



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, staff and governors,

Thank you all for your calm, practical support during this week's heatwave. I am proud that we have been able to keep both schools open and safe. Special thanks to our church and Parish Council for kindly providing the cool space that helped keep children comfortable. Our PTFA teams for organising ice-pop supplies — a small thing that made a big difference to the children's wellbeing.

I'm also pleased to share some excellent professional feedback this week. External writing moderation from the local authority praised the progress our children have made and commended the quality of our judgements. The moderators highlighted that our carefully chosen texts and clear writing outcomes inspire children to write — so much so that they have asked for samples of our pupils' work to use for exemplification across the authority.

That is a real endorsement of the Mease approach to English and a credit to our teaching teams and pupils.

As we head into the final weeks of term, please continue to take sensible precautions during warm weather — hats, water bottles and shaded play where possible — and we'll keep monitoring conditions to keep everyone safe. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us for the remainder of the term.

Have a lovely weekend.

“With the smallest of seeds great things can grow.”
(Matthew 13:31)

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Monday 29th June

PE Kit - Willow & Oak

Tuesday 30th June

Spelling Bee finals @ Richard Crosse - those selected have been sent a message on Dojo

Wednesday 1st July

PE Kit - Maple

Thursday 2nd July

PE Kit - Maple

Violin Lessons - Please bring in your instrument & music book

Willow Trip to Conkers - **Please make sure you have made payments on Arbor and completed the google form for permissions and lunches.**

Friday 3rd July

Ukulele lessons Willow - Please bring in your instrument

PE Kit - Willow

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

Saturday 4th July

Tamworth Arts Festival "Better Together" 11am - 3pm performance time for SA is 2pm please arrive at least 30 minutes before this @ Tamworth Castle Grounds.

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...

July

- 2nd July - Willow Trip to Conkers - **Please make sure you have made payments on Arbor and completed the google form for permissions and lunches.**
- 3rd July - Rock up & Read - 8:45-9:15am
- 4th July - Tamworth Arts Festival "Better Together" 11am - 3pm performance time for SA is 2pm please arrive at least 30 minutes before this @ Tamworth Castle Grounds.
- 7th July - Sports Day 9:15am, refreshments available from SASA from 8:45am.
- 8th July - Summer Disco SASA - Details to follow
- 10th July - The Library Bus is here!
- 14th July - Open Evening
- 16th July - Year 6 Leavers service in Church 9:15am followed by the celebration worship.
- 17th July - Break up for Summer Holidays!

Dinners for Week Commencing 29th June 2026 - 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	Mains All Day Breakfast Sausage, hashbrown, egg and beans Vegan Sausage All Day Breakfast (V VE) Sandwich option Ham or Cheese
Desserts Fresh Fruit Salad with Unsweetened Cream Swirl	Desserts Sugar Free Jelly

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	Mains Chicken Korma Served with Brown Rice and Broccoli Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Korma (V VE DF) Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese
Desserts Fruit Slices with Unsweetened Cream Swirl	Desserts Sugar Free Jelly

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	Mains Sweet and Sour Chicken Cheesy Bean Burrito Both served with brown rice Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese
Desserts Homemade Fruit Salad - unsweetened cream optional	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	Mains BBQ Chicken Served with brown rice and broccoli Tomato Pasta Bake Sandwich Option Tuna or Cheese
Desserts Summer Fruit Baked Sponge Cake (V)	Desserts Apple Crumble

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	Mains Chicken Fajitas Vegetable Fajitas Both options served with brown rice and carrots Sandwich options Ham or Cheese
Desserts Apple baked sponge cake (V)	Desserts Baked Fruit Crumble

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	Mains Roast Chicken Served with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, broccoli and gravy Vegetarian Sausage Roast Dinner Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese
Desserts Chocolate sponge cake	Desserts Fruit Crumble

Friday	Daily Options
Mains Cod Bites Breadcr cod served with oven fried chips and peas Sweet Potato and Cauliflower Curry Sandwich Option Ham or Cheese	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
Desserts Frozen yoghurt pot (Toffee or Strawberry flavour)	

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

Important Information – Education Support Fund

Please be aware that the Education Support Fund has now closed, and we are no longer able to accept or process any new applications. All funding has been allocated. The last eVouchers to be issued through the scheme were for the Easter Holiday 2026.

