

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

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 34 July 2026

My huge thanks to both FS and Year 1 who last week shared and performed their extraordinary shows. To see our youngest pupils, with absolute confidence and emanating joy perform to us all this week was quite something, we are delighted and so proud of each and every pupil.

Our Year 2's are rehearsing their leavers service with the confidence of utter professionals!

My thanks to all our staff for their planning, choreography and dancing skills.

DATES FOR DIARY

13th July: Year 1 Sports Day (1.30 p.m.)



14th July: Prospective Nursery Pupils

Year 2 to Tollgate to see 'Joseph' (a.m.)

15th July: Meet & Greet your child's teacher (3.10 p.m.)

16th July: Year 2 Leavers Service & Garden Party at 1.30 p.m.

21st July: Last day of Term 6 (No ASC on this day)

7th September: School open for Year 1/2

HUGGG HOLIDAY VOUCHER SCHEME ENDED

This is to inform you that the HUGGG holiday voucher scheme has now ended. However, eligible families in East Sussex can still access the following financial and food assistance:

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) [Equu · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#)

Crisis and Resilience Fund [Crisis and Resilience Fund | East Sussex County Council](#)

General Cost of Living Support [Cost of living support | East Sussex County Council](#)

MEDICATIONS

If your child has a new medical condition or allergy—please let us know asap.

My thanks to Mrs Weatherall and Mrs Jones for supporting our pupils who require medications in school, thank you to all our families for working closely with us.

MENU CHANGE REMINDER

Please remember on the last day of term (21st July) school dinner will be Fish and Chips with a biscuit. There will be no Jacket Potatoes or Packed lunches available—apologies.

Our Gallery shot—Well done Mrs Whitlock and Rio for their stunning illustrations this week!



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DELAYED ENTRY TO SCHOOL & LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Our school kitchen are happy to provide all children a school lunch on a daily basis, however if your child is going to be late into school and you have not booked a lunch on Relish or let the office know their choice in advance the kitchen staff may only be able to offer a school packed lunch. If they arrive after 11 a.m. please provide a home packed lunch. Many thanks.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Glow Worms Class, whose attendance was 96.5% last week.

Message from Mrs Stephen

How lucky am I to have something so good, that makes saying goodbye so hard. It is with mixed feelings that I say goodbye to the whole school community at St. Andrew's. I have worked at St. Andrew's for 15 years and I will find it really difficult to say goodbye. St. Andrew's will always hold a very special place in my heart. I have had the privilege of teaching so many delightful children and working closely with their families. Working with children has always been my passion and I'm not quite sure how I will cope as I take early retirement. As you are aware I am also extremely passionate about Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing. Please remember: We all have Mental Health, sometimes it is OK and sometimes it is not. It is OK not to be OK. Reach out and ask for help. Find someone that you trust to talk to. It has been my pleasure to support colleagues, parents and carers, and pupils with their Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing. But it is now time for me to take some time for me and my family and our Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing. I look forward to popping back to St. Andrew's to say hello and to have a tour of the new nursery. Wishing you all the very best for the future. Remember to take good care of you and yours.

Kind regards from Jacqueline Stephen

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our school community for coping so well in this instant summer. The positive response from parents and carers 2 weeks ago was so appreciated in a challenging time. We continue to monitor temperatures and are looking at flexible working in the school.

GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

From 25th June to 1st September 2026 the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England. Visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk> to find a participating venue.

Message regarding Mrs Weatherall

Our huge thanks to Mrs Weatherall for being a force for good in all areas of school life. She can organise things in an instant or plan procedures for the entire school in the blink of an eye!

We wish Mrs Weatherall and Mrs Stephen the absolute best.

Mrs. C. Meakins
(Head Teacher)

ADVERT FOR ANA (Additional Needs Assistant)

We have a fixed term opportunity for an Additional Needs Assistant to support in FS. If you would be interested please enquire at office@standrews-inf.co.uk for an application form. Application deadline is Monday 20th July at 3 p.m.

Family Activities 4th Jul - 5th Sept

Get Creative with Arts and Crafts
Thursdays 11.00 - 12.00

Scavenger Hunt, Board Games and Colouring
Daily during opening hours

Eastbourne Library
All ages welcome for these free drop-in activities

This is your library

Read to the Beat Stop Motion Animation Workshop

Join our friends from Tiger Monkey UK for a stop motion animation workshop. Create your own characters and stories from hand-drawn to model-making, then watch them come to life making your own soundtrack and beats.

Eastbourne Library
23 July 26 2.30pm - 4pm

Free but booking is essential
www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraryevents
suitable for ages 6+

This is your library

Tiger Monkey

Read to the Beat Make a Musical Instrument Workshop

Join Emma from Tiger Monkey UK at our fun summer holiday workshops where you can make your very own musical instrument from recycled materials. Get creative and have fun making your own musical beat!

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