

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

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 4 October 2026

A very autumnal week with some wonderful opportunities for admiring coloured leaves and enjoying 'the ever changing weather'! Thank you for providing coats/jackets, as we enjoy a few breezy playtimes.

Our Nursery are looking at the 'Little Red Hen' this week and have made some very tasty bread!

Reception are focusing on the classic book of 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes thinking about how we feel if we lose something and who can help us.

Year 1 are describing the infamous character of 'Beegu' using some wonderful adjectives.

Year 2 are developing their maths skills, looking at greater/smaller numbers along with some very competent knowledge of counting in '2's and understanding that these are all even numbers.

POPPIES IN FRONT OFFICE

Just for your information, we have a variety of poppies/wrist bands available and a contribution box in the front office should you like to give to this wonderful charity.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING TEAM

We would like to thank our newly formed MHWB team—which includes Mrs Halbhuber and Mrs Lacy. If you would like to link up with them please email our school office. Thank you.

PEEP (PERSONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN)

For your information, to ensure safety procedures are followed we have an Evacuation Plan in place for our Nursery pupils.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Foodbank and Matthew 25 would love the following items, if you are able to make a contribution for Harvest Festival tomorrow, 14th October.

UHT Milk, Tinned Fruit, Tinned & Packet Soup, Tinned Hot meat, mince beef, chicken in sauce etc, tinned cold meat, ham, corned beef etc, custard, rice pudding, biscuits, pot noodles, tinned sweetcorn/peas/tomatoes, tomato puree, porridge oats, plain flour, chickpeas, butterbeans.

NURSERY GATE

Please ensure all gates are shut following exit or entrance to the Nursery. With thanks indeed for keeping all our pupils safe.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Armadillos class whose attendance last week was 99.33%

For your information we will be doing our usual termly review, so you may receive some correspondence if your child has been absent this term.

DRINKS IN BAGS

Please may we request that **NO** drinks bottles are put in book bags—with thanks. We have had a few books which have been returned to school damaged due to water leaks.

PARKING ON ZIG ZAGS

We have noticed an increase in the cars being parked or idling on the zig zags outside the school. Please can we remind you that **NO** cars should be parked on these areas, to ensure safety of all our school community.

PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

Tours for prospective parents starting school in September 2027:

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

DATES FOR DIARY

14th October: Harvest Festival (pupils only)

Contributions to Foodbank/Matthew 25 - Please see list overleaf from the Foodbank.

15th October: School Individual Photo

19th, 20th, 21st October: Phonics Open Morning (bookings to the office please)

20th October: Prospective Parents Open Evening 4–6 p.m. (see dates for parent tours below)

22nd October: Last Day of Term (Mufti Day—please see information below)

23rd October: INSET Day - school closed

2nd November: School re-opens

MUFTI DAY—23RD OCTOBER

For a number of years we have sponsored a young pupil (Scola) who lives in Kabbubu, a small village in Uganda. This enables Scola to attend a mid-wifery course, receive a daily meal and necessary medications. To continue to support her, all pupils may wear mufti on Thursday 23rd October in exchange, if possible, please for a small contribution to Scola to be made via the Just Giving Page to be set up from next week. Thank you we are very grateful.



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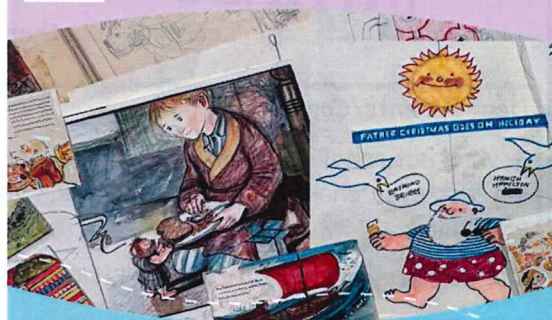
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Discover the Raymond Briggs Archive

Get a glimpse into the Raymond Briggs archive, held at The Keep, and uncover the stories behind his iconic characters. See how the Sussex author and illustrator's ideas evolved from first sketch to finished story, then get creative and make your own comic-strip inspired by Briggs's creative process in an interactive, live-drawing workshop with Hastings based illustrator, artist and author, Benjamin Phillips.

Saturday 17/10 11am-12.30pm

Free event but booking essential. Suitable for ages 6+
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ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

Following our attendance at a recent safeguarding conference :- we want to ensure our pupils are safe, here and online. Responding to advice from the conference we will now, with immediate effect not be putting recognizable pupils faces on our website, Facebook or class dojo.

We will again, following this guidance be requesting that **NO** photos/videos of our pupils to be taken at any time with thanks.

We would be delighted to have a few more St. Andrew's parent/carers joining our school community Facebook page if you can. Thank you!

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Mrs. C. Meakins (Headteacher)