

Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.


Parable of the Mustard Seed- Matthew 13:31-32

Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families

What a fantastic first week back at St. Andrew's! It has been an absolute joy to see our students return to school with such enthusiasm and bright smiles. The energy in the classrooms and playgrounds has been incredible, and it's clear that everyone is happy to be back.

I'm sure many of you have already seen the wonderful transformation of our outdoor space. The new playground markings have been a huge hit, providing endless fun and creative games during break times. This fantastic new addition is a testament to the tireless work of the St. Andrew's School Association (SASA). Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we are so grateful for their efforts.

We are also eagerly anticipating the grand opening of our new Reading Shed . This special space will provide a cozy and inviting area for our children to dive into the world of books. It is wonderful to see the funds raised from all the amazing events and generous donations being put to such good use. I hope you agree that these improvements are a brilliant way to enhance our school environment for all our children.

We are hitting the ground running this year with a busy schedule of enrichments. Willow and Oak classes will start their six-week swimming lessons every Monday, which I know they are all excited about. A special congratulations to Mr. Buckley on passing his minibus test! This will be a huge help, as it will now allow us to transport Willow class from Mary Howard so they can join St Andrews' Willow class for their weekly ukulele lessons, fostering a stronger sense of community and shared learning. I can't wait to see them perform together.

I am also delighted to extend a warm welcome to Miss Child, who has joined our team and will be leading our after-school club. We are thrilled to have her on board. We are still actively seeking to appoint a wrap-around leader for the morning session (7:45 am - 8:45 am). If you or anyone you know might be interested in this role, please do get in touch with us.

It's been a truly great start to the year, filled with positive energy and a sense of shared purpose. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." – Colossians 3:23

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 8th September

PE Kit - Whole School

Swimming starts for Willow & Oak Class please bring your kit.

Tuesday 9th September

Wednesday 10th September

Phonics workshop 3:30pm for approx 30 minutes - all parents from Reception and year 1 are invited to this

Thursday 11th September

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class

Friday 12th September

PE Kit - Willow Class

Ukulele lessons - Willow Class

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

St Andrew's- [Upcoming Events | St. Andrew's CE Primary School](http://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk)
(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk)

Dates to note...

September

- 8th September - Swimming Starting for Years 3/4/5&6 Mondays for 6 weeks
- 10th September - Phonics Workshop 3:30pm - 4:00pm
- 24th September Academy Photography - Individuals & Siblings
- 26th September - Macmillan Coffee morning - please bring in cake donations!

October

- Rock up and read 8:45 - 9:15am
- 7th October - Arboretum Trip for Oak (Class 3)
- 7th October - Parents Evening 3-6pm
- 14th October - Whittington Barracks trip - Willow (Class 2)
- 14th October - Parent Forum 2:45pm
- 22nd October - Mental Health & Wellbeing day
- 23rd October - Let your light shine worship 3pm

November

- 7th November - Rock up and read 8:45 - 9:15am
- 10th November - Odd Socks day
- 13th November - KS2 Derby Faith Trail
- 14th November - Children in need - non uniform day (wear spotty clothes)
- 14th November - Anti bullying show and share
- 17th November - Flu Vaccination Programme

Dinners for Week Commencing 8th September 2025 - Week 2

Parents can now start ordering meals for their children on Arbor -
 Option A will always be the Meat option and Option B will always be the veggie option
 Please start giving this a go and let the office know if you are having any troubles with this.
 We will still be checking meals ordered with the children in the mornings.

WEEK 1



CHEEKY MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Vegan Sausage Roll
 Pork Hot Dogs
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and chips
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate Brownie

PASTA TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread
 Pasta and Meatballs
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad
 TO FINISH
 Yogurt or Jelly

CHICKEN THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Vegan Chicken Nuggets
 Chicken Korma and Rice
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Diced Potatoes
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate Sponge

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Homemade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Pepperoni Pizza
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges
 TO FINISH
 Homemade Cookies

FISH FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Quorn Sausages
 Breaded Cod
 ON THE SIDE
 Peas or beans and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Ice Cream or Ice Lolly

WEEK 2



Our primary school menus comply with the Government's food and nutritional standards, meeting an average of 530 calories for each meal

CHEEKY MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Cheese and Onion Pasty
 Chicken Nuggets
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Croissants

PASTA TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake
 Ham Carbonara with Pasta and Garlic Bread
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad
 TO FINISH
 Banana Sponge or Yoghurt

CHICKEN THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Vegan Chicken Nuggets
 Chicken Burger
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Diced Potatoes
 TO FINISH
 Toffee Sponge

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Homemade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Cheese and Ham Pizza
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or salad and crinkle cut wedges
 TO FINISH
 Jelly or Yoghurt

FISH FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Vegan Sausage Roll
 Breaded Cod
 ON THE SIDE
 Peas or beans and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Ice Cream or Ice Lolly

WEEK 3



CHEEKY MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Vegan Sausage Roll
 Beef Burger
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Raisin Sponge

PASTA TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Mediterranean Veg Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread
 Spaghetti Bolognese
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad
 TO FINISH
 Homemade Cookies

CHICKEN THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Vegan Chicken Nuggets
 Italian Chicken
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day or Salad and Diced Potatoes
 TO FINISH
 Jelly and Yoghurt

PIZZA WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Handmade Margherita Pizza
 Homemade Ham and Sweetcorn Pizza
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate Sponge

FISH FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 ✓ Quorn Hot Dogs
 Breaded Cod
 ON THE SIDE
 Peas or beans and Chips
 TO FINISH
 Ice Cream or Ice Lolly

Light bite options available. Daily sandwiches, jacket potatoes with fresh daily fillings

Our New Playground!

