

ST. ANDREW'S C.E. INFANTS' SCHOOL

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 2 September 2026

As we begin an exciting new year, I would just like to thank our staff for their time and preparation for the coming year.

We have a wonderful new nursery, refurbished existing Reception classrooms, stimulating purposeful KS1 classes and a very ordered office space :)

And a huge thank you to yourselves for being a part of St. Andrew's Community, one of learning, care and joy! To see our school playground and each classroom full of pupils keen to learn and explore with those around them is joy indeed. As I walked across the playground on Monday, I felt a small hand in mine—we were back together.

NEW GOVERNOR

Our dedicated Local Governing Board would like to take this opportunity to invite a member of our community to join them! If you would be interested in being a governor please see Mrs. Meakins who would be delighted to chat re. roles and responsibilities.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a NUT FREE school here at St. Andrew's. Please, with thanks ensure your child's packed lunch does not contain nuts especially peanuts. (Please be aware particular chocolate spreads can contain nuts)

We are aware that there are a number of our community who have nut allergies and we want to keep them as safe as we can.

VOLUNTEERS

As you may be aware, the document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026' has been published. This contains some significant changes—especially regarding volunteers. We are SO grateful to our volunteers and we will be in touch re. further paperwork we will need to complete as soon as possible.

LOCAL FAMILY HUB

[Eastbourne - Devonshire Family Hub | Family hubs](#)

Our local and surrounding hubs offers a number of play groups and PEEP sessions supporting parents and children to learn together.

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ATTENDANCE

It has been so good to see our pupils over the last week throughout the school. We are working towards 97% attendance this year and we need your help please!

Every day counts here at school. If pupils are absent (and we understand they can be ill on occasion) they are not in class and are missing learning sessions.

Our lessons are planned consistently throughout the week, with pupils knowledge and skill building up, for example—our phonics sessions. If a pupils is absent unfortunately they will not experience that consistency of learning. This is vital for progress and understanding. We are looking forward to working with our families this year to achieve the best attendance EVER! Thank you so much for working with us.

FRONT OFFICE

Please note that the School Office is a very busy environment and we would ask you for your patience when coming into school. Just to remind you that the office will be closed 10 am to 12 noon every day, so unless you have an appointment please contact them via email unless your message is urgent then please telephone on 01323 724749. Many thanks.

NEW POLICY

We are following government guidance and implementing a No Phone Policy here at St. Andrew's. We would like to thank you for your help with this policy both in and around school.

DATES FOR DIARY

- 19th Sep:** Prospective Parent Tour (10 -12)
21st Sep: Year 2 Clubs to commence (places to be allocated)
6th & 7th October: Parent/Teacher Consultations (bookings to be made on Arbor)
14th October: Harvest Festival (pupils only)
Contributions to Foodbank/Matthew 25
15th October: School Individual Photo
20th October: Prospective Parents Open Evening 4—6 p.m. (see dates for parent tours below)
22nd October: Last Day of Term
23rd October: INSET Day - school closed

ONLINE SAFETY

We would like to celebrate our comprehensive, skill-based computing programme of study—huge thanks to Mr C. In each session we look at these rules which we find a really good way to help our children learn and understand how to be safe online.



PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

Tours for prospective parents starting school in September 2027:

19th September (10—12), 21st & 22nd October (9-9.30 or 11-11.30), 3rd & 6th November (9-9.30 or 11-11.30) and 9th November at 4 p.m. If you would like to book on one of the tours please contact the school office. Thank you.

Christine
Mrs. C. Meakins (Headteacher)

PLEASE APPLY FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

All children are entitled to get a Free School Meal at St. Andrew's. However, the school relies on PP (Pupil Premium) funding for those children who qualify. If you think your child maybe entitled please Google East Sussex County Council Free School Meals and click on the link to apply. Many thanks.

[Free School Meals](#)



Get active and enjoy our coached, fun-filled term-time sessions packed with drills, skills, games, matches, and tournaments!

Whether you're new to the sport or looking to improve your technique, our friendly coaches will help you build confidence, develop skills, and have a great time on the court or pitch!

FOOTBALL FUN!

Mondays 4pm-5pm
Fridays - 4pm-5pm

TABLE TENNIS FUN!

Mondays 5pm-6pm

TENNIS FUN!

Fridays 5:15pm-6:15pm

LITTLE TEKKERS!

Tuesdays 5pm-5:45pm

£3.90 per session. Discount on upfront term book applies.
Please bring some water, and wear sports clothing or casual clothing with trainers.

Double Discount!

Any two activities just
£6 per person!

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DOJO COMMUNICATION

It is super to see our Class Dojo programme being used so proactively—well done to our Reception team!

Just to note—please could all messages on this programme be made Monday to Friday only—thank you.

Please do complete the permission form online if you have not already done so.