

THE CHRONICLE

MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY CLUB MANAGER

Welcome to the latest edition of the Chronicle! I'm Amina, Deputy Club Manager at St Andrew's and I am happy to share all that we have been up to over the last few months. Young people have enjoyed lots of new opportunities at the Club and it is wonderful to see all their progress and accomplishments. Whether it's playing football with our new girls' team, enjoying our jam-packed summer programme or visiting Boeing's head office to learn about Aerospace, we are delighted that we can offer young people these amazing opportunities to learn and develop. I hope you enjoy reading about all this and more.



A SPECTACULAR SUMMER

St Andrew's was the place to be for young people this summer. From 24th July to 23rd of August, young people enjoyed four fantastic weeks of fun at the Club.

With an action-packed programme, St Andrew's hosted a wonderful range of activities to support young people to grow and develop. They learnt essential cooking skills in Master Chef classes, expressed their creativity in craft and music workshops and kept active with football, badminton, boxing, cricket and more.

There were memories to be made outside of the Club as well, as children were treated to a range of amazing day trips. From swimming at West Wittering beach, to trampolining at Flip Out, petting animals at Hobbledown Heath to kayaking on the Thames, young people enjoyed new experiences each week.

Many young people did not go on a family holiday during the summer, it was vitally important that St Andrew's provided a safe place for them to stay active, learn and have fun.

"You guys do such amazing work, with our kids! Today my two very excited kids came home super happy and looking forward to coming to the Club again tomorrow" – Parent

We are very grateful to Westminster Council, the John Lyon's Charity and the Mayor's Fund for London Kitchen Social Programme for sponsoring the Summer programme.



MIND MUSIC PRODUCTION

The Club continues to find creative ways to support the mental health of young people. Working closely with the mental health charity MIND, St Andrew's has been hosting music production classes at the Club. The young people have been using electric keyboards to create music, providing them with the opportunity to display their artistic and musical talents. The creation of music can be a positive outlet for young people who are struggling to vocalise their feelings, providing the means to express themselves in a safe and understanding environment.



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CLUB LIFE AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACHIEVEMENTS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARDS

On July 25th, St Andrew's Club hosted our annual awards ceremony to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our young Members over the past academic year. St Andrew's has a proud 157 year history of celebrating young people's accomplishments and inspiring them to pursue their passions and discover new ones. Awards night is a wonderful occasion where young people's accomplishments are celebrated with their peers, parents and the St Andrew's youth worker team. It is essential that whatever a child's hobby, craft, passion or dream that St Andrew's is a place where it can be supported to flourish.

In total, 27 young people received awards, recognising their outstanding achievements this past academic year. It was heartwarming to see so many of our young members being celebrated among their peers.

The awards presentation is a reminder of our young people's talents, achievements and for many it remains a source of pride into adulthood.

"Well done all the award winners. I'll never forget winning Girl of the year in 1990! One of my biggest achievements"
– Former member



GIRL POWER AT ST ANDREW'S

Our weekly Girls' Group continues to be the place for girls to grow and build their personal resilience. Aimed at young people aged 9–13, Girls' Group provides a safe space for young girls to build confidence, learn communication skills, and be a part of a nurturing community. The group encourages personal growth and celebrates individual achievements.

Many of the members of Girls' Group are now taking on new challenges at the Club, including being involved in the new all-girls football team. In the weekly coaching sessions, they are learning new skills, keeping healthy, growing in confidence and making new friends.

Speaking at our annual awards about the Club's 'Most Improved Female Football Player', Football coach Sean said: *"Since joining the girl's team Amaiya has constantly demonstrated her enthusiasm and commitment to playing football. Never shy to get involved even volunteering to play in goal. Showcasing to take on new challenges and learn new skills."*



JOYOUS JUNIOR CLUB

It's been a joyous time at Junior Club this year, providing children aged 5–9 with essential learning opportunities to support their development outside of school.

Open every Wednesday and Friday evening during the school term, Junior Club supports young children at the early stage in their development. Through weekly creative workshops, board games, food sessions and sports, children develop their social, teamwork and problem-solving skills and stay physically active.

WHAT PARENTS SAY ABOUT JUNIOR CLUB

"The club has had a major impact on my child's life since they started attending. Learning new skills, taking part in activities that really helped build their confidence, making friends and socialising. We are lucky to have such a wonderful place and the people who work there are fantastic." – Parent

- In our recent parent's survey
- **94%** of parents said that their child has built their social skills by attending Junior Club
 - **87%** said that they and/or their child felt a sense of community attending Junior Club
 - **94%** of parents said that their child had learnt something new at Junior Club

OUR SUPER SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

LEARNING ABOUT AEROSPACE WITH BOEING

In June, young people and staff from St Andrew's were invited to mark International Women in Engineering Day (INWED) at Boeing's Westminster office.

