

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

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 5 October 2025

A productive week here at St. Andrew's with FS working with phonics—we have already practiced SATPIN and are beginning to try making other words with these phonemes. Year 1's are developing their excellent computer skills and creating these pictures of themselves! (please see over) Year 2's have been working on Handa's Surprise and trying a variety of adjectives—Elephants sentence this week 'The stripy, intelligent zebra took the juicy red orange'.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Please could I possibly remind all pupils to stay with their adult before the school gates open, thank you. Pupils have been seen climbing walls into the bin area which is unsafe.

JIM'S WORKSHOP

We are very excited to invite Jim from World Music Workshops in to give the children a fantastic opportunity to hear and take part in making some real African music! As well as having a look at some traditional musical instruments which we will use as inspiration for our own D.T. project (Design/Technology).

This has been funded by a generous benefactor—huge thanks indeed!

Jim's Workshop is visiting Year 2 on Thursday 9th October.

MY EMOTION COACH

We're pleased to share a new local service that may be of interest to you, a family member or friend.

My Emotion Coach is a new emotional wellbeing service founded by Jemma, a former Deputy Headteacher and SENCO with over 14 years of experience in primary education. She offers support for children, parents, and school staff through 1:1 and small group sessions, as well as advice, training, and consultation.

Jemma's approach is rooted in therapeutic thinking and mental health awareness, and she brings a wealth of expertise in supporting emotional wellbeing.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Chinchillas Class, whose attendance was 99.54% this week.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Just a reminder that these are taking place on the 7th and 8th October for all classes except Elephants which is on the 7th and 9th October. Please book on Arbor—bookings close the day before consultations commence. Any problems please contact the school office.

YEAR 2 TRIP TO HERSTMONCEUX

Our Year 2's are very excited to be visiting the Science Centre at Herstmonceux on Tuesday 11th November. Year 2 parents/carers should have received a letter with all the relevant information; please make sure the reply slip and payment is made on Arbor by Friday 17th October, at the latest. Thank you.

MENTAL HEALTH PARENT TEAM

We are delighted to let you know we have a new link with the local Mental Health team (John Barron) —my thanks to our MHWB Lead, Mrs Stephen for this. He will be visiting St. Andrew's on our parents evening Tuesday 7th October from 3.45 p.m. If you would like to have a quick chat with John please let the school office know and we can facilitate this.

ONLINE SAFETY

We use the 4 C's here at St. Andrew's to look at areas of online safety.

C - Content

C - Contact

C - Conduct

C - Commerce

Conduct: Being aware of online behaviours

P.T.O

DATES FOR DIARY

2nd Oct: Census Day

3rd Oct: School Individual Photo

Pre-loved Uniform Sale at 3 p.m.

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

15th Oct: Harvest Festival (Pupils Only) Food donations please

23rd Oct: Last day of term

24th Oct: INSET day (No school for pupils)

3rd Nov: School Open (Term 2)

6th Nov: Flu Vaccines (info to follow)

PROSPECTIVE PARENT EVENING & TOURS

If you have a child or know someone with a child that is due to start school in September 2026 you are invited to come along to the Prospective Parent Evening on the 4th November from 4–6 p.m. All welcome.

We shall also be holding some Parent Tours on the 5th, 6th, 10th and 11th November at either 9 or 11 a.m. The tours require booking so please contact the school office if you would like to join one of them.

FOODBANK ASSEMBLY

We look forward to welcoming the Foodbank on Wednesday 8th October and will be collecting food stuffs next week at our Harvest.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival is taking place on Wednesday 15th October. Please may your child bring in an item (if possible) which we can donate to Foodbank and Matthew 25 Mission. Many thanks.

Items that are required: Tinned - meats (hot/cold), tinned vegetables, fish or fruit, packet soup, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, sugar, toilet rolls, UHT milk, tomato sauce, salt/pepper, toiletries e.g shampoo, baby wipes etc.


Mrs. C. Meakins
Head Teacher



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

THANK YOU

To Eastbourne Borough Football Club who have let us have some wonderful astro turf. This is forming our Reflection area, located in our school playground—a place to be, a place to pause.

IQM

Our Inclusion Quality Mark symbol arrived today—my huge thanks to all our amazing staff whose hearts are for all our children here. Special thanks to Mrs Whitlock for leading SEND throughout the school so passionately.

HARRY'S 'RAINBOW BOX' & YEAR 1 HARPER & JOSHUA'S COMPUTER SKILL PICTURES

