

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 remarkable week it has been at St. Andrews! It's been a week where we've truly seen our community come together to achieve something wonderful.

The absolute highlight was the grand opening of our new Reading Shed. The ceremony was a special moment, and it was a joy to see Mrs. Gethin and Ralph have the honor of cutting the ribbon. This new space is a testament to the incredible passion, talent, and commitment of our parents and families who helped make this dream a reality. The children have already fallen in love with it and are so excited to dive into their books in such a unique and cozy space.

This couldn't have come at a better time, as we prepare for a very important week ahead. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Gethin, our governors, and other heads from the Multi-Academy Trust to the school. We are so proud to show them our vibrant community and the fantastic teaching and learning that takes place here every single day. This is a chance to celebrate the hard work of both our staff and our pupils.

This week's events remind me of the verse from 1 Corinthians 12:27: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." The Reading Shed is a perfect example of how, when each part of our community—parents, staff, and children—works together, we can achieve something beautiful and lasting.

Thank you all for being such a vital part of our school family. I wish you all a brilliant weekend.

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 22nd September

PE Kit - Whole School

Swimming for Willow & Oak Class please bring your kit.

Tuesday 23rd September

Wednesday 24th September

Academy Photos - Individuals & Siblings - families 3:30pm

Thursday 25th September

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class

Please can you bring in your cake donations today for our Macmillan coffee morning

Friday 26th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:45am - 9:30am in the school hall.

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](#)
(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk)

Dates to note...

September

- 24th September Academy Photos - Individuals & Siblings - families 3:30pm
- 26th September - Macmillan Coffee morning 8:45am - 9:30am - **please bring in cake donations by 25th September!**

October

- 2nd October - Harvest Church Service 9:15am
- 3rd October - Rock up and read 8:45 - 9:15am
- 7th October - Arboretum Trip - Oak class, **complete consent form & payments on Arbor**
- 7th October - Parents Evening 3-6pm
- 7th October - 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 14th October - Whittington Barracks trip - Willow **complete consent form & payments on Arbor**
- 14th October - Parent Forum 2:45pm
- 21st October - 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 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
- 4th November - 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 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
- 25th November - 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026

December

- 2nd December - 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 11th December - Christingle Service 6pm in church
- 18th December - Christmas dinner & Nativity in Church - 9:15am

Dinners for Week Commencing 22nd September 2025 - Week 1

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

Reading Shed - Grand Opening!

Mrs Gethin would like to extend her gratitude to SASA and school community for a wonderful afternoon opening our reading shed. What a lovely welcome and organised event - the children were so excited!



Job Vacancies

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. Applications should clearly state which role you are interested in, and be sent to recruitment@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk



PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP
FOR PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN

This group is for parent/carers of diagnosed and non-diagnosed children & young people.

Join the Autism Inclusion Team for coffee and conversation at Tamworth Family Hub – Basin Lane.
The group will meet on the last Tuesday of every month
between 1.00pm and 2.30pm.

No booking required just drop in. Look forward to
Seeing you at our first session on:

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Introducing Arbor!

We now have at least one parent per student signed up to Arbor and logging in. Parents can now start ordering meals for their children on Arbor. 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 on the website or look for the meals section on the app.

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.

You can now also book and pay for wraparound care on Arbor, you must still however still download the booking forms and registration forms on the website as shown on the next page.

Arbor is designed to replace many of our current systems, including **ParentPay**, and will become the central hub for various school-related activities. There are now trips to consent to and pay for on Arbor for Willow and Oak classes.

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. The children had their first lesson today and thoroughly enjoyed it!

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>

Reminders

Trips for Oak and Willow Class are now on Arbor for you all to consent and make payments of £9.50, Willow class payments for Ukulele lessons are on Arbor to be paid for also. Thank you for your contributions so far!

Just a friendly reminder about our office hours:

Monday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Any messages sent via Dojo or email after these hours will be addressed on the next school day. For any urgent matters during school hours but outside of these times, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Oak Class - On a Wednesday and Thursday after office hours please message Mrs Wardale as Mrs Porter will be unavailable.

Please let us know about any changes to collection arrangements during office hours. You should only message a teacher about these changes if it is a last-minute emergency.

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.

TSSMAT Spelling Bee: Getting a 'BUZZ' about Spelling!

The TSSMAT is thrilled to announce the second year of our exciting new Spelling Bee competition, designed to promote high standards in spelling across our schools. This termly event will not only enhance children's spelling skills but also foster a sense of community and friendly competition among peers.

Aims of the Spelling Bee

The School Spelling Bee is set to take place at the end of each term, encouraging children to learn their key spelling words in a supportive and engaging environment.

The initiative aims to:

- Promote High Standards: By focusing on key spelling words, we aim to elevate spelling proficiency across the school.
- Encourage Participation: Every child is invited to take part, regardless of their current spelling abilities. We believe that all children can achieve and aspire to be their best.
- Celebrate Achievements: All participants will be celebrated, with each child receiving a Spelling Bee certificate during our Achievement Assembly.

How does It Work?

To prepare for the competition, we encourage parents and guardians to support their children in learning the key spelling words. A downloadable list of these words is available below.

Here's how the competition will unfold:

1. Class Heats: At the end of each term, class teachers will hold heats within their classes to identify the year group winners.
2. MAT Spelling Bee Competition: In the summer term, the excitement will culminate in a MAT Spelling Bee Competition, where our school will compete against other schools in the academy for the coveted MAT Spelling Bee trophy.
3. Finals and Celebrations: The final event will determine which school will take home the title of Spelling Bee Champion.

Join the Buzz!

We encourage all children across every year group and ability level to participate.

Remember, "You've got to be in it to win it!"

Let's rally together and aim to bring the trophy home to the Mease Schools in 2025!

Together, let's make spelling a fun and rewarding experience for all our children, fostering a love for words and language that will last a lifetime. For further details and to download the key spelling words, please check the website.

St Andrews: <https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/children/spelling-bee>

Is your child starting Reception in 2026?

St Andrew's CE Primary School

JOIN US FOR STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

- ✓ Teddy Bear's Picnic
- ✓ Wiggle and Giggle Club
- ✓ Once upon a Time (stories)
- ✓ The Great Little Bake-Off
- ✓ Little Explorers Club
- ✓ Christmas Crafternoon

First and Last Tuesday of each month 2:15-3:15pm

Email now to book a place
(drop-ins also welcome!)



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You don't have to live in Clifton Campville to join our school! We welcome families from all local areas!



Main Street, Clifton Campville, Tamworth, B79 0AP



<https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/>

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2023, Snapchat introduced a new tier called 'Lenses', giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse - so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a family safety hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to show why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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