If you are currently experiencing a financial crisis or are in urgent need of support, please contact Staffordshire Crisis & Resilience Team at staffordshirecrf@staffordshire.gov.uk

A member of the team will review your situation and provide guidance on the assistance that may be available to you.

Alternatively use the following link to our webpage [Crisis and Resilience Fund \(CRF\) | Staffordshire County Council](#)

Please find information, advice, and guidance that you may find beneficial for support at this time.

- Staffordshire County Council Here to help [Here to help - cost of living support - Staffordshire County Council](#)
- Citizens Advice [Search for your local Citizens Advice - Citizens Advice](#)
- Gov.UK Private renting advice for rent arrears - [Private renting: Rent arrears - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Cooking for a family on a budget - [Family Hub Cooking | Staffordshire Connects](#)
- Staffordshire Warmer Homes, a scheme run by Staffordshire County Council in partnership with district and borough councils to combat fuel poverty - [Staffordshire Warmer Homes - Warm Homes Scheme](#)
- Help for Households, this site shows the different support available for families to access. [Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)
- Staffordshire Connects – This website can help you find help and support locally. You may want to search for things to do with your children, help with budgeting and local food banks. There are also the Family Support providers who can help you 1:1 with support if you feel this is beneficial. [Staffordshire Connects](#)
- Below are links to our Family Hub social media pages, if you would like to like and follow your local Family Hub as we use this platform to advertise any funding that can be applied for direct by families as and when it comes available.

Congratulations for achieving your Gold School Games Award



Social media ban for under-16s

On Monday, the Prime Minister [announced](#) the introduction of a social media ban for under-16s. [Speaking in the House of Commons](#), Liz Kendall MP (Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology) set out the ban would come into force from spring 2027, covering “user-to-user platforms that allow users to post material alongside algorithms” such as Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X.

Restrictions on “high-risk features” will also be introduced, including banning livestreaming for under-16s; “stranger communication” on gaming platforms; and AI chatbots that offer sexualised content for under-18s. The Government is also “strongly minded to bring in default overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling”, with an additional statement due in July following pilot schemes.

Ofqual is expected to set out age-assurance and compliance proposals, undertake a review into the Online Safety Act 2023 to ensure children cannot access “riskier, less regulated sites”, and publish an enforcement strategy.

A summary fact sheet ([new rules to protect children online](#)) has been published, and further details and the government’s full response to the consultation are expected in the coming months.

The Great British Summer Savings scheme

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#). If helpful, please share this with parents, carers and families through your usual channels.

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).

Tamworth Festival 2026

Dear families,

We are delighted to share some very exciting news with you about the Tamworth – Better Together Festival, which will be returning in 2026 following the huge success of last year's event.

This year's Festival will follow a similar, much-loved format and will bring together 20 primary schools and two high schools from across Tamworth. Leaders and teachers from all participating schools have worked collaboratively to plan a rich and inspiring Creative Week, celebrating the power of belonging and the belief that we really are *better together*.

Save the Date: Festival Celebration Event

We would also love to invite families and the wider community to celebrate with us at the main Festival event:

Saturday 4th July 2026

11:00am – 3:00pm

Many families brought picnics last year, and we are pleased to share that even more attractions, performances, and community groups will be joining us this year, making it a wonderful day for all ages. Further details will be shared closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support. We are incredibly excited about the creativity, joy and togetherness this Festival brings, and we look forward to celebrating with you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Tamworth – Better Together Festival Planning Team

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>.

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 92.6%

Year 1 98.2%

Year 2 100%

Year 3 97.9%

Year 4 96.3%

Year 5 86.1%

Year 6 73.3%

Well done to Year 2 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

Reminders

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.

There are a few outstanding payments for the Willow Conkers Trip if these could be cleared as soon as possible. Thank You!

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.

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: Thursday 22nd July – Friday 3 September