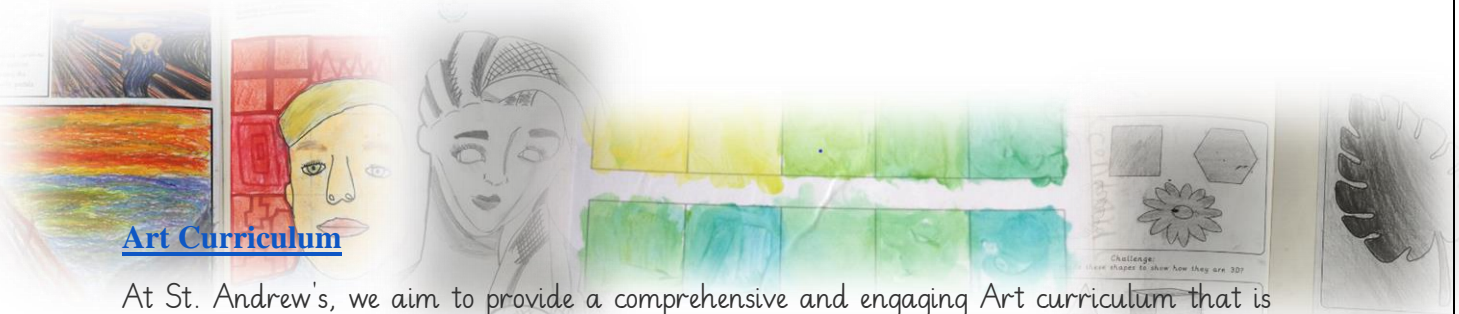




## Art at St. Andrew's

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping you informed about the educational experiences at St. Andrew's, I am writing to share details about our Art curriculum, highlight our recent seasonal activities, and provide you with insights from both pupils and Ofsted.



### Art Curriculum

At St. Andrew's, we aim to provide a comprehensive and engaging Art curriculum that is aligned with the 2014 National Curriculum for England. Our curriculum is designed not only to develop each child's artistic skills but also to foster creativity, critical thinking, and cultural awareness. By the end of Year 6, pupils will be proficient in various artistic disciplines, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and other art, craft, and design techniques. They will be able to produce creative work, explore ideas and record their experiences. Moreover, students will develop skills to evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft, and design. Additionally, they will gain knowledge about significant artists, craft makers, and designers, as well as an understanding of the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

### Christmas School Fundraising

Last term, I am delighted to share that our Christmas school fundraising effort was a tremendous success, raising £990.83 for school funds. The children designed a range of festive items, including Christmas cards, mugs, gift tags, and decorations. The joy and enthusiasm expressed by our pupils during these activities have been truly inspiring and I know parents and grandparents love receiving these.

### Children's Interviews

During recent interviews with children across the school, they shared that art at St. Andrew's is exceptional and gives them the chance to express themselves and be creative. They also recognised the significant progress they have made in skills and techniques each year and expressed their enjoyment in learning about a range of artists. This feedback reinforces the positive impact our Art curriculum has on our pupils.



## Ofsted

Ofsted has recognised our commitment to the Arts and Sciences as vital components of our curriculum. Their recent feedback stated that they are very satisfied and noted the very high quality of work in evidence. They highlighted that our curriculum is ambitious in both Art and Science, with well-presented books and detailed planning that includes cross-curricular links. This allows pupils to connect their thinking effectively. Additionally, they praised the curriculum for being very well sequenced and progressive, ensuring that our pupils receive a comprehensive and cohesive educational experience.

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