



“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!

17.09.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Collective Worship theme of Generosity continues where we have been focusing loving others, sacrifice, giving cheerfully and caring for creation (Mark 12:31, Luke 21 1-4, 2 Corinthians 9:7 and Genesis 2:15) We have been listening to different music themes including folk and jazz.

Sharing Assemblies

Unfortunately our Y6 Sharing Assembly has been cancelled this week owing to staff absence. The Y5 Sharing Assembly is next week (26.09.25)

Homework

Children should all now have their log ins and passwords to access their homework. Our homework expectations are detailed in our Homework Policy and includes as follows:

Homework in the Foundation Stage. (Nursery and Reception)

Daily reading practice begins with shared reading in the Foundation Stage. In Nursery and Reception a book will be sent home twice a week. This will be from the school's reading scheme, and your child will continue to use these books until he or she progresses to a wider choice of books. In Reception (and Nursery from the Spring Term) there will also be a weekly phonics and/or handwriting homework and after October half term a Maths homework will be set too. Parents/carers will be given a Tapestry log in to monitor their child's progress and to upload any activities to share with staff.

Homework in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)

- *Daily reading is preferable but 3x a week as a minimum*
- *Key words and/or spellings to learn at home as required*
- *An online task in a core subject (English, Maths, Science) to be completed each week*
- *Y2 – TT Rockstars*

Homework in Year 3 and 4

- *Daily reading is preferable but 3x a week as a minimum*
- *Weekly spellings*

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- *Weekly multiplications set on TimesTable RockStars (stages determined by National Curriculum guidance and teacher assessment)*
- *An online task in a core and foundation subject (English, Maths, Science) to be completed each week*

Homework in Year 5 and 6

- *Daily reading is preferable but 5x a week as a minimum*
- *Weekly spellings*
- *Weekly multiplications set on TimesTable RockStars (stages determined by National Curriculum guidance and teacher assessment)*
- *An online task in both core (English and Maths) plus a foundation subject (e.g. Science, Computing) to be completed each week.*
- *Y6 will get some extra tasks from January as part of SAT preparation and transition to high school.*

TT Rockstars is an excellent resource for children to learn their times tables. Year groups have specific times tables to learn as follows:

- Y2 (2x 5x 10x),
- Y3 (3x, 4x, 8x),
- Y4 (6x, 7x, 9x, 11x 12x)



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:

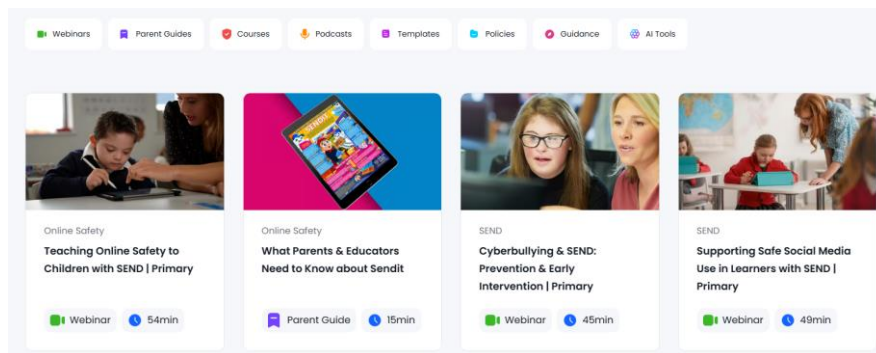
Weekly expert guides on topics such as online safety, mental health, and climate education.

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>

School Clubs Cancelled

All school clubs are cancelled on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th September and 1st October as staff are at Lledr Hall with our Y5 and 6 children.

Reminders

Please could parents and carers write children's names in all school uniform, including coats.

Please could parents and carers of our Reception children ensure that the children have a bag in school large enough to take home their reading book and talking homework book.

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 exit 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

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- avoiding congregating by exit doors and gates
- waiting until children have been collected before asking to come in to school to meet with staff or to collect forgotten items. Adults are not allowed to enter school by exit doors. All visitors should use our main office door.

Thank you

Here are our termly dates for parents including Christmas festivities.

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 KS2 Carol Concert at St Andrews Church
7 th	Audacious Big Sing Event
8 th	AM Nativity Dress Rehearsal (N & R)
9 th	Rev Jez Collective Worship PM N & R Nativity Performance
10 th	AM N & R Christmas Performance
11 th	Christmas Lunch
12 th	AM KS1 Dress Rehearsal
15 th	PM KS1 Performance
16 th	AM KS1 Performance
17 th	PM Christmas Parties
18 th	End of term (3.20pm finish)
School re-opens 6 th January 2026	

God bless,
Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

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