

"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!

21.07.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the finish line of another fantastic academic year, it's time for our final newsletter before school closes off for a well-earned summer break. Where has the year gone? It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back, and now we're wondering how we've already reached July!

It's certainly been a year to remember! From brilliant classroom learning and exciting after-school clubs to memorable school trips, wonderful performances, sporting events, and special assemblies, our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and plenty of smiles (and the occasional missing jumper!).



On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers. Your support, encouragement, and involvement throughout the year have meant so much. Whether you've helped with homework, cheered from the audience at performances, volunteered your time, remembered the last-minute costume requests, or simply supported your child every step of the way, you have played an important part in making our school community such a special place.

We are incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together this year. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family and for the wonderful partnership between home and school. We wish you all a happy, relaxing, and fun-filled summer, and we look

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forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year!



On a sadder note, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Bray and Miss O'Connor. As you know, Mrs Bray was on secondment and starts a permanent deputy head teacher position closer to home. Miss O'Connor stepped into Year 3 in January and we all wish her well in her career.

End of Year Reports

On Friday you should have received your child's end of year report along with a letter containing a slip that should be signed and returned to school so that we know that you have received it. Please could all signed slips be returned to school by tomorrow. Thank you.

Parent Pay

Please could all Parent Pay arrears (Breakfast Club, School Dinners, Trips) be settled by tomorrow. Thank you.

Breakfast Club from September 2026

I am thrilled to announce that we were successful in our application to offer a free Breakfast Club, supported by the DFE. St Andrews will offer a free Breakfast Club from 2nd September 2026. It is available between 8am and 8.45am.



Start of Term Absences

Please be aware that since August 2024, head teachers cannot authorise absences for holidays, travel abroad, absences to visit ill or elderly relatives, to enable parents to fulfil work commitments or to attend weddings. Attendance from the first school day in September (2nd September) is crucial:

1. Legal Requirement

In England, school attendance is compulsory once a child is registered at a school. Parents can face fines or legal action if children miss school without an authorised reason; this applies from the first day of term.

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2. Key Information and Routines Are Introduced

Teachers explain the curriculum, behaviour expectations, homework systems, and classroom rules. Children learn about class routines, carpet places, where their pegs and trays are etc.

3. Academic Readiness

Children often begin introductory lessons or assessments to help teachers set learning targets. Missing this can result in a rocky start and difficulty catching up.

New To You Service/Book Amnesty

As it is coming to the end of the school year, please could families check that all school books have been returned. We also welcome any school uniform, particularly larger sizes, for our 'New To You' service. All donations and returned books are gratefully received.

School closes tomorrow at 2.30pm following the Y6 Leavers Assembly. All Parents and Carers are welcome. The assembly begins at 1.30 and we ask that anyone attending arrives between 1.10-1.20 to enable everyone to be seated, including the children. Late arrivals can be very disruptive, particularly when the hall is full once the assembly has begun.

To our wonderful Year 6 children



As you get ready to leave St Andrew's and begin your next exciting adventure, I want you to know that you will always be a part of our St Andrew's family. No matter where life takes you, there will always be a place for you here, where you will be welcomed with open arms, cheered on, and remembered with great pride.

Watching you grow over the years into the wonderful young people you are today has been a real privilege. You have made us laugh, made us proud, amazed us with your talents, and brightened our days with your kindness, determination, and enthusiasm. Each of you has left

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your own special mark on St Andrew's, and our school is all the better because you have been part of it.

As you take your next steps, remember to believe in yourself, be brave enough to try new things, stay curious, work hard, and always choose kindness. There will be exciting opportunities ahead, along with a few challenges too, but I know you have everything you need to succeed. Trust yourself, keep smiling, and never stop being the incredible person you are.

Although we will miss seeing your familiar faces around school, we couldn't be prouder of you or more excited to see what the future holds. Dream big, enjoy every moment, and remember that once you're part of St Andrew's, you'll always be part of the family. We can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you'll go on to achieve.



We wish all our families a restful, safe break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new school year on Wednesday 2nd September.

God bless,

Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

Autumn Term 2026 Key Dates for Parents (subject to change)	
September	
02.09	Children start
08.09	Rocksteady Launch day
14.09	Local History /Eccles Art Fortnight Clubs start
18.09	Y6 Sharing Assembly
21.09	Local History /Eccles Art Fortnight
25.09	Y5 Sharing Assembly
28.09	Flu immunisations
30-1 st	Llethr Hall
October	
02.10	Y4 Sharing Assembly
09.10	Y3 Sharing Assembly
12.10	Last Week of Clubs before half term
16.10	Y2 sharing Assembly
19.10	Harvest Collection
20.10	School Photos
22.10	KS2 Music Celebration Last day for children before half term Neon Night
November	
02.11	Children start back after half term
02.11 03.11	Parents Evenings
09.11	Clubs start
10.11	Buildings and Finance Governors Committee
13.11	Children In Need Y1 Sharing Assembly
16.11	Anti-Bullying Week
17.11	Standards and Welfare Governors Committee
20.11	EYFS/KS1 Music Celebration
23.11	Parliament Week
December	
01.12	Full Governing Board Meeting
02.12	EYFS Panto KS1&2 Panto
07.12	Last week of clubs
08.12	EYFS Christmas production 2pm
09.12	EYFS Christmas production 10am
14.12	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
15.12	KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
17.12	Christmas Parties
18.12	Close For Christmas

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