Koinonia-Wisdom-Love-Perseverance

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 St Andrews Family,

Christmas is in full flow at St Andrews, and what a week we've had to celebrate!

Our Christingle service in church was truly spectacular, with our soloists beautifully singing 'Silent Night'. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful event. The music and atmosphere were simply magical.

We kicked off the week with a delightful singing performance at the coffee shop in Clifton Campville - and we're excited to return there next Monday.

Do join us if you can!

Our children have been wonderfully creative, busy making Christmas cards and calendars. This Friday was particularly special with our Mease family day, where we enjoyed the pantomime 'Rick Whittington'. Huge thanks to SASA and FOMH for funding this treat, and to St Andrews Church for hosting us.

As we approach the end of term, I'm thrilled to share our upcoming events. Next week promises to be extraordinary:

- Christmas Dinner Wednesday 17th
- We have our special Nativity in church Thursday 18th 9am
- Our Christmas Party day with a very special visitor Thursday 18th
 - A wonderful Mease trip to Statfold Friday 19th

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." - Isaiah 9:6

It's such a delightful but busy time of year, and we're embracing every moment of Christmas joy together.

Warmest wishes,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

What's coming up this week...

Dates to note...

Monday 15th December

PE Kit - Willow Singing at the village hall coffee shop - 10-10:30am

Tuesday 16th December

Wednesday 17th December

PE Kit - Maple & Oak

Christmas dinner at school - if you have not preordered a dinner please bring in a packed lunch

The Reindeer Races - Dress festive! - See SASA events

Thursday 18th December

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class

Nativity in Church - followed by living out our school vision worship 9:15am Christmas parties - Wear your Christmas Jumper!

Friday 19th December

PE Kit - Willow Christmas trip to Statfold Christmas Jumper Day! Break up for Christmas!

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)

December

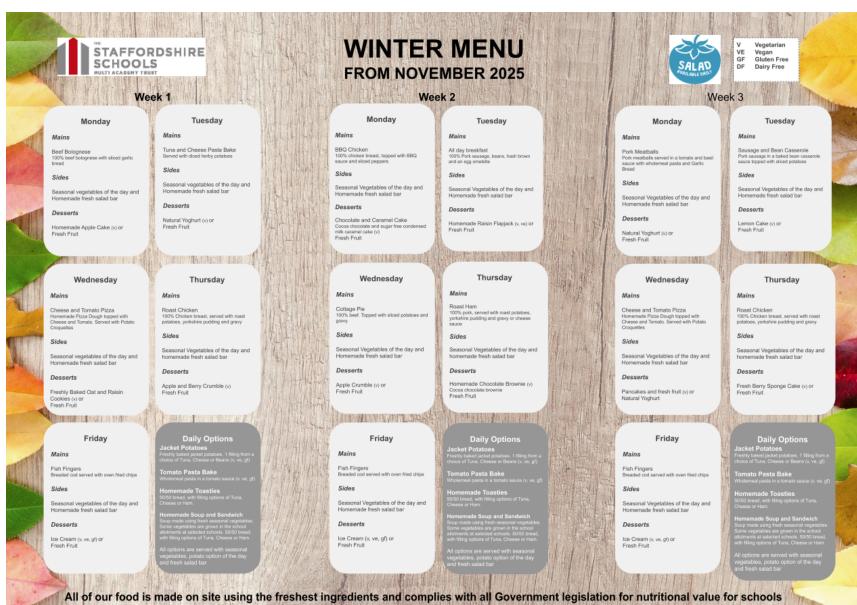
- 15th December Singing at the village hall coffee shop 10-10:30am
- 17th December Christmas dinner at school
- 17th December The Reindeer Races Dress festive! See SASA events
- 18th December Nativity in Church followed by living out our school vision worship 9:15am
- 18th December Christmas parties Wear your Christmas Jumper!
- 19th December Christmas Jumper Day!
- 19th December Christmas trip to Statfold
- 22nd December 2nd January Christmas Holiday

January

- 5th January Inset Day
- 6th January Return to School
- 9th January The Library Bus is here!
- 21st 23rd January Oak Class Bikeability Children need to have their own suitable bike and helmet bought into school. Please let us know if this is not possible.
- 23rd January The Library Bus is here!

Dinners for Week Commencing 15th December 2025 - Week 1

The New Menu is now on Arbor - Please all can you preorder your childrens meals
Thursday the 18th will now be fish fingers instead of roast Chicken



Living out our School vision awards

The following Children will be receiving an award at our living out our school vision assembly after the nativity in Church Thursday 18th December 9:15am we look forward to seeing you there!

