

# ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## School Term and Holiday Dates

### Spring Term 2024

Last Day of Term –  
Thursday 28th March 2024

School Closes at 1.30pm

### Summer Term 2024

Children return to school on  
Monday 15th April 2024

#### Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May – Friday  
31st May 2024

Last Day of Term –

Wednesday 24th July 2024

School Closes at 1.30pm

School will be closed:

Monday 6th May 2024

**BANK HOLIDAY**



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*Friday 22nd March 2024*

## Easter Service

**Thursday 28th March 2024**

St Michael's Church

If you would like to accompany your child's class,  
Please wait in the playground, outside your child's  
classroom.



## Ramadan Assembly

Monday 25th March

On Monday, some of our children, who observe  
the holy month of Ramadan, will share their  
experiences of what the festival means to them.

The children will be taking part in a special  
assembly in celebration of the festival.



## Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Check Meeting

Y1 parents and carers are invited  
to a meeting, where we will be  
sharing information about the  
statutory phonics assessment that  
takes place for all Year 1  
pupils in June.

**Thursday 18th April**  
**2.45–3.30 pm**



## We've been Supporting Neurodiversity Celebration Week


Contact us: 0207 274 7012 or  
[admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk)  
Don't forget to check out the website:  
[www.standrewsprimaryschoolstockwell.org](http://www.standrewsprimaryschoolstockwell.org)  
Check out our class blog site: [www.standrewsallstars.com](http://www.standrewsallstars.com)

We are proud to be supporting Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

This week some of our neurodivergent pupils proudly held an assembly to raise awareness about neurodiversity. Together, we can change the narrative and understand, accept and celebrate neurodiversity. CelebrationWeek



 Attendance Matters	Number of Children Late Before the Close of Register	Number of Children Late After the Close of Register
YR—98%	YR—02	YR—0
Y1—90%	Y1—10	Y1—0
Y2—92%	Y2—09	Y2—1
Y3—97%	Y3—12	Y3—1
Y4—94%	Y4—12	Y4—0
Y5—95%	Y5—02	Y5—0
Y6—89%	Y6—03	Y6—0



## Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine catch-up clinic

# Measles is in the news again



**Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences.**

Getting lifelong protection against measles is simple – you just need to have 2 doses of the MMR vaccine.

The good news is – it's never too late. Contact your GP to book an appointment or join our catch-up clinic if you think you or a loved one isn't up to date.

**Lambeth Civic Centre**  
MMR Vaccine Catch-up Clinic

Wednesday 13 March 2024 2pm to 6pm  
Saturday 23 March 2024 10am to 4pm

Lambeth Civic Centre, 6 Brixton Hill,  
Brixton, London, SW2 1EG

Scan the QR code for more information on the MMR vaccine, or to book your catch-up clinic appointment.






The Lambeth Music Festival is an annual event held at the Royal Festival Hall. It is attended by children from primary schools from the borough of Lambeth.

This year St Andrew's Year 5 and Year 2 pupils are taking part in the show. They have been practicing really hard for their 'big sing'.

We really have to say, that they sound wonderful.

## Lambeth Music Festival

Monday 25th March 2024



**School Closes on Thursday 28th March at 1.30 pm.**

Please arrive on time to collect your children.

### A Gentle Reminder

If your child fails to attend school due to illness on the last day of term, or the first day of the new term, you must provide medical evidence or you could be liable to a Penalty Notice charge of £60.00.

# Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

## **Paddlesport sessions at The Pirate Castle—FREE**

Sundays, 2pm to 3.30pm, from 4 February until 27 October 2024 (including school holidays)

Max 16 spaces available per session, pre-booking essential.

The Pirate Castle, Gilbey's Wharf, Oval Road, London, NW1 7EA.

These sessions are targeted at young Londoners aged 8 to 17 who meet Go! London's eligibility criteria. Email

[info@thepiratecastle.org](mailto:info@thepiratecastle.org) or call 020 7267 6605 for more information and to book.

## **British Museum: Making Mosaics— FREE**

Every Saturday 2 March – 25 May 10am -4pm  
44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323 8000 / [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org)  
Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square FREE, drop in (Age 5+)

Bring your family on a journey to explore colourful Roman mosaics and design a magnificent mosaic inspired by objects from the Museum in this free, drop-in event.

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/events/making-mosaics-rome>

## **Family Fun Day Spring Celebration— FREE**

Saturday 23rd March 2024 12-3pm  
Free food and snacks, children's activities and face painting  
Dwaynatics, Loughborough Park Community Centre inside the park SW9 8UA  
Entrances by 5 Moorland Rd or Loughborough Park Rd  
[contactus@healthylivingplatform.org](mailto:contactus@healthylivingplatform.org)  
07701365551 <https://healthylivingplatform.org/>

## **Slade Gardens Easter Egg Hunt— FREE**

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For children under 6years old

Saturday 23 March 2024 2-3.00pm

73 A&b Stockwell Park Rd, SW9 0AD

[sladeadventure@btinternet.com](mailto:sladeadventure@btinternet.com) 020 77373829

<https://sladeadventure.co.uk/>

## **Pimlico Road Farmers Market—FREE**

Every Saturday 9 AM – 2 pm

Orange Square, corner of Pimlico Road and Ebury Street, South West London

Fun things for children nearby: Battersea Park and Battersea PowerStation Park

[www.lfm.org.uk](http://www.lfm.org.uk)

## **Community Choir Boury Academy— FREE**

For all ages

Wednesdays 6-7.30pm

The Boury Studios Top Floor, Wyvil School, S Lambeth Rd, London SW8 2TJ

<https://www.thebouryacademy.co.uk/>

## **Horizon 22—FREE**

For all ages

London's highest free viewing platform  
There a limited number of walk-in slots available. However, it's advisable to secure your reservation weeks in advance.  
22 Bishopsgate London, EC2N 4BQ

<https://horizon22.co.uk/>

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious emergency. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they do not know.

### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly—whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

### 'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content—but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

### CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

### VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location—potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need—and then turn it off.

### THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy—and all too common—for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

### MEET OUR EXPERT

Dr Clair Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

