



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,

This summer term is flying by. A big thank you to Mrs Long and her team of helpers for ensuring our outdoor areas are blooming.

On Wednesday, Willow and Oak enjoyed a wonderful trip to Walsall Art Gallery. The children embraced a range of art forms and took part in a Plaster-of-Paris workshop — a lovely treat for everyone and a welcome break for our Year 6s, who have been working incredibly hard preparing for their SATs next week. We wish them every success and will be supporting them all the way. We want them to feel confident, to arrive with a smile, and to do their best — SATs do not define them or reflect the wonderful individuals they are.

We also held our parent forum this week. Parents gave the school valuable insight into what we do well and helped shape ideas for improving enrichment and communication. We pride ourselves on strong relationships and share the same aim: to make St Andrews the very best place for our children to grow, flourish and thrive. Thank you, parents and staff, for your continued investment and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 11th May

PE Kit - Willow & Oak

Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 12th May

Year 6 SATS

Wednesday 13th May

PE Kit - Maple

Year 6 SATS

Thursday 14th May

PE Kit - Maple

Year 6 SATS

Friday 15th May

Ukulele lessons Willow - Please bring in your instrument

PE Kit - Willow

The Library Bus is here!

Year 6 non uniform - Celebration day after SATs free free to bring in games, outdoor activities, party snacks & treats

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...

May

- 11th - 15th May - Year 6 SATS week
- 15th May - The library bus is here
- 18th - 22nd May - Walk to School Week
- 18th-20th May - Year 5-6 Residential to Standon Bowers, **please make final payments the balance was due on May 4th.**
- 21st May School census day - please help us by ordering a school dinner! See the Census Day menu on the website under events
- 22nd May - Let your Light Shine Values Celebration worship 9am in school
- **25th - 29th May - Half Term!**

June

- 5th June - Rock up & Read - 8:45-9:15am
- 12th June - Non uniform day - more information to follow.
- 16th June - KS2 Athletics Tamworth - more information to follow
- 17th June - Oak Class Greenpower Race day at Curborough Sprint Course
- Date to be confirmed W/C 15th June - SASA Fathers Day Breakfast 08:45 - 9:15am (Details to follow) Thank you to SASA for hosting this for us!
- 24th June - SA Colour run 2pm onwards
- 25th June - WCET Celebration Concert - Willow Class Ukulele concert at the Coton Centre, Tamworth - Link for Tickets <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GAZD>

St Andrews sports day will be held on Tuesday the 7th of July at 9:15am

The Year 6 Leavers service will be on Thursday 16th July in church

Special message from Miss Mills to Year 6

Dear Year 6,

The week you've been preparing for is finally here. I know that for many of you, there is a mix of butterflies in your stomach and a desire to just "get it done." Before you pick up your pens, there are a few things I want you to remember.

You Are More Than a Score

While these tests measure how you are doing with English and Maths, they only measure a tiny slice of who you are. **SATs do not define you.**

- They do not measure your **kindness** or how you help your friends.
- They do not see your **artistic flair**, your **musical talent**, or your **sporting skills**.
- They cannot track your **sense of humor** or the way you brighten up our classrooms every day.

Our Only Expectations

We aren't looking for perfection; we are looking for **you**. My only requests for you this week are simple:

1. **Try Your Best:** If you give it your honest effort, you have already succeeded. That is all anyone can ask of you.
2. **Keep Your Head Up:** If a question feels tricky, take a deep breath and move on. Don't let one tough problem spoil your day.
3. **Remember to Smile:** This is just one week in a long and exciting journey. You have so much to look forward to this summer.

A Final Thought: The people who love you and the teachers who cheer for you will be just as proud of you on Friday as they are right now, regardless of what is on those test papers.

You've worked hard, you've grown so much, and you are ready. Eat a good breakfast, bring your water bottle, and most importantly, **believe in yourself** as much as we believe in you.

Good luck, Year 6!

Warmly,

Miss Mills x

Dinners for Week Commencing 11th May 2026 - Week 2

Please all can you preorder your childrens meals on Arbor, please note we are no longer providing soup and a half sandwich, it is now a full sandwich instead with no soup.



