



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 Mease families,

Another great week at St Andrew's. Our KS2 children are enjoying their ukulele lessons and it's been wonderful to hear their progress; the swimming sessions are also showing clear improvement already, and I know the children are proud of how much they have developed in just a few weeks.

This week Tamworth Food Bank visited to explain the vital work they do in our community and the kinds of donations that make the biggest difference. You are all welcome to join us when we give thanks at our harvest festival service in church next Thursday, 1st October 2026, at 9:15am. Children will lead the service and all donations are very welcome-your support for local families is much appreciated.

We were honoured to welcome Mrs Long's Poppa into school this week. He spoke to the children about his experiences over his 105 years and answered many thoughtful questions; it was a moving and memorable visit for pupils and staff alike.

Today we held our Macmillan coffee morning- with a French twist. A huge thank you to Oak class and Mrs Porter for leading this, and to everyone who contributed and supported the event; your generosity and community spirit made it a lovely morning.

We are looking forward to the history workshops next week for Maple and Willow. Thank you to Mr Buckley for organising this enrichment; these workshops will bring the children's learning to life and deepen their engagement with the past.

Please also look out for dates for our Stay and Play sessions for children starting school in September 2027. These sessions are a warm, informal chance for new families and children to visit St Andrew's, meet staff and see what makes our school such a nurturing place to learn. Please let your friends, families and local community know about these sessions.

Have a wonderful weekend!

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." — Hebrews 12:1

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 28th September

Tuesday 29th September

Wednesday 30th September

PE Kit - Whole School

Willow and Oak please bring in your swimming kit

Ukulele lessons for Willow and Oak - please bring in your instrument

Thursday 1st October

PE Kit - Maple

Violin lessons - please bring in your instrument if you have these

Harvest Worship in Church 9:15am

Census Day - Please order a meal if you can

Friday 2nd October

PE Kit - Willow & Oak

Rock up & Read 8:45am-9:15am

The library bus is here!

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...

October

- Thu 1st Oct - Harvest Worship in Church 9:15am
- Thu 1st Oct - Census Day - Please order a meal if you can.
- Fri 2nd Oct - Rock up & Read 8:45am-9:15am
- Fri 2nd Oct - The library bus is here!
- 5th-9th Oct - NSPCC kindness challenge week
- Fri 9th Oct - World Mental Health Day
- Tue 13th Oct - Parents Forum - 2:45pm
- Tue 13th Oct - Parents Evening - 3-6pm
- Fri 16th Oct - The library bus is here!
- Thu 22nd Oct - Let Your Light Shine celebration
- Fri 23rd Oct - Wear pink for breast cancer

Half Term - 26th-30th October

November

- Fri 6th November - Academy Photography is here please note this date has changed from September due to swimming.



Dinners for Week Commencing 2026 - 28th September Week 2

Please all can you preorder your children's meals on Arbor.



SUMMER MENU FROM JUNE 2026



V Vegetarian
VE Vegan
GF Gluten Free
DF Dairy Free

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday
Mains Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (DF) Tomato and Herb Pasta Bake (V VE DF) Both options made with whole wheat pasta Sandwich option Ham or Cheese Desserts Fresh Fruit Salad with Unsweetened Cream Swirl	Mains All Day Breakfast Sausage, hashbrown, egg and beans Vegan Sausage All Day Breakfast (V VE) Sandwich option Ham or Cheese Desserts Sugar Free Jelly
Wednesday	Thursday
Mains Pepperoni topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub Margherita Pizza Sub Both options served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Sweetcorn Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Summer Fruit Baked Sponge Cake (V)	Mains BBQ Chicken Served with brown rice and broccoli Tomato Pasta Bake Sandwich Option Tuna or Cheese Desserts Apple Crumble
Friday	Daily Options
Mains Cod Bites Breaded cod served with oven fried chips and peas Sweet Potato and Cauliflower Curry Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Frozen yoghurt pot (Tofee or Strawberry flavour)	Jacket potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes, 1 filling from a choice of cheese or beans (V, VE, GF) Fresh fruit and salad bar available daily

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday
Mains Macaroni Cheese Bake Tomato Pasta Bake Both options made with whole wheat pasta, served with carrots Sandwich Option Tuna or Cheese Desserts Fruit Slices with Unsweetened Cream Swirl	Mains Chicken Korma Served with Brown Rice and Broccoli Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Korma (V VE DF) Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Sugar Free Jelly
Wednesday	Thursday
Mains Pepperoni Topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub Margherita Pizza Sub (V VE) Both options served with herby diced potatoes and sweetcorn Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Apple baked sponge cake (V)	Mains Chicken Fajitas Vegetable Fajitas Both options served with brown rice and carrots Sandwich options Ham or Cheese Desserts Baked Fruit Crumble
Friday	Daily Options
Mains Cod Bites Breaded cod served with oven fried chips and peas Tomato Pasta Bake (V VE DF) Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Frozen yoghurt pot (Tofee or Strawberry flavour)	Jacket potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes, 1 filling from a choice of cheese or beans (V, VE, GF) Fresh fruit and salad bar available daily

