St. Andrew's Newsletter 1

Autumn 2025

On behalf of all the staff and governors of St. Andrew's, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome back our children, parents and carers to school. We trust that you had a restful summer break.

We wish all our Year 6 leavers good luck at their new secondary schools and hope that they experience a smooth transition over the coming weeks.

School Permissions

Each year, we seek permission from all parents/carers with regards to various aspects of your child's school life. In recent years, we have adopted an electronic system using MS Forms which has proved successful and reduced the amount of paper that the school must distribute.

Please can you follow the link below and complete the form by Friday 12 September. Please complete one form per child.

Please note, if your child has started in reception, you should have already completed this form as part of their admissions pack and do not need to complete it again if you have already done so.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SBM6AENPn0yEu3JCo9UnqblH17QWhCNHpBpRKfUuqvNUNFdLTTc4ME4wOUgwOFE0SjdKRjdDVElBSCQlQCN0PWcu

Medicines

Any medicines should be handed in to the school office along with a completed permission form. These forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website. Please note, we are not in a position to administer Calpol or Ibuprofen 'as and when', ideally only prescribed medicines should be administered by school staff during the school day:

https://www.standrews-woodhallspa.org.uk/medicines-in-school/

After School Clubs 2025/6

We will continue to offer a selection of extra-curricular clubs for St Andrew's pupils during Term 1. Please follow the link below and make a booking if your child would like to take part. Please note that owing to low uptake during the last school year, we have reduced our booking with JB Sports to a Monday only, for children in Years 2 – 6.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SBM6AENPn0yEu3JCo9UnqblH17QWhCNHpBpRKfUuqvNUMDlPWExCUTQxOUM1SFhYVUZGTUQyRVpMSCQlQCN0PWcu

School Meals

Please remember that school meals must be ordered by 3pm on the preceding Tuesday. To avoid wasting food, our school operates a 'basket empty' system by default. This means that a meal will not be ordered unless an order is placed.

https://thefarmkitchen.com/

School Break Time Milk

A reminder that your child's free milk entitlement ends when he/she reaches his/her fifth birthday. Children are still welcome to enjoy milk during their morning break if they wish to do so, however, you will need to visit the Cool Milk website and place an order.

www.coolmilk.com

EYFS & KS1 Snack Time Fruit & Vegetables

Please be aware that the School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme have advised us that they are unable to deliver to us on the following dates. You may wish to send a healthy snack in to school for your child as a replacement *(agreed healthy snacks include fruit, vegetables, fromage frais style yoghurt, cheese).*

Wednesday 3 September, Tuesday 9 September, Tuesday 16 September, Tuesday 23 September.

Kids Club HQ

Kids Club staff would be grateful if parents/carers would log in to their KCHQ account and update their child's year group and class for the coming school year. This enables staff to ensure smooth drop off/collection of your child from their classroom at the start/end of the school day for both Breakfast and Afterschool Club.

Allergies in School

Please note that we have a child in school with severe allergies to nuts and raisins. Any exposure to nuts or raisins through contact or ingestion could result in the child experiencing anaphylaxis, which is a sudden, severe allergic reaction that requires immediate medical treatment and is potentially fatal. Owing to the seriousness of this allergy, we talk to all children in school regularly about the importance of not sharing food.

Therefore, we would ask that you do not give your child a pot or box of raisins or nuts as a snack. These have a tendency to spill either on the table, floor or playground and pose a risk. Thank you for your support in this.

Year 5/6 Children Leaving Site Alone At The End Of The School Day

If you wish to notify your child's class teacher that you give permission for your Year 5/6 child to leave site alone at the end of the school day, please follow the link below to complete the permission form.

If this is something that you are considering, please take into consideration your child's age, maturity as well as the distance from school and safety of the route before making this decision.

For occasional events, please do not use this form and instead put a note in your child's planner for the class teacher and ring the school office as normal.

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Illness in School

A reminder that we operate a 48-hour exclusion period for any child who has suffered from sickness or diarrhoea. This means that if your child has been unwell, he/she will need to remain absent from school for 48-hours from their last bout of illness.

In this case, please ensure that a parent/carer phones the school office and leaves a message on the answer machine/completes a Parentmail absence form to inform us that a child will be absent on the first morning of their absence and every subsequent day.

PE Days

Please find below a schedule of class PE days for Term 1. Children should continue to come to school dressed in their PE kit on days when they have a PE lesson.

RLR – Fridays

EJ – Mondays

1TS – Thursdays

1DW - Thursdays

2LL – Tuesdays & Wednesdays

2AB – Tuesdays & Fridays

2AM – Mondays & Fridays

2GM – Thursdays & Fridays

2CR – Wednesdays & Fridays

Aylmerton Residential July 2026

If any of our Year 5 & 6 children are interested in attending the Aylmerton residential visit in July 2026, please follow the link below to complete the form. We still have availability and would love to see as many children as possible attend. The form has been reopened to accept further responses until Thursday lunchtime (4th).

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SBM6AENPn0yEu3JCo9UnqXsDVhA_cDdLjPN2ck3mgchURjFPWlNCRDdYQjZTT0VINUhPN005Q1dFViQlQCN0PWcu

Term Dates

Finally, a reminder that we have adopted a two-week October half term again this school year. Please see a copy of this year's term dates below.

SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS 2025/2026

2025/2026	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
AUG	25	26	27	28	29	
SEPT	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	Term 1
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	33 days
SEPT/OCT	29	30	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	
NOV	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	Term 2
	24	25	26	27	28	
DEC	1	2	3	4	5	35 days
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
JAN 2026	29	30	31	1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	Term 3
	26	27	28	29	30	
FEB	2	3	4	5	6	30 days
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
MAR	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	Term 4
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	29 days
MAR/APR	30	31	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
APR/MAY	27	28	29	30	1	Term 5
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	24 days
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	
JUN	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	Term 6
	22	23	24	25	26	
JUN/JUL	29	30	1	2	3	39 days
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
KEY	BANK HOLIDAYS		SCHOOL DAYS			190 Days