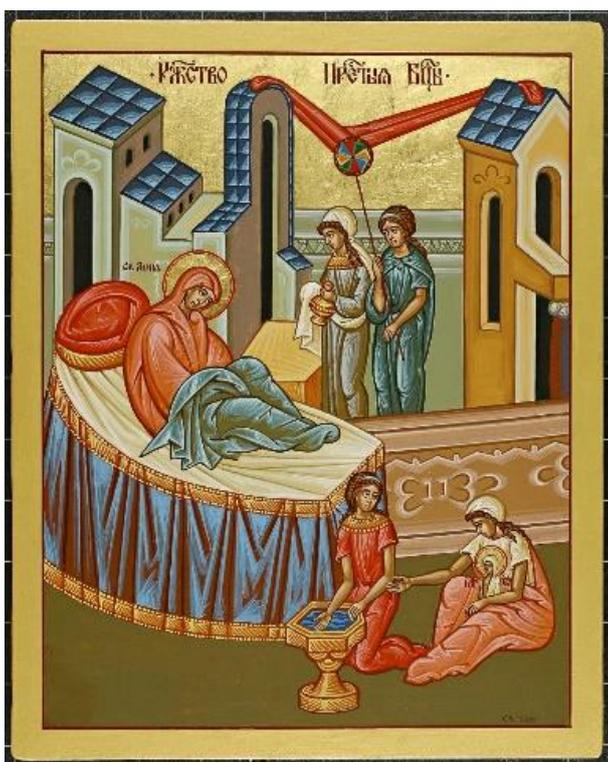
The Nativity of the Holy Theotokos

On September 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Nativity of our Most-holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.



The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God’s Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity.

Through her intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.



Saint Name Days for next week:

Date	Saint Celebrated
Monday 11 Sept	EFROSYNOS, EVANTHIA, EVANTHIS, VIOLETA, THEODORA
Wednesday 13 Sept	ARISTIDIS, CORNELIUS
Thursday 14 Sept	STAVROS, THEOKLIS
Friday 15 Sept	NIKITAS, VISARION
Saturday 16 Sept	EFIMIA, LOUNTMILLA, MELINA
Sunday 17 Sept	AGAPI, AGATHOKLIS, ELPIDA, OLIVIANOS, PANTOLEON, PILEAS, PISTI, SONIA, SOPHIA

Upcoming key Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- Tuesday 19 September – Open Evening
- 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 2023 - 2024

Barnet Council have provided information regarding the measles outbreak. Please click here to read: [Measles](#)