

# THE CHRONICLE

## WELCOME FROM AMINA

Welcome to the latest edition of the Chronicle! I'm Amina, Deputy Club Manager at St Andrew's, and I'm thrilled to share some of the incredible work we've been doing to support young people in our community.

Over the past few months, our Members have embraced a wide range of exciting opportunities—from the laughter and learning at Junior Club, to the high-energy adventures of our Summer Programme, and the proud celebrations at our annual Young Person's Awards. It's been amazing to see so many young people growing in confidence, exploring new interests, and broadening their horizons.

At St Andrew's, we're proud to offer a safe, welcoming space where young people can thrive – whether they're discovering new talents, building friendships, or simply having fun. We hope you enjoy reading about all this and more.



## SUMMER FUN

It was another spectacular Summer at St Andrew's, with young people at the Club enjoying a fun filled four-week programme, making friends, trying new things and creating treasured memories.

There were plenty of adventures to be had at the Club this summer, with children enjoying a wonderful range of daily activities – cookery classes, arts & crafts workshops, music production, football, roller disco, floristry, quizzes, archery and much more.

There were day trips outside the Club, with young people enjoying 15 different outings over the four weeks. Children saw llamas and meerkats at Hobbledown Farm, practiced their trampolining at flip out, made their own slime at Gootopia, had a rollercoaster of a time at Thorpe Park and swam at Guildford Lido.



***"I would be so bored without the Club being open in the summer holidays, there's so much to do"***

***"I wish I could go to Club every day in the holidays, I love all the stuff I can try there, and the food is great!"***

It is vitally important that young people have a safe space to be during the holidays that supports their ongoing development. It was an incredible four weeks at St Andrew's, with children enjoying unforgettable adventures both inside and outside the Club.

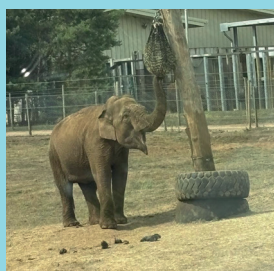
A massive thank you to Westminster City Council, John Lyon's Charity, Mayor's Fund for London (MFL) Kitchen Social Programme, Feeding Britain and Cash for Kids for funding our Holiday Programmes. Without your generous support, our vital holiday provision would not be possible.

## YOUTH CLUB COLLABORATION

As part of our Summer Programme, St Andrew's was delighted to deliver a week of joint activities with The Avenues Youth Project. This one-week collaboration gave our Members the chance to enjoy some fantastic experiences, including a joint sports day, exciting trips to Woburn Safari Park, a roller disco, and an Aqua Park adventure.

It was wonderful to see young people from our two Clubs interacting and having fun together. These activities helped young people learn about teamwork and builds their confidence by interacting with new people. It was such a pleasure to meet young people from Avenues Youth Project, and we look forward to our next collaboration.

A massive thank you to the Westminster Foundation for supporting our collaboration week.





## YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARDS NIGHT

In July, St Andrew's Club hosted our annual awards ceremony to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our young Members over the past year. At St Andrew's, we love recognising success and accomplishments, and this special evening highlights the dedication and hard work of our Members in front of their parents, peers, and our Youth Worker team.

In total, 29 young people received awards recognising their individual talents and achievements in chess, boxing, football, cooking, art and plenty more. Showcasing the broad range of opportunities at the Club for children to enjoy new hobbies and explore new talents.

There were also awards for 'Junior and Senior Club Member of the year' – individuals who had particularly impressed the Youth Worker team with their passion to get involved at the Club, help others and lead by example.

Our annual awards night is the perfect end to the school year and a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge young people's progress, talents and achievements.

### What our Youth Workers said about the award winners

*"This member remains calm among their peers, has a great head on his shoulders, and we foresee great things for his future"* – **Intermediate member of the year**

*"Although he's relatively new to cookery, he has worked so hard each week, always trying his hardest and his confidence in the kitchen has grown in leaps and bounds. He has become a valued member of Cookery, always willing to help others and offering to clear up, he's a pleasure to have in the kitchen. This member's enthusiasm, positive attitude, and willingness to learn have truly earned him this well-deserved recognition"* – **Most improved cook of the year**

*"This player has significantly improved over the past year, demonstrating that her willingness to learn and listen has elevated her level of football"* – **Girls most improved player**



## LIFE AT JUNIOR CLUB

Junior Club continues to be the place to be for younger children to learn, develop, make friends, and have fun. Open Wednesday and Friday during term time and across the school holidays, Junior Club provides essential early development for children aged 5-9, building their confidence, supporting communication skills, and developing their resilience.

