

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

03.09.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

My staff and I would like to welcome everyone back to school at the start of the 2025-2026 academic year. I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and made the most of the glorious weather – although the weather has changed and it feels like Autumn already this week.



Welcome!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children, parents and carers to our school family. We have full Nursery and Reception classes and are welcoming some other children to our other classes in the next few days. I hope that everyone feels welcome and soon feel part of our St Andrews family:

'Pupils value their diverse community. Many pupils at the school are new to the country. Nevertheless, they settle quickly, make new friends and catch up where they have missing knowledge. Pupils told inspectors that it does not matter who you are because everyone is treated the same at St Andrew's School. Pupils learn to listen to, and show respect for, others.'

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Good news!

I am delighted to share that Miss Cregan had her baby over the summer. Cora Elsa Rose was born on 16th August. Both Mum and Cora are doing well. We hope to meet Cora (and Miss Cregan of course!) at some point later this year.



Changes here at school

As we continue to enhance our spirituality here at school, we have adapted our Collective Worship and Behaviour Policy to include the following symbols:



Window – Looking out
“How might they feel?”



Mirror – Looking in
“How do I feel about what I did now?”



Door – Stepping forward
“What can I do to put things right?”

which will help our children to reflect on their choices by putting others first, as encouraged by our school values of love, honesty, forgiveness and respect. This is the focus for our first collective worship sessions. (Mark 21:31)

As you may be aware, children receive rewards on Friday afternoon for making the right choices during Enrichment Time. From next week, if a child loses some Enrichment Time for consistently making wrong choices then a Parent App message will be sent home. This is at the request of some families who felt that they would like to be informed on these occasions. If this happens on three consecutive weeks then parents and carers will be asked to come into school. Please see our Behaviour Policy on our website for further information.

End of the day/Collection of children

To enable all of our children to be reunited with parents and carers at the end of the school day, staff bring out our classes onto the yard and line them up to enable staff to see adults clearly. Although I appreciate that adults are keen to collect their children quickly, please can adults stand away from doors and exits gates to enable staff to line the children up.

Some parents and carers congregate near the Y1 and 2 exit door and try to take children as they are leaving (before being lined up) which causes congestion and slows the children from leaving the building. It also makes it difficult for staff to safely hand over children to families. Please could all adults help us to keep our children safe by:

- allowing the children to leave the building and line up before taking children
- avoiding congregating by exit doors and gates

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- waiting until children have been collected before asking to come in to school to meet with staff or to collect forgotten items

Thank you

PE Days from 08.09

Children should wear games kit on arrival at school on these days.

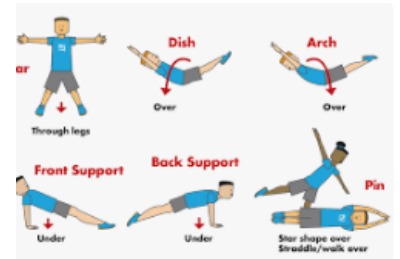
Monday: Nursery, Year 1

Tuesday: Y6, Y4 Swimming (starting 09.09)

Wednesday: Y2, Y4,

Thursday: Y3

Friday: Reception, Y5



For PE pupils may choose from the following:

- Plain white t-shirt (polo neck or round neck)
- Plain black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black pumps or trainers
- Optional St Andrews PE Hoodie



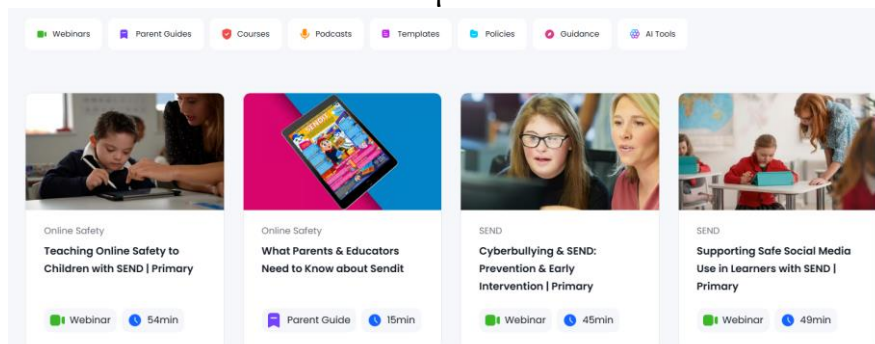
Access to The National College continues to be funded by our school budget and provides a Family Toolbox with free resources and courses for parents and carers to help understand and navigate complex issues like online safety, mental health, SEND and climate education for children. Through their weekly '#Wake Up Wednesday' guides and on-demand online courses, they aim to increase parental knowledge and confidence, providing expert guidance to foster age-appropriate discussions and support children's well-being.

Wake Up Wednesday guides:

Weekly expert guides on topics such as online safety, mental health, and climate education.

Online safety courses:

Free, age-specific courses that explain the digital world children experience, potential risks, and how parents can support them. Here are some examples:



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Parent guides:

Information sheets on popular apps and games, helping parents understand potential risks and how to safeguard children.

Expert guidance:

Resources developed by safeguarding experts, with content presented by Myleene Klass, a passionate online safety advocate.

To access these really useful and free resources, please sign up here:

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-andrew-s-ce-primary-school-3>

Reminders

- Please can children bring a coat to school every day.
- Please let our office staff know if any key information (names, address, email, phone number, medical) has changed recently.
- Please can children with asthma have the 'use by' dates on all inhalers checked and replaced if needed

Uniform

Pupils may choose a uniform from the following list:

- Yellow polo t-shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan
- Dark grey trousers (black will be accepted)
- Dark grey skirt (knee length)
- Dark grey shorts (knee length)
- Grey tights
- Grey / white socks with dresses or skirts
- Grey or Black socks with trousers
- School appropriate plain all- black footwear (no white soles, coloured ticks etc.)
- Plain stud earrings
- No necklaces, rings or other pieces of jewellery
- Plain black headscarves
- Discrete, plain black or royal blue hair clips, bobbles etc.

General appearance

Pupils must be smart and appropriately presented for school. This includes:

- No nail polish
- No false nails
- No tattoos/transfers etc (Mendi which remain from religious/cultural celebrations will be allowed)
- No severe haircuts including 'tramlines' or material/large beads when hair is plaited or braided
- Hair should not be dyed – neither temporary/permanent

Autumn Term 2025 Key Dates (subject to change)	
September	
3 rd	Children in school
15 th	Clubs start
19 th	Y6 Sharing Assembly
22 nd	Week of Y6 Prayer Assembly
26 th	Y5 Sharing Assembly
29 th -1 st	Lledr Hall Begin Harvest Collection
October	
3 rd	Y4 Sharing Assembly
6 th	Week of Y5 Prayer Assembly
8 th	KS2 Harvest Event @ St Andrews Church
10 th	Y3 Sharing Assembly
13 th	Flu Vaccinations
14 th	School Photos
17 th	Y2 Sharing Assembly
23 rd	KS2 Music Celebration
24 th	School is closed
November	
3 rd 4 th	Parents Evenings
10 th	Y4 class prayer assembly week
11 th	Buildings and Finance Committee
14 th	Y1 Sharing Assembly
19 th	Standards and Welfare Committee
24 th	Parliament Week
December	
1 st	Y3 Class Prayer Assembly Week Mathstermind Competition
3 rd	Panto Day Full Governing Board Meeting
5 th	Clubs finish Awaiting Christmas dates

God bless,
Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

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