

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 wonderful and busy week it has been!

The sound of Young Voices practice has been filling the halls—and yes, I can confirm that the 'Power in Me' song is firmly on a continuous loop in my head! The children are showing great dedication and enthusiasm, and it's fantastic to see them come together for such a brilliant musical event.

Our commitment to a broad and enriching curriculum continues, with swimming lessons for our KS2 children progressing well, building essential life skills. We've also seen the first of the ukuleles going home with children in Willow Class. I hope the sounds of their budding musicianship bring a smile to your homes this weekend!

I want to extend my deepest gratitude for the support at this morning's coffee morning. It was a lovely occasion and a great success in raising funds for a worthwhile cause. Your generosity and willingness to support the school community are genuinely appreciated.

This week, we also welcomed Mrs. Gethin, governors, and a visiting Headteacher for a whole school review. The feedback we received was incredibly positive and supportive. They specifically commended how calm and organised the school is. The visitors noted that our children are confident speaking to adults and can clearly articulate that they feel safe in school. They were also impressed by the children's ability to explain their learning and the genuine pride they take in their work.

The review highlighted that teaching is a core strength of St. Andrews, and the team were particularly complimentary about our dedicated staff. Perhaps the most reassuring comment came from one of the governors, who stated they would not hesitate to send their own children to St. Andrews Primary. This is a powerful testament to the positive environment and high standards we collectively maintain.

We truly are lucky to have such a dedicated staff, such fabulous children and supportive parents. Thank you all for your part in making St. Andrews the thriving place it is.

As we look forward to the weekend, let us remember the strength we find in our community and the values we uphold:

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Dates to note...

Monday 29th September

PE Kit - Whole School Swimming for Willow & Oak Class please bring your kit.

Tuesday 30th September

Please bring in donations for our Harvest festival items needed are listed on page 4

Wednesday 1st October

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Thursday 2nd October

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class Harvest Church Service 9:15am

Willow Class Cross Country @ Rawlett - Please sign up as per message on dojo -

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Friday 3rd October

The Library bus is here - please bring in your books to exchange!

PE Kit - Willow Class

Ukulele lessons - Willow Class

Rock up and read 8:45 - 9:15am

Break the rules day! See page 5 for details to take part!

Please access the Schools' website for key events -

St Andrew's- <u>Upcoming Events | St. Andrew's CE Primary School</u>
(st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk)

October

- 7th October Arboretum Trip Oak class, complete consent form & payments on Arbor
- 7th October Parents Evening 3-6pm Book your slot on Arbor now!
- 7th October 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 9th October Oak Class Cross Country @ Rawlett Please sign up as per message on dojo
- 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

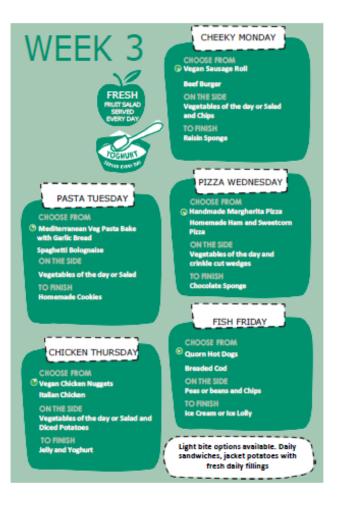
- 2nd December 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 11th December Christingle Service 6pm in church
- 18th December Christmas dinner & Nativity in Church 9:15am

Dinners for Week Commencing 29th 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.







Harvest Festival Donations







At The Mease Federation, we empower our children to be agents of change; we want to help those in need! Nobody in our community should have to face hunger and so this year, we will be collecting donations ahead of our Harvest Festival ready to donate to Tamworth Foodbank. Tamworth Foodbank are supported by The Trussell Trust and work hard to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Please could all donations be handed into the office by Tuesday 30th September 2025. A recent list of urgently needed food items along with items that the foodbank already has can be found below.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Miss Warner

Urgently needed food items in July/August 2025

long-life Milk

Toiletries - deodorant, shampoo, conditioner

Tinned vegetables -Carrots/sweetcorn/peas/potatoes

Tinned fish

Tinned meat - stew, curry, chilli, chicken, meatballs, hotdogs

Small jars of coffee

Tinned fruit

Toilet rolls

Custard

We've got plenty of

Beans

Tomatoes

Pasta

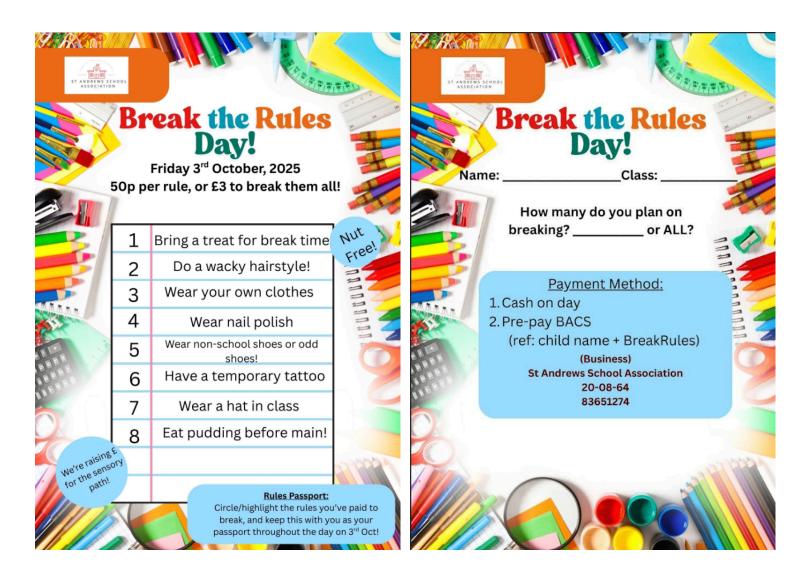
Size 1, 2, 3 and 4 nappies





Break the Rules Day - SASA!

Break the rules day will raise money for materials for the sensory path flyers will go home on Monday keep this as your passport to break the rules! How many will you break??



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

Wraparound Care!



Reminders

<u>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</u>
lessons are on Arbor to be paid for also. Thank you for your contributions so far!

A massive thank you to everyone who came to our Macmillan Coffee Morning, ate mountains of delicious cake, and made this morning absolutely wonderful! Your generosity so far is incredible.

For those who enjoyed this morning and have not yet had chance to donate to Macmillan the link is below to do so:

https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/cm25011096

What a lovely morning thank you again!

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



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