WINTER MENU FROM NOVEMBER 2025



V	Vegetarian
VE	Vegan
GF	Gluten Free
DF	Dairy Free

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Monday

Mains

Beef Bolognese
100% beef bolognese with sliced garlic bread

Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Homemade Apple Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Mains

Tuna and Cheese Pasta Bake
Served with diced herby potatoes

Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit

Monday

Mains

BBQ Chicken
100% chicken breast, topped with BBQ sauce and sliced peppers

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Chocolate and Caramel Cake
Cocoa chocolate and sugar free condensed milk caramel cake (v)
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Mains

All day breakfast
100% Pork sausage, beans, hash brown and an egg omelette

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Homemade Raisin Flapjack (v, ve) or Fresh Fruit

Monday

Mains

Pork Meatballs
Pork meatballs served in a tomato and basil sauce with wholemeal pasta and Garlic Bread

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Natural Yoghurt (v) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Mains

Sausage and Bean Casserole
Pork sausage in a baked bean casserole sauce topped with sliced potatoes

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Lemon Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Mains

Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes

Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Freshly Baked Oat and Raisin Cookies (v) or Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Mains

Roast Chicken
100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Apple and Berry Crumble (v)
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Mains

Cottage Pie
100% beef. Topped with sliced potatoes and gravy.

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Apple Crumble (v) or Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Mains

Roast Ham
100% pork, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy or cheese sauce

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Homemade Chocolate Brownie (v)
Cocoa chocolate brownie
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Mains

Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Cheese and Tomato. Served with Potato Croquettes

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Pancakes and fresh fruit (v) or Natural Yoghurt

Thursday

Mains

Roast Chicken
100% Chicken breast, served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding and gravy

Sides

Seasonal Vegetables of the day and homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Fresh Berry Sponge Cake (v) or Fresh Fruit

Friday

Mains

Fish Fingers
Breaded cod served with oven fried chips

Sides

Seasonal vegetables of the day and Homemade fresh salad bar

Desserts

Ice Cream (v, ve, gf) or Fresh Fruit

Daily Options

Jacket Potatoes
Freshly baked jacket potatoes. 1 filling from a choice of Tuna, Cheese or Beans (v, ve, gf)

Tomato Pasta Bake
Wholemeal pasta in a tomato sauce (v, ve, gf)

Homemade Toasties
50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

Homemade Soup and Sandwich
Soup made using fresh seasonal vegetables. Some vegetables are grown in the school allotments at selected schools. 50/50 bread, with filling options of Tuna, Cheese or Ham.

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Census Day Menu

Special Census day Menu

Thursday 21st May



SUBS AND SIDES

Meatball sub

cheesy beans sub

Hash brown

Sweetcorn

Homemade coleslaw

JACKET POTATO

Choose topping

Cheese

Baked beans

Homemade coleslaw

DESSERT

Frozen natural yogurt

tub-

Toffee or strawberry

A selection of fresh fruit

Thank You for Your Consultation Feedback

Following the consultation period and review by the Local Governing Committee, the proposed changes to our school day have been approved for September 2026.



This reduces our school day by 15 minutes from the start of the 2026 academic year, bringing us in line with other schools in the TSSMAT and meeting the expected 32.5 hour school week by the Department of Education

Adapted Wraparound Care for Working Families

We understand that an earlier finish affects family routines. Our wraparound care sessions have been adjusted to seamlessly cover the earlier finish at **no extra core cost**.



After-School Club ⌚ 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm **£5.20***

Extended Care ⌚ 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm **£9.05***

Thank you for your continued support as we implement this change to benefit our entire school community. We are providing this notice well in advance to ensure families have ample time to prepare. Should you have any questions regarding your specific childcare needs, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Miss R. Mills
Executive Headteacher, St Andrew's Primary School

Mrs Anna Spencer-Gray
Chair of the LGC

*Prices remain consistent with previous rates, with only slight adjustments to session times to accommodate the earlier finish. (Please note these prices are subject to standard annual review).

Tax-free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare can help with the cost of paying for childcare.

You'll need to set up a childcare account, which both you and the government will pay into. You can then use this money to pay your childcare provider.

For every £8 you pay into the account, the government will top it up by £2.

The total top up you can get for each child is £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year). This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if your child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

You'll usually need to be working (or returning to work) and your child must be 11 or younger (16 or younger if they're disabled).

How it works

Once you have a childcare account, you can pay money into your account by Direct Debit, standing order or bank transfer.

Your payment will usually appear in your childcare account within one working day. The government's payment is added at the same time.

You can then pay your childcare provider.

You must sign in to your childcare account every 3 months to confirm you're still eligible. If you do not, your Tax-Free Childcare will stop.

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>.



JUNIOR PARKRUN

EVERY SUNDAY
9AM

Fun, free running events
for 4-14 year olds!

JOIN US AT TAMWORTH CASTLE GROUNDS

Register at: juniorparkrun.com

This Weeks Attendance @ St Andrews

Government guidelines on attendance

Full attendance (100%) should be the standard expected.