We are all so happy with our wonderful new playground with thanks to SASA
for getting this done over the summer holidays!
The children have really enjoyed using it this week. We can't thank you enough!



Job Vacancies

St. Andrews Primary School is a small, nurturing environment where excellent behaviour and supportive staff create a positive atmosphere for our children. We are committed to fostering a community where every child can grow and flourish, and our staff can thrive.

Care Club assistant (Before School)

Hours:

- **Monday to Friday: 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM**

Role Overview:

As a Care Club assistant, you will play a vital role in providing a safe and engaging environment for our children during the morning and after-school care sessions. You will support children in their activities, ensuring they feel valued and included.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Supervise children in the care club, ensuring their safety and well-being.**
- **Plan and lead engaging activities that promote learning and social interaction.**
- **Foster positive relationships with children, staff, and parents.**
- **Maintain a clean and organised environment.**
- **Collaborate with other staff members to ensure the smooth running of the care club.**

Qualifications and Skills:

- **Experience working with children in a school or care setting is desirable.**
- **A passion for supporting children's development and well-being.**
- **Strong communication and interpersonal skills.**
- **Ability to work as part of a team and independently.**

Other Information

Why Join Us?

- **Be part of a caring and supportive team.**
- **Contribute to the growth and development of our children.**
- **Enjoy a rewarding role in a positive school environment.**

Application Process:

To apply, visit <https://tssmat.staffs.sch.uk/job-vacancies/care-club-assistant-2-roles>

please complete the application form and a cover letter detailing your experience and suitability for the role by the closing date of 1st September 2025. Applications should clearly state which role you are interested in, and be sent to recruitment@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk

The role is fixed term for a year in the first instance, linked to DfE funding for breakfast clubs.

Interviews will be held on 5th September 2025.

We look forward to welcoming you to our team!

Introducing Arbor!

Important Information: Introducing the Arbor App

We are excited to announce the upcoming introduction of a new school app, **Arbor**, which will significantly enhance our communication and administrative processes.

We now have most parents signed up to Arbor and logging in. Parents can now start ordering meals for their children on Arbor, please have a go so we can start rolling this out. Meals will be paid for on Arbor by topping up your child's account. Go to quick action, meals and top up account to do this. Please let the office know if you have any problems.

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We will still be checking meals ordered with the children in the mornings.

Arbor is designed to replace many of our current systems, including **ParentPay**, and will become the central hub for various school-related activities. Willow Class will participate in weekly ukulele lessons on Fridays. To support these lessons, we would appreciate your contribution of £40 for a full year of instruction, this payment item should now be visible on your Arbor to make payment.

We understand that adopting a new system takes time, and this will be a gradual process. We are committed to supporting you through this change and look forward to a smooth transition that will lead to a more streamlined and efficient approach to communications and school management for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Wraparound Care!

We have some exciting news!



**Wraparound Care
Available!!**



**From
September
2025!**

Please go onto the website for booking, registration, medical and policy forms - download and complete and give to the office.
<https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/our-school/care-club>

St Andrew's Events

Classes in September

We are delighted to announce that the class teachers for September 2025 will be:

Class 1 (Maple): Reception/Year 1/Year 2 - Miss Leigh

Class 2 (Willow): Years 3 & 4- Mr Buckley

Class 3 (Oak): Years 5 & 6- Mrs Porter

Reminders

A polite reminder that children should not be walking between staff cars at any time for health and safety reasons.

Parents should also not be parking within the school gates to drop children off, due to safety of the children and congestion.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support.



Government's emergency alert system-Domestic abuse victims

If you or anyone you know have a hidden or secret phone for your safety, please prepare for the upcoming UK Emergency Alerts test.

Date: Sunday 7 September 2025

Time: 3:00pm

During the test, all mobile phones and tablets will:

- Vibrate
- Emit a loud siren like sound (even if its on silent or vibrate mode)
- Display a message confirming that this is only a test and no action is required

This system is being tested to help keep people safe in future emergencies. However, for victims and survivors of domestic abuse, a sudden loud alert on a hidden phone could put them at a serious risk.

If you or anyone you know uses a concealed phone, for safety, please take steps to opt out of receiving emergency alerts before the test.

According to Merseyside Police, many survivors rely on these phones as a lifeline. It's vital that this alert does not compromise anyone's safety.

Find out how to turn off emergency alerts here <https://www.gov.uk/alerts/opting-out>

Spread the Word!

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Holiday: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

TSSMAT Inset day: Monday 3 November

Term Ends: Friday 19 December

Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

Spring Term 2026

Inset Day: Monday 5 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Term Ends: Friday 27 March

Holiday: Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5 April

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April

May Day: Monday 4 May

Holiday: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Term Ends: Friday 17 July

Inset: Monday 20 July

Holiday: Monday 20 July – Monday 31 August