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday
Mains Pepperoni and Tomato Pasta Bake Served with carrots Tomato Pasta Bake Both made using whole wheat pasta Sandwich Options Ham or Cheese Desserts Homemade Fruit Salad - unsweetened cream optional	Mains Sweet and Sour Chicken Cheesy Bean Burrito Both served with brown rice Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Sugar Free Jelly
Wednesday	Thursday
Mains Pepperoni Topped Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sub Margherita Pizza Sub (V VE) Both options served with herby diced potatoes and sweetcorn Sandwich Option Tuna or Cheese Desserts Chocolate sponge cake	Mains Roast Chicken Served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, broccoli and gravy Vegetarian Sausage Roast Dinner Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Fruit Crumble
Friday	Daily Options
Mains Cod Bites Breaded cod served with oven fried chips and peas Tomato Pasta Bake (V VE DF) Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese Desserts Frozen yoghurt pot (Tofee or Strawberry flavour)	Jacket potatoes Freshly baked jacket potatoes, 1 filling from a choice of cheese or beans (V, VE, GF) Fresh fruit and salad bar available daily

All of our food is made on site using the freshest ingredients and complies with all Government legislation for nutritional value for schools

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>.

Free School Meals

Dear all

If you think you may be eligible for Free school meals or would like to check please complete the form below:

<https://fsm.app.staffordshire.gov.uk/>

If it comes up with a green tick and tells you that you are entitled it will tell you if you are entitled to expanded or targeted FSM. Please then tell us in the office the result so we can put this on to Arbor for you.

Thank you

Christmas

At our school, we are always looking for ways to keep our festive celebrations fresh, exciting, and memorable for the children.

Starting this academic year, we will be alternating our major Christmas celebrations on a two-year cycle with this year a festive in school pantomime and next year a whole school Christmas trip

We know our Christmas trip to Statfold has become a much-loved tradition, so we hope the children won't be too disappointed that there won't be a trip this year.

By switching between a special trip one year and a brilliant live pantomime experience in school the next, we can keep the magic alive with something different to look forward to each December.

This updated schedule also allows our wonderful PTA to spread their support across a wider variety of fantastic new projects and resources for the children throughout the whole school year, while helping us keep overall festive costs manageable for all our school families.

Thank you for your understanding, and we're looking forward to a lovely Christmas season together!

Census Day - October 1st

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday, 1st October, our school will participate in the national School Census.

This day is critical for our school budget. Government funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) is calculated directly from the number of children who eat a school lunch on Census Day.

How this impacts our school:

- Every infant pupil who eats a school meal on 1st October secures approximately **£500 per year** in government funding for our school.
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- If your child normally brings a packed lunch, choosing a school dinner on this single day makes a substantial financial difference to our budget.
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- All funds received go directly back into learning resources, classroom materials, and support staff for the children.

All pupils in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch every day. We strongly encourage all families to have their children enjoy a school meal on **Thursday, 1st October** to help us secure our full funding allocation.

To make the day extra special, our kitchen team will be serving a favourite menu on 1st October, we'll send more details out shortly.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maximise funding for our school at a time when our budgets are exceptionally tight.

CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday 1st October



Pepperoni pizza sub
with vegetables and
herby diced potatoes

Margarita pizza sub
with vegetables and
herby diced potatoes



Jacket potatoes
with cheese or beans

Ham or cheese
sandwiches



Fresh fruit platter



Chocolate cake

Good
Food
Happy
Learners

ST. ANDREW'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
(Clifton Campville)

STAY and PLAY

FOR CHILDREN DUE TO START RECEPTION
IN SEPTEMBER 2027

A fun and friendly session for you and
your child to explore, play and learn together!

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

2PM - 3PM

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN
AND MEET OUR TEAM!

PLAY
EXPLORE
GROW

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

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 100.0%

Year 1 96.7%

Year 2 96.7%

Year 3 83.8%

Year 4 97.8%

Year 5 100%

Year 6 100%

Well done to Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 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...

	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

Reminders

Injury on arrival forms

If your child comes to school with an injury please can you inform the member of staff on the door who will get you to complete an injury on arrival form. Thank you

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.

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, or opposite the road from them. These are in place to provide a clear line of sight for children crossing the road.

We appreciate your support in keeping our school environment safe and accessible for everyone.

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: Thursday 22nd July – Friday 3 September