

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

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 1 September 2026

A very warm welcome back to St Andrew's C.E. Infants'. We hope you had a good summer break! We aim to distribute a school newsletter on a weekly basis to keep you up to date with events and to celebrate some pupils achievements. Our aims for each of our unique pupils is that they continue to:

- *be excited by learning, becoming an enquiring and flourishing life-long learner;
- *make progress, achieve and attain their personal best, realising success along the way;
- *be surrounded by and learn to demonstrate Christian values, respecting the world in which we live and those that work and play with us;
- *enter daily an environment of respect, trust and high expectation. We expect all our children to be engaged, to be included and to be challenged in each learning experience;
- *know the importance of building friendships and being peacemakers, finding their way along a journey towards faith;

We want our pupils to leave St Andrew's a reader, a writer and mathematician, achieving their potential and having experienced success, being ready to take that next step in absolute confidence!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

You would have received a copy of the School Calendar in term 6. Please note that sometimes we have to change times/event dates so please do check the newsletter for any updates.

AFTER SCHOOL & MORNING CLUB INFORMATION

We've recently changed the way we manage these clubs. They are now bookable solely through Arbor. You can access Arbor through the app or alternatively on the Arbor website. These clubs will now be payable in advance of booking on Arbor (we can no longer accept bank transfer—the only exception is if you use the Government Gateway Scheme).

Both of these clubs take place in the school library. Morning Club (7.30—8.30) is run by Mrs Trotter and Miss Hinkinson and After School Club (3—5 p.m.) is run by Mrs Gilmour and Mrs South. For further information please speak to Mrs Jones/Mrs Lacy at the school office.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Please can we request **NO** birthday treats, with thanks to be bought into school e.g. sweets/cakes etc. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

It is exciting to see all our pupils enjoying full days here at St. Andrew's and we are looking forward to continuing on this path and experiencing full weeks of learning. We would politely request that holidays are taken in school holiday time.

We are hoping to achieve 97%+ attendance this year and will keep you posted on a monthly basis!! Thank you.

Pupils with good to great attendance will be congratulated on a termly basis.

Any continuous lateness will be followed up—it is important your child is in school learning from the start of the school day (8.30a.m.)

FRONT OFFICE

We are looking to trial a new office system from this September. Please note that the School Office will be closed Mondays to Fridays between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. If your message is urgent please call the school office on 01323 724749 but otherwise email the school office (office@standrews-inf.co.uk) and you will receive a response as soon as is possible. Apologies for any inconvenience.

P.T.O

DATES FOR DIARY

14th Sep: Nursery Launch

15th Sep: Meet & Greet for Reception Parents

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

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

St Andrew's C.E. Infants' School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and staff.

Our Child Protection Policy (please see website) states that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Our pupils' welfare is our paramount concern.

The governing body will ensure that our school will safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils and work together with other agencies to ensure that our school has adequate arrangements to identify, assess and support those children who are suffering or likely to suffer harm.

We have 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads (Mrs. Meakins, Mr. Crossinggum, Mrs Whitlock, and Mrs. Weston). Our nominated governor responsible for safeguarding is Mrs Lawrence. Please see further information on our Prospectus Safeguarding Statement on the school website.

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.

KS1 PICK UPS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Thank you for your understanding—as the KS1 area near the library is quite a busy one, please may we request Orcas and Lions parents to be waiting for their pupils first with Raccoons parents moving forward after Lions depart. Armadillos and Koalas to exit through the first door, closest to the gate. Thank you.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED/

READING SUPPORT

We are continuing to focus on our pupils reading skills and we would be delighted to welcome parents/grandparents support to help us in this area. If you have 1/2 hour/ hour a week that you could offer, please do chat to your child's class teacher.

If you would like to come in to volunteer your time elsewhere, please see Mrs Meakins.

You will need to complete a 'Volunteer Application Form' and a DBS certificate. For further information please see the office team. They will be able to give you the necessary paperwork and book a time for you to come in to complete the DBS process.

Once all the paperwork is in place (the office team will inform you) and you will be able to come into school.

PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

Please note that if you have a child who will be starting school in September 2027 we have Parent Tours running on 19th September (a.m.), 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.

P.T.O

PTFA

Our PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friends Association) are reliant on parents to volunteer with the various events that they hold at the school every year to raise money for various projects e.g. extra books etc. If you have any spare time and would like to join them please contact them on: ptfa@standrews-inf.co.uk. They will be pleased to hear from you.

HEALTHY EATING

All schools have been issued guidance on various areas of FS, e.g. eating arrangements and the provision of healthy eating and drinking.

To ensure we are following this guidance may I request that children's drinks bottles contain water thank you. Free milk is also available for all pupils under 5—our provider is 'Cool Milk'. If you would like your child to continue to have milk please contact Cool Milk, direct. We are a **NUT Free School**.

**Our new look
packed lunch
available to chil-
dren at lunch
time!**



START TIME

Please note our school day starts from 8.30 a.m. (gates to open at 8.25 a.m.) and closed gates slightly after 8.30 a.m. End of the school day is 3 p.m. Please make sure your child is at school by 8.30 and collected at 3p.m. every day. We do have an Early Morning and After School Club if you require childcare from 7.30 a.m. and until 5 p.m.

CASHLESS

We are a cashless school. If your child attends Morning and After School Club or a trip is arranged all payments will need to be paid in advance through Arbor. Arbor is our management system which we use for all communications to parents.

INTERVENTIONS & SCREENING

Interventions & screening (language link/speech link) will start over the next couple of weeks. These include: Number Crunchers (Maths Booster), phonics, sensory groups. Please see your child's Class Teacher for more information.

All Intervention Groups run during the school day.

Mrs. C. Meakins

Head Teacher