Junior Club support children's social development and life skills through games, creative sessions, and basic cooking with baking sessions, cookie decorating and fruit kebabs. Children stay active by enjoying fun outdoor playground games, including football, balloon volleyball, dodgeball and more, supporting their physical development and teaching essential teamwork and communication skills from a young age.

### What parents say about Junior Club

*"Since joining Junior Club, we have seen a rise in confidence and independence in our child. We have seen a positive improvement in his behaviour amongst other children his age and he has made some good friends"*

*"Rayna looks forward to coming to little club and talks about it a lot so I know she's happy and enjoys her time there."*

*"We would be lost without The Andrew's it is an amazing place for children to be and if you work an affordable place for children to have fun"*

We are very grateful to Westminster Ward Budget funding from St James', Vincent Square and Pimlico South Wards, who funded our term-time Junior Club over the last academic year.



## BOXING WITH TOM

Boxing continues to be a popular activity every Tuesday at St Andrew's. Youth Worker and Boxing Coach Tom's engaging workouts build young people's confidence, encourage a healthy, active lifestyle and a positive mindset.

The sessions offer more than just physical exercise Tom encourages young people to set goals and work towards them, offering a supportive environment for growth and self-improvement.



## BOYS' WELL-BEING GROUP

Following the success of our weekly Girls' Group, the Club has introduced a weekly Boys' Group to our activity programme, responding to the popular demand from boys requesting their own space.

Boys' Group has quickly become a highlight of the Club's week. During the sessions, boys at the Club learn vital skills to help them transition into responsible young men. Including workshops on how to stay safe on the streets, avoid gang culture and money management. Alongside these valuable lessons, boys also enjoy fun and engaging recreational activities — from remote-control car racing to simply spending quality time with friends in a safe and supportive environment.

A massive thanks to our friends in the Charities Committee of The Worshipful Company of Fan Makers for helping fund Boys' Group.



## SUMMER MATCHED GIVE

St Andrew's was blown away by the amazing generosity shown by our incredible supporters, who helped the Club raise over £20,000, during our two-week Summer Matched Giving Campaign.

All the money raised will help to fund our exciting activity programme of sports, arts skills and well-being activities to help young people to thrive. Thank you so much to everyone who donated and our friends at the Childhood Trust and a generous anonymous donor who matched all donations!

## TOUGH MUDDER CHALLENGE

Children also stay active with exciting outdoor playground games like football, balloon volleyball, and dodgeball. These activities not only encourage physical development but also help children build teamwork, communication, and confidence from a young age. Their muddy mission wasn't just about endurance—it was about impact. Together, they raised over £2,300 to support St Andrew's!

If you'd like to support them with a donation, you can still contribute via their fundraising page by scanning the QR code.



*"As regulars of St Andrew's gym, 13 of us are took on the Tough Mudder Challenge on 21 September to support the fantastic work the Club does supporting young people. All money raised will go towards helping young people at St Andrew's. Even a small donation can go a long way"* – **Chris Sweeney, Trustee and former Club Member.**





# HOW TO SUPPORT ST ANDREW'S

## BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS SUPPORT

The Club will once again be taking part in the Christmas Big Give. For one week, from 2-9 December, all donations made to the Club will be **DOUBLED!** All money raised will go to help fund enriching opportunities for young people that support their social and personal development.

Follow the QR code to see our matched giving page and look out on social media closer to the time, to find out how you can support the campaign.



*"I love this club it's so much fun with a billion things to do"*  
Young Person

Thanks to the Childhood Trust and La Fosse for providing the matched funds to make this all possible!



## TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

You can take on a fundraising challenge and support St Andrew's. From triathlons to marathons to Tough Mudders, there are 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](mailto:max@standrewsclub.com). More events can be found on our website via the QR code.



- Battersea Park Half Marathon Saturday 15 November 2025
- Richmond Half Marathon Sunday 7 December 2025
- London Landmarks Half Marathon 12 April 2025
- Tough Mudder Henley On Thames 9/10 May 2026
- Royal Windsor Triathlon Sunday 14 June 2026

## THANK YOU TO QUEEN ANNE'S GATE RESIDENTS

A massive thank you to our friends and neighbours at The Queen Anne's Gate Residents' Association for inviting us to their summer party and for continuing to support and champion St Andrew's Club.



Our Head of Fundraising, Trish Marron was delighted to meet the new Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg who presented a donation on behalf of the Residents' Association.

## 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](mailto:trish@standrewsclub.com) to arrange a date.



## 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](mailto:trish@standrewsclub.com).



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