

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

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 3 September 2026

It has been wonderful to see our pupils settle and engage with all the exciting learning opportunities this week. We understand this time of transition and my thanks to pupils, parents and staff working together to ensure this is a positive experience.

Our Nursery pupils have enjoyed the story of the 'Gruffalo' and have been amazing making some wonderful meals outside with some great technical skills! And also some great singing skills are already in place—wonderful to have you here Robins! Our FS have worked on phonics sounds over the last few days—please see below a picture of a tiger from Woodpeckers class, showing their understanding of 'T'. Our Year 1's have enjoyed, in their topic of Me, Myself and I, questions around 'what makes me', thinking about how unique we all are and talking about our interests and what is special to us. Year 2's are unearthing interesting facts about Africa and Australia. They have started looking at some rich text in 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Possum Magic'. Children are demonstrating they have listened so well to the story by retelling it with detail and enthusiasm.

## READING GROUPS

It is super to see our reading hour in full swing. Reading books will be going home on a Wednesday to be returned on a Monday, giving a little more time for enjoying your child's book together.

## CENSUS DAY—1ST OCTOBER

Please note that today **Thursday 1st October** is **Census Day**. For every child who eats a school dinner on this day the school gets increased funding from the Local Authority.

The school dinner on the 1st October has been amended on Relish and will be either Burger, Quorn Hot Dog, Jacket Potato, Pasta or Wrap with an Ice Lolly as a choice for pudding.

The menu will remain the same on Friday 2nd October and will be Fish, Quorn Hot Dog or Sandwich Baguette, as per Week 2 menu.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

## ATTENDANCE

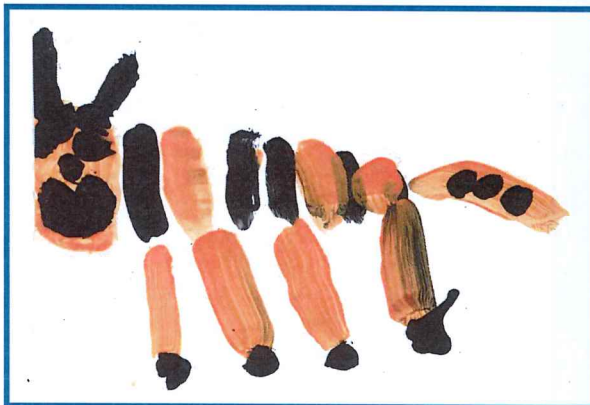
An absolute celebration—lovely to see so many of our pupils gaining 100% attendance over the last few weeks. Well done indeed!

Well done to Armadillos class whose attendance for the last couple of weeks has been 100% and 97.67%. Our Robins class (Nursery) has had 99.31% attendance last week so well done to them too!

## TERM 1 PREVENTATIVE CURRICULUM

This term we are thinking about identifying someone we can talk to as a safe adult.

Our PSHE and RSHE curriculum has been revised to incorporate DfE guidance. We are focusing on friendships and building those positive connections with those around us.



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### DATES FOR DIARY

**6th & 7th October:** Parent/Teacher Consultations (Please remember to book on Arbor - by the 5th October)

**14th October:** Harvest Festival (pupils only)

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

**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

**2nd November:** School re-opens

### 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.

### OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A variety of free clubs - including

- sports
- games
- arts
- drama
- music

and a  
free meal  
each day



for ages 5-16

- Free for benefit related free school meal (FSM) families - (both targeted and expanded groups qualify in October)
- Plus a small number of places available for other eligible groups.
- Please contact [HAF@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@eastsussex.gov.uk) for info to book visit the event list [www.eesqu.org/asechaf](http://www.eesqu.org/asechaf)



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October groups  
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resilience fund

### ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

Checking the filtering function of the device children are using.

Checking the age range on games

Checking the time spent

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