



St Andrew's Weekly News

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Although this is not the start to the year we would have wished for, we are all ready to do our best in these challenging times.

Teachers are off-site preparing and delivering the Remote Learning programme and any additional information will be sent out as and when required in the teachers' daily communications. Exercise and fresh air are vital for wellbeing, so do please try to get up and out – maybe try adapting some of the learning tasks to a version you can do outside!

Our school community will support each other through this and, with the vaccine in sight, we look forward to a brighter spring.

Schools are remaining open **only** for the children of Key Workers critical to the ongoing management of Covid-19, **that are unable to safely stay at home**. If there is an alternative adult, such as a partner or second parent, **who is not a critical worker** parents may be questioned as to why the child/ren is/are not able to stay at home as per the Government's guidance. **If the other adult is working at home or able to take leave from their non-critical job, this will be deemed as a safe alternative** (as per Essex LA guidance for schools). School will be open for children who are eligible for the Key Worker Bubble from 8.50am till 3.15pm until February 12th.

If your child/ren is/are eligible for a place in our Key Worker Bubble, **bookings are required** in order for the school to ensure adequate supervision is in place. Please email admin@st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk to book, giving as much advance notice as possible. *For full details see email sent 5/01.*

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No kitchen in operation

Parents should not enter the school grounds, even when dropping off or collecting children. The school office will be open only by telephone (01206) 210638 or email: admin@st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk to avoid visits to the office hatch. Should you need to visit the school for any reason, please telephone in advance to arrange an appointment time.

IMPORTANT

Emails sent this week: Key Worker Bubble Provision, ECC letter re Provision/Childcare, Remote Learning Letter

New on the website: Darren's Dance Link

If an email is not received, please email admin with subject **Email not received** giving child's name and specifying which email it concerns. Most letters emailed are also on the website: **Parent Information ▶ Letters Home**

Coming soon...

We are all missing doing things, seeing people and visiting places. Some things we have still not been able to do since March last year, so, once again, we invite children to share the things they are looking forward to doing again. Our **Jar of Joy** will be back again once we have some contributions from our pupils...

During this period of home-learning, we will take the opportunity to restructure the **school website**. The main aim of this will be to give each class a password-protected page on which to put class assemblies, trips, general news etc.



ONLINE HELP

If you have issues accessing DB, MyMaths or TTRS, please email admin giving your child's name and year group. Type **DB/MyMaths/TTRS Access** as the subject heading (as applicable), give a brief description of the issue and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.



Online

If you would like to try Soul Space activities at home, you can find some on [St Andrew's Church facebook page](#), and lots more information on the

[Prayer Spaces in Schools facebook page](#).

Every Thursday, you can find a children's activity on [St Andrew's church website](#).

Please note dates are subject to change. Any changes will be notified as promptly as possible.

15 Jan	EYFS Admissions 2021 deadline: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
15-19 Feb	Half term
26 March	Non-pupil day
29 Mar-9 Apr	Easter holiday



You are now able to access online dance sessions with Darren as we had in the previous home-learning period. Just click the link below and enter the password which you have been given by your teacher. This link will also be on the homepage of the school website for the duration of the Lockdown.

<https://www.dancedays.co.uk/dance-from-home>



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Dear God, Help us to keep safe and healthy. Help us to be able to access home learning and enjoy it just as if we were at school. Help this Coronavirus go away and vaccines to be given to people who badly need them. Make sure that people who aren't as fortunate as us be safe during this time especially. Help people still get the things they need as the stores are closing and people are panic buying and help parents look after their children so that they don't struggle with their home learning. Amen.

By Priya (Year 6)