The group of young people aged 9–12 relished the chance to learn more about the aerospace industry and the important role of science, technology, engineering and math's (STEM) subjects.

Young people's design skills and ingenuity were put to the test, as they were challenged to design their own paper plane. The young people excitedly got to work, with many adapting the guide design for improved aerodynamics! Then it was time to see whose plane would go the distance, as they tested their planes in the large reception space.

We are grateful to Boeing, for offering this unique opportunity for young people to visit one of our business neighbours and valued corporate partner. Thank you Boeing you may just have inspired the next generation of pilots or engineers!

"I walk past Boeing's offices every day and I've always wanted to go inside"
– Young person who attended Boeing workshop, aged 10



SUMMER MATCHED GIVING CAMPAIGN RAISES £20,000

St Andrew's was once again blown away by the generosity of our wonderful supporters, raising over £20,000 in just two weeks of our summer matched giving campaign. All the money raised went to fund our Senior Club Programme, that supports over 400 young people each year. Thank you so much to everyone who donated, it's thanks to our incredible supporters that St Andrew's is there to help young people to thrive.



PHOTOGRAPHY FILMWORKS TRUST

Thank you so much to the Filmworks Trust for continuing to provide young people at the Club with amazing opportunities to showcase their creativity. Last year, Filmworks Trust partnered with St Andrew's to create a short film written, filmed, edited, directed and starring young people at the Club. This year, Filmworks Trust has been running weekly workshops, teaching young people the essentials of photography. The session encourages children to express their creativity and imagination and to learn expert photography techniques.



JOHN THE LYON VISITS ST ANDREW'S

The children in our Junior Club Summer Programme were thrilled when 'John the Lyon' popped by for their end of the summer party. There were screams of delight as children enjoyed a game of tag and took photos with the John Lyon's Charity mascot.

We are grateful to our long-term supporter, the John Lyon's Charity for arranging the visit, it was the perfect end to the summer programme!



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

You can take on a fundraising challenge and support St Andrew's in 2025. From triathlons to marathons to Tough Mudders, there are a range of events to test your fitness! All the money raised will go towards enriching young lives at St Andrew's.

If you would like to take part in any of the following challenge events, please email max@standrewsclub.com. More events can be found on our website.

- **Battersea Park Half Marathon** – 4 Jan, 8 March, 10 May 2025 and more dates throughout the year
- **Triathlon** – Radley, Oxfordshire – 18 April 2025
- **Toughmudder** – Henley On Thames – 10 and 11 of May 2025
- **London to Essex Cycle Ride** – 25 May 2025

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT ST ANDREW'S

VISIT THE CLUB

We would love to invite supporters of the Club to come down and visit St Andrew's, meet with staff, young people and see the Club in action. If you would like to visit, please email trish@standrewsclub.com to arrange a date.



Friend of The Andrew's

To mark 40 years at Old Pye Street, we are inviting you to join Friends of The Andrew's. For as little as £4 a month (the price of one coffee) you can help enrich young lives and support the long-term stability of the Club.

Become a Friend of The Andrew's by making a small regular donation, you will be helping young people in our community to thrive and making sure the Club is here for future generations. **To learn more scan the QR code.** →



LEGACY DONATIONS

Leave a legacy in your will to the John Scott Fund, a growing fund, established by friends and supporters of the Club, with a particular mission to provide some long-term financial security to the Club. Contact trish@standrewsclub.com to find out more.

CORPORATE CLUB DAY

Enjoy a unique corporate away day and give your staff the opportunity to engage with the local community at St Andrew's. At a St Andrew's Club Day your staff can experience the same activities as young people at the Club – play football or table tennis, join a creative art session or a cooking workshop. You'll get to meet our staff and understand the impact that your support and St Andrew's has on young people. To learn more contact trish@standrewsclub.com.

UNIFORM BANK

The cost-of-living crisis continues to push more families into poverty and economic uncertainty. The alarming rise in the cost of basic day-to-day essentials such as food and heating has left many families facing tough choices about how they can afford to support themselves during this time of economic hardship.

During this crisis, families with young children have been left feeling particularly vulnerable as a consequence of the rising prices of school uniforms. The cost for maintaining a child's school uniform for a year costs an average of £337.

In 2023, in response to this crisis, St Andrew's, the Bessborough Family Hub and the Cardinal Hume Centre partnered together and launched a School Uniform Bank, where local children can access extra pieces of uniform that families cannot afford.

To find out how you can support our appeal email trish@standrewsclub.com and help make sure children don't miss out on their education because of financial limitations.

BIG GIVE SUPPORT

The Club will be taking part in another matched giving campaign from the 3rd-10th December. All donations made to the Club will be **DOUBLED** until we reach £16,000.



The money raised will go towards supporting the Clubs After School Programme, which provides young people with fun enriching opportunities throughout the academic year.

Follow our social media closer to the time, to find out how you can support the campaign.



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