

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



Koinonia-Wisdom-Love-Perseverance

# Message from Miss Mills

Dear Parents and Carers.

What a successful start to the academic year we've had! As I reflect on a very busy and fun-packed term, I am deeply thankful for everything we have been able to achieve together.

This term has truly been Koinonia in action, as we continue to strengthen our school by working closely with our wonderful family community. We have facilitated so many enrichment events, all enabling our children to grow and flourish, both academically and personally.

These successes would not be possible without a united community. Thank you to our dedicated staff, our supportive parents, our wider communities, and, of course, the fantastic children who make St Andrews and our connected initiatives such a vibrant and lovely place to thrive.

A particular highlight this week was our special well-being day, which was a fantastic time to come together with our partners at Mary Howard, alongside Gladiator Steel, at Zactiv. We extend our sincere gratitude to FOMH for organising this incredible event, which was generously subsidised by SASA. Your efforts ensure that the well-being of our children and community remains a top priority.

We hope you all enjoy a restful and refreshing half term break.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Warm regards,

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher







# What's coming up this week...

## **Monday 3rd November**

**Inset Day** 

### **Tuesday 4th November**

2:15-3:15pm Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026 3:30-5:00pm - Rocket & Roll Disco - see SASA Events below!

## Wednesday 5th November

### **Thursday 6th November**

PE Kit - Maple & Oak Class

### **Friday 7th November**

PE Kit - Willow & Oak Class Ukulele lessons - Willow Class Rock up and read - 8:45 - 9:15am



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)

# Dates to note...

#### November

- 3rd November Inset Day
- 4th November Rocket & Roll Disco 3:30-5:00pm see SASA Events below!
- 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
- 23rd November Luxury Christmas Wreath Workshop See SASA Events below
- 25th November 2:15-3:15 Stay & Play for children starting school Sept 2026
- 28th November St Andrews Day Church Service 9:15am
- 28th November Great Fire of London Interactive workshop (Maple Class) contributions to be paid on Arbor
- 29th & 30th November Breakfast with Santa see SASA events below

#### **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
- 8th December Singing at the village hall coffee shop 10-10:30am
- 11th December Christingle Service 6pm in church
- 12th December Rick Whittington Panto Performance at SA Church 1.45pm to 3pm
- 15th December Singing at the village hall coffee shop 10-10:30am
- 17th December Christmas dinner at school
- 18th December Nativity in Church followed by living out our school vision worship 9:15am
- 18th December Christmas parties
- 19th December Christmas Jumper Day!
- 19th December Christmas trip to Statfold-TBC
- 22nd December 2nd January Christmas Holiday
- 5th January Inset Day

# Dinners for Week Commencing 3rd November 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.







## CEO Newsletter













#### CEO LETTER Autumn 1 2025

As the Autumn colours become so vibrant, it's hard to believe we have already reached the end of this wonderful, yet long, first half-term. Goodness, where has the time gone!

It has been a period packed with excellent learning and vibrant opportunities for your children, from exciting trips and visitors to residentials, services and a range of events We are so proud of everything that has happened across our seven schools and to the staff for ensuring this happens so seamlessly for our children.

I have thoroughly loved visiting all of our schools several times again. My visits have been for many reasons, including curriculum and standards meetings, but my highlights are always the moments I get to see the children's enthusiasm firsthand. I've had the pleasure of being involved in pupil voice sessions at All Saints, St Mary's, The Howard, and St Andrew's, and it was a privilege to hear their thoughts.

I've also been blessed to attend some of our lovely harvest services at Anson, Richard Crosse, All Saints, and St Mary's. Thank you so much for your generous donations

and for helping us celebrate that wonderful sense of community spirit.

Children at St Marys led our Trust worship on responsibility - it was so well structured with lots of opportunity to answer and join in. They looked at a range of responsibilities as well as online safety!

We've had some fantastic community events, too and was thoroughly delighted to be asked to officially open the new 'Reading Shed' at St Andrew's. It looks gorgeous and is fully stocked for the children. What a wonderful achievement by the SASA (PTA) – the children were so excited!

Behind the scenes, our Headteachers, leaders, and governors continue to work diligently. We have held positive 'Team around the School' meetings to review our curriculum, standards, and attendance, celebrating much success while also identifying our next steps for development. Our school leaders are also working hard to unpick the latest OFSTED framework to ensure we are always moving forward. Please be reassured that this is all positive, background work to make your children's education the best it can be.











Rev. Jules Smith & Sophie Skelton





We are thrilled to formally welcome our new Directors Sophie Skelton and Rev. Jules Smith for link Directors roles for The Mease.

It just leaves me to say a huge thank you to you all for your support during this superb half-term.

I know many children are looking forward to Halloween. If your family is taking part in 'trick or treating,' we hope you have a wonderful time—please stay safe, be visible in the dark, and be respectful of neighbours who may not be celebrating. As a Christian Trust, this time of year also reminds us, as the nights draw in, to be a positive light in our communities, reflecting the message of hope and the light of Jesus that shines brightly for all.

I hope you and your children