

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

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 16 January 2026

Welcome back to term 3. Do hope you had a good break. It's a little chilly - lovely to see all the wonderful hats, scarves and gloves! (thank you so much for naming these if possible)—we are so grateful. It is so good to see your children enjoying their learning opportunities from the first day back in school on Tuesday—there was happy engagement seen in every class! Our Year 2's are busy describing a new book character—the lonely beast—Harry (Orcas) noted 'He looks dreadful, but he is kind'. FS are having fun with this new text, 'The Hairy Toe' with some wonderful pictures being drawn and early sentences describing events being seen. Year 1 have been describing their wonderful class staff—please see Bluebell's description of Mrs Weston.



## DATES FOR DIARY

**12th Jan:** Prospective Parent Tours at 9 & 11 a.m. (Booking required—please contact the school office)

**13th, 14th & 19th Jan:** Stay, Play & Read 8.45–10.15 a.m. (Contact the office to book please)

**23rd Jan:** Foodbank Friday

**28th Jan:** Festival of Light

Bluebell's picture &  
description of Mrs  
Weston



Mrs Weston is lovely.  
she has brown hair  
she is funny.

## REMINDER TO APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

East Sussex County Council have asked us to remind all parents/carers of children who will reach the age of 4 on or before 31 August 2026 that the deadline for applying for a school place for September 2026 is 15 January 2026. Children whose parents apply after the deadline are much less likely to be offered a place at their preferred school, even if they already have an older brother or sister there, so it is very important to apply before the deadline.

Families can apply online using this link: [How to apply for a primary or junior school place | East Sussex County Council](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/primary-junior-school-places). Parents are encouraged not to leave it until the last minute in case of technical issues. Anyone who does experience technical difficulties should email [admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

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## FREE WELLBEING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The Mental Health Support Team are offering a range of free workshops to support children's emotional wellbeing. These include in-person sessions at local Family Hubs and small-group online sessions, as well as a collection of watch-anytime wellbeing webinars.

For all details and to book: <https://buytickets.at/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation>

In-Person sessions: **Taming the Worries**—various dates, locations across East Sussex / Next Stop Secondary (Transitions) - 1st June, Shinewater Family Hub

Online Lunch & Chat Sessions: Secondary Children's Wellbeing—25th Feb, 1–2.30 p.m. / Primary Children's Wellbeing—21st Jan, 1–2.30 p.m. / Next Stop Secondary (Transitions) - 17th June, 1-2.30 p.m.

Free Recorded Webinars (Watch Anytime): Topics include exam stress, anxiety and worry, tricky mornings, children's wellbeing and moving to secondary school.

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

St Andrews Infant CE School's  
**Festival of Light!**

Come and join us at our first ever festival of light  
 on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
 From 4.30pm (gates open) in the playground.  
 Come and join in with...

**Our Light Parade**

Singing, Storytelling  
 and Refreshments!



### NSPCC

We will be following the recommended NSPCC guidance next week and using the jolly 'Pantosaurus' song to remind us of the importance of respecting others and playing safely at all times.

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

Mrs. C. Meakins  
 Head Teacher



Junior Activities @Hampden Park Sports Centre

### FOOTBALL FUN

Monday's  
 4pm - 5pm  
 Ages - 7 yrs. - 12 yrs.

Friday's  
 4pm - 5pm  
 Ages - 7 yrs. - 12 yrs.



### LITTLE TEKKERS FOOTBALL FUN

Tuesday's  
 5pm - 5:45pm  
 Ages - 4 yrs. - 6 yrs.



**AUTUMN DOUBLE DISCOUNT!**  
 2 sessions £5.00

### TABLE TENNIS FUN!

Monday's  
 5pm - 6pm  
 Ages - 7 yrs. - 14 yrs.



### TENNIS FUN

Friday's  
 5:15pm - 6:15pm  
 Ages - 6 yrs. - 12 yrs.

Any first session Free throughout January.

To book your child on email

shauni.hamling@waveactive.org or call 01323 509859

sporteastbourne@waveactive.org

Visit us: www.waveactive.org

### TERM 3—LEARNING TOPICS

FS: Once Upon a Rhyme

YEAR 1: The Wonderful world of Mr Men & Little Misses

YEAR 2: The Enchanted Wood

### ATTENDANCE

Well done to Seahorses Class, whose attendance was 98.33% this week.

### FOODBANK FRIDAY (23RD JANUARY)

We would be delighted to help our local Foodbank re-stock after Christmas and if your child is able to bring a small contribution e.g. tin of soup, tin tomatoes on this day that would be amazing! Many thanks.