

Pupil Voice - St Andrew's School Council

School councils are a great way for young people to increase their participation in school and society, teaching them about democracy, local and global citizenship and accountability. Our school council is an important tool in allowing our children's voices to be heard.

During the first few weeks of a new academic year each class discusses the roles and responsibilities of the school council and the class representatives who are elected to be part of it.

Children then decide whether they would like to become candidates for election and a secret class ballot follows, with each child voting for a girl and a boy of their choice.



Our school council currently consists of two members from each of the classes from Year 1 to Year 6.

Generally, two meetings are held each half term: one to raise ideas and one to follow up.

Examples of ideas raised and discussed by our school council this year include tidying up the playgrounds by forming a litter picking rota of school councillors and volunteers.

Background music has been introduced in the hall during lunchtimes to promote a calmer and quieter atmosphere. This is coupled with individual tables earning points daily for quiet chatting, being kind and helpful and using good manners. The table with the most points by Friday become the 'Top Table' for that week and have special place settings and cakes as a treat.

A girls football session was arranged during a Tuesday afternoon playtime, as some of the KS 2 girls had found some difficulty in finding a time and place to play.

School Council information is displayed on a board located centrally, near to the staffroom door, keeping the school community up to date with information on current initiatives.