Attendance of 97% or above is very good,

97-95% is good,

95-90% is poor

Below 90% is a serious cause for concern.

Reception	93.8%
Year 1	100.0%
Year 2	100.0%
Year 3	100.0%
Year 4	100.0%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	87.5%

Well done to Year 1, 2, 3 and Year 4 for this week's 100% attendance!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

Wraparound Care!



Wrap Around Care

After School Club (Everyday)

- ✓ Lego
- ✓ Crafts/Arts
- ✓ Board Games
- ✓ ICT
- ✓ Outdoor Activities

After school club session 1 (3.30 – 4.30 pm): £5.20
After school club Session 2 (3.30 – 5.15 pm): £9.05 Includes a drink and a snack
Fruit and water are available to all children throughout the sessions

BOOKABLE VIA ARBOR AND COMPLETE ALL FORMS AND SIGN POLICY AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Please go onto the website for registration, medical and policy forms - download and complete and give to the office.

<https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/our-school/care-club>

Please also book your place via Arbor

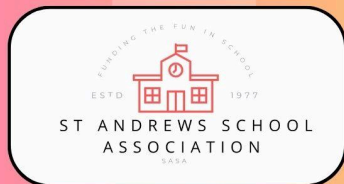
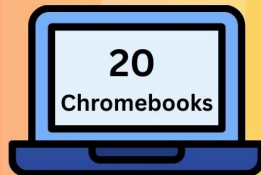
Thank you for all your generosity!
SASA have been able to support our school with resources, enrichment, & improved outdoor spaces!

We are excited to announce our next:

FUNDRAISING GOAL



£5,000



THANK YOU!!

Last term we raised £2,229.87!

FUNDRAISED (PROFIT)

- Reading Shed Opening £36.87
- Break The Rules Day £63
- Rocket & Roll Disco £164.32
- Breakfast With Santa £824.26
- Christingle £133.33
- SASA School Lottery £887.20
- Christmas Cards £36.50
- Reindeer Races & Crimbo Cash Grab £84.39

Total £2,229,87

FUNDED

- Zactiv Gladiator Visit (& foam fingers) £430.84
- Christmas Gifts £105.13
- Pantomime £280
- Coach for Statfold trip £40

Total £855.97

Reminders

Trips

The balance for the residential to Standon Bowers was due on May 4th. Please note now that we are less than 2 weeks before the trip the full balance has to be paid even if you are unable to attend the trip. Please make payments on Arbor.

Arbor payments

Would you please check your Arbor Parental Portal for any outstanding payments. We would like to keep all accounts in credit or cleared of any debt.

Thank you for your understanding.

Important: Urgent Safety Notice Regarding School Access

We are writing to ask for your urgent cooperation regarding morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. To ensure the safety of all our pupils and to allow the school to function smoothly, please adhere to the following:

No Access to School Gates: Please do not drive into the school gates at any time. This area must remain clear for staff access and emergency vehicles.

Keep Zig-Zags Clear: Do not park or pull over on the yellow zig-zag lines. These are in place to provide a clear line of sight for children crossing the road.

We ask that you park safely further up the road and walk the remaining distance to the gates.

Current parking behaviours are creating significant safety risks for our children and preventing staff from entering the car park. We appreciate your support in keeping our school environment safe and accessible for everyone.

Viral Trend Causing Severe Burns To Children

Children and young people are microwaving squishy silicone toys after seeing online videos claiming this makes the toys softer and more pliable. When the toy is squeezed afterwards, it bursts and sprays boiling material, which reportedly has left children's hands and faces seriously burned. This trend has seriously injured children in the UK and US, most recently in May 2026 in Bristol, UK.

We ask that parents, school staff and professionals avoid searching for this challenge directly on platforms as each search feeds the algorithm and increases the content's reach, making the videos more visible to users. Instead, refer to our article to understand more and get guidance on responding.

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR FULL INFORMATION

[SAFEGUARDING ALERT: Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Term Dates 2025-2026

Spring Term 2026

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



Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Please note there has been a change of inset days to include the 2nd of September instead of the 21st of July due to staff training.

Inset Day: Tuesday 1 September

Inset Day: Wednesday 2 September

Term Starts: Thursday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Inset day: Monday 2 November

Term Ends: Friday 18 December

Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027

Inset day: Monday 4 January

Term starts: Tuesday 5th January

Holiday: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Term Ends: Thursday 25 March

Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 28 March

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12 April

May Day: Monday 3 May

Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Inset Day: Monday 7th June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July

Holiday: Wednesday 21st July – Friday 3 September