





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

I hope this message finds you well.

It's been another successful and productive week at St. Andrew's, filled with hard work and positive learning experiences for all of our pupils.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents' Evenings recently. It was truly valuable to have the opportunity to discuss where your children are in their learning journey and the excellent progress they are making. The partnership between home and school is so vital, and these conversations are an important part of that.

Please note that next week is the final week for swimming lessons this year. Please ensure your child brings their full swimming kit to school on Monday.

We were incredibly proud of our Oak class following their wonderful trip to the Arboretum. Their behaviour was exemplary, and their level of engagement with the activities was fantastic. A special thank you must go to Mr. Buckley for driving the minibus. His driving reduced the cost of the trip considerably, so thank you.

Next Tuesday, Willow classes are going to Whittington Barracks and again Mr Buckley is driving the children again, again reducing the cost for our families.

Finally, a massive thank you to our brilliant parents' association, SASA, for coming into school this week to help the children design and create their Christmas cards.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity, and the cards will be available for you to purchase very soon!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." - Colossians 3:23

I wish you and your family a wonderful and restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Dates to note...

Monday 13th October

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

Tuesday 14th October

Whittington Barracks trip - Willow Class complete consent form & payments on Arbor
Parent Forum 2:45pm

Wednesday 15th October

Thursday 16th October

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class

Friday 17th October

PE Kit - Willow Class
Ukulele lessons - Willow Class
The Library Bus is here please bring your books to exchange!

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

- 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
- 31st October Deadline for Secondary School Applications

November

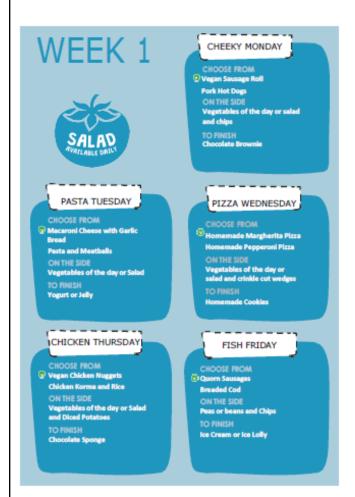
- 3rd November Inset Day
- 7th November Rock up and read 8:45 9:15am
- 4th November 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 10th November Odd Socks day & NSPCC Workshops
- 13th November KS2 Derby Faith Trail complete consent form & payments on Arbor
- 14th November Children in 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
- 5th December Rock up and Read 8:45 9:15am
- 11th December Christingle Service 6pm in church
- 12th December Rick Whittington Panto Performance at SA Church 1.45pm to 3pm
- 17th December Christmas dinner at school
- 18th December Nativity in Church 9:15am
- 19th December- whole Mease Christmas trip to Statfold- TBC
- 22nd December 2nd January Christmas Holiday
- 5th January Inset Day

Dinners for Week Commencing 13th October 2025 - Week 1

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

Key Stage 2 - Derby Faith Trail

Permission Forms have been sent out on Dojo today for our Derby faith trail please can everyone complete this and make payments on Arbor link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRgHPadsyyiDzn71fdLf9jEVWPJebknpEMHHnY50yxgUOhtQ/viewform?usp=header

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

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.

Primary School Admissions

Primary/Infant/First Schools ONLY - Reception application process

The application process for a reception place for September 2026 will open on 01 November 2025.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on <u>Admission to primary and middle schools - Staffordshire County Council</u>

The closing date is 15 January 2026.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2026

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through our website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

The online system will ask for a UID number – please click 'No UID', this will allow you to continue with your application. You will need to make your application by **15 January 2026** and your child will receive an offer of a reception place on national offer day 16 April 2026.

All the information you need about the admissions process within Staffordshire is available on our web pages. You must apply for all schools that you would prefer your child to attend including schools outside of Staffordshire or grammar schools. You will need to check the admissions arrangements for each school you are interested in to see what priority will be given to your application and whether you should provide additional information or a supplementary form with your online application.

If you do not make an application your child will be disadvantaged as children whose parents/carers have applied will be given priority for popular schools.

You must apply even if you have an elder child already attending the school (or affiliated Junior). No priority is given in the admission process because your child is currently in a nursery class and there is no guarantee that they will be allocated a place at the school at which they currently go to nursery.

If there are other persons with parental responsibility for your child, who are not living at your home address, it is expected that you will jointly agree on school places before an application is made. The local authority is not able to intervene in disputes between parents over school applications and will request that these are resolved privately.

(www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

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

