

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

A huge well done to our Willow Class pupils who represented St Andrews at the Tamworth Cross Country competition this week! They showed fantastic spirit, determination, and teamwork. Taking part in these events is a wonderful way for our children to develop resilience and enjoy competitive sports. We are so proud of everyone who took part!

Following on from our success at the cross country event, we are thrilled to announce the relaunch of our competitive sports programme for the school to compete with other schools across Tamworth and the TSSMAT! This will be a chance for children across different classes to participate in various sports, develop their skills, and experience friendly rivalry. More details on which sports, dates, and how your child can get involved will be sent out shortly. Get ready to cheer them on!

The St Andrews School Association (SASA) held its Annual General Meeting this week, and it was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the incredible impact their events have had. It was truly amazing to see how much the funds raised have supported improving and enriching the experiences for our children—from new resources to special event days. A massive thank you to all our SASA members and parent volunteers for their dedication!

We are delighted to confirm that our Care Club is up and running and ready to support your family's needs!

We want to particularly highlight a new opportunity within the club: Miss Child will be leading dedicated enrichment activities every afternoon between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm. These activities are designed to be fun, engaging, and provide a positive end to the school day.

Even if you don't require the full wrap-around care, your child may still enjoy coming along just for the enrichment hour! Please support the Care Club as much as you can. For booking information and a look at the week's enrichment activities, please contact the school office.

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

— Jeremiah 17:7-8

Have a relaxing and joyful weekend, St Andrews families!

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Dates to note...

Monday 6th October

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

Tuesday 7th October

Arboretum Trip - Oak Class Parents Evening 3-6pm Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026 2:15-3:15pm

Wednesday 8th October

Thursday 9th October

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class

Oak Class Cross Country @ Rawlett - Please sign up as per message on dojo Sausage Rolls instead of Italian chicken today

Friday 10th October

PE Kit - Willow Class Ukulele lessons - Willow Class

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

- 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
- 27th 31st October Half Term

November

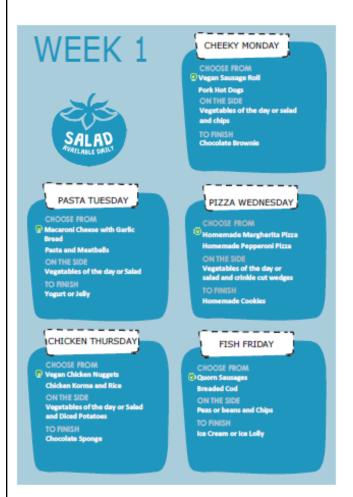
- 3rd November Inset Day
- 7th November Rock up and read 8:45 9:15am
- 4th November 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 10th November Odd Socks day & NSPCC Workshops
- 13th November KS2 Derby Faith Trail
- 14th November Children in need non uniform day (wear spotty clothes)
- 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
- 17th December Christmas dinner at school
- 18th December Nativity in Church 9:15am
- 22nd December 2nd January Christmas Holiday
- 5th January Inset Day

Dinners for Week Commencing 6th October 2025 - Week 3

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.







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

Young Voices Payment of £19.50 is now on Arbor also to pay for those attending.

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

