

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

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 1 September 2025

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!

MEDICINES

If you would like your child to receive any medication in the school day please may you contact the school office for a consent form. All medicines must be brought to the school office and not sent in your child's book bag.

Medicines are administered if:

It is prescribed medication only or for medical needs e.g. asthma.

If you have any queries, please do get in touch, thank you.

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 CLUB INFORMATION

We provide 2 clubs daily during the school term. Our Morning Club (7.30—8.30) and After School Club (3—5 p.m.) - both take place in the school library. For further information please ask at the school office. For a limited time (until the end of term 4) we are able to offer our ASC until 5.30 p.m. Please ask in the front office.

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 97%+ 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.)

NEW FRONT OFFICE LAYOUT

We are grateful to DCAT for supporting us with an office refurbishment! When you need to pop into the front office you will be buzzed in as usual and then please approach the hatch where you will be able to chat to a member of our office team. If you have signed in, a new door will take you into our new office area and you will be guided to the appropriate classroom/staff member.

P.T.O

DATES FOR DIARY

22nd Sep: Year 2 Clubs to commence (places to be allocated)

23rd Sep: FS Meet & Greet with Parents at 8.45 a.m. (Do come to the school office and you will be welcomed with tea, cake and a chat!)

3rd October: School Individual Photo

7th & 8th October: Parent/Teacher Consultations (bookings should be open on Arbor from 29th Sept)

15th Oct: Harvest Festival (Pupils Only)

PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

Please note that if you have a child who will be starting school in September 2026 we have Parent Tours running on the 5th, 6th, 10th and 11th November. If you would like to book on one of the tours please contact the school office from the beginning of October. Thank you.

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

ALL FS PARENTS

Our FS team will be carrying out a statutory assessment called the RBA (Reception Baseline Assessment) this term.

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 Koalas and Raccoons parents a little further out into the main playground. Please do then move forward as Orcas and Lions depart. 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.

INTERVENTIONS & SCREENING

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

All Intervention Groups run during the school day.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

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

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 3 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. (5.30 p.m. for a limited time)

HEALTHY EATING

All schools have been issued new 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.

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.

Our new look packed lunch available to children at lunch time!



C. Meakins

Mrs. C. Meakins

Head Teacher