Maple Class

Harry - R

Emily - R

Tommy-Jae - Y1

Willow Class

Trai - Y3

Alexandra - Y4

Oak Class

Lois - Y5

Tymon - Y5

Ted A - Y6



Thanking Miss Child and Welcoming Miss Hemmings

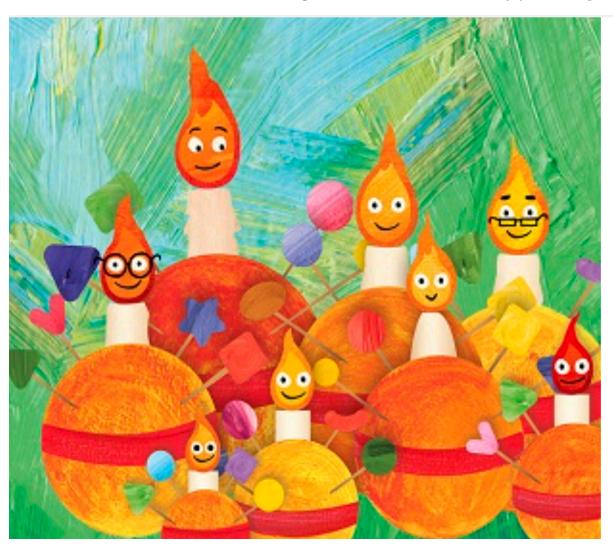
It is with immense gratitude that we prepare to say farewell to Miss Child next week as she moves on to her new role at The Howard.

We wish to extend our thanks for her work within the Care Club

At the same time, we are delighted to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Hemmings, who will be joining the St. Andrew's team and taking over this next term.

Christingle Donations

If you wish to make a donation for the Christingle this year to the Children's society instead of cash donations on the night Please do so via the following link: The Children's Society | Christingle Donations



Christingle donations

Not making a Christingle donation? Please use this donation form instead.

Thank you for spreading the message of hope at your Christingle celebration this year. By supporting The Children's Society, you're helping to build a future of hope and happiness for young people.

Use this form if you are:

- · paying in donations from a Christingle event
- making a Christingle donation on behalf of an organisation
- · donating for a Christingle event you attended
- · donating to Christingle as an individual

Don't want to donate online? <u>Here</u> are some offline ways you can pay in your Christingle donations.





Consultation

Dear families

We would like to inform you that on 8th December, we met with the Local Governing Committee to discuss the points and feedback raised during the recent consultation regarding the proposed changes to the school day.

We appreciate your engagement and the valuable insights you have shared. We are currently reviewing all feedback thoroughly and will be sending out the results along with the final decisions after the Christmas break.

At that time, we will also provide answers to any remaining questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

SASA Events

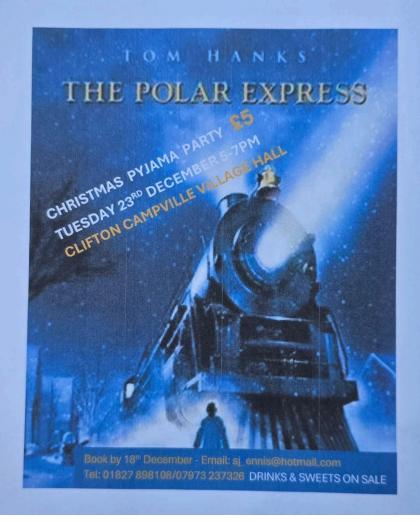


POLAR EXPRESS PJ PARTY – TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 5-7PM

In the week before Christmas why not 'get in the mood', come in your PJ's and Onesies for a 'Polar Express' party in the Village Hall. You can bring your favourite bean bag or cushion to lounge on as you enjoy the evening. Take home a souvenir 'I Believe' Bell.

Booking essential - tickets £5 to include hot food + hot chocolate. Drinks and sweets on sale.

NB. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an Adult



Wraparound Care!



Reminders

Statfold's Magical Santa Express! - 19th December

All payments are now due on Arbor

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a wonderful day!

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

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.

Thank you for your understanding.

Advice and Helplines over the Christmas period

Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) if you have concerns or are worried for a child and wish to make a referral: 0300 111 8007

NSPCC Helpline Call 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk if you're worried about a child. NSPCC Christmas Support [nspcc.org.uk]

Childline Free, confidential support for children and young people: 0800 1111 or childline.org.uk

Samaritans
116 123 samaritans.org

Citizens Advice Staffordshire – Debt, benefits, budgeting 0808 278 7874

StepChange Debt Charity – Free debt advice 0800 138 1111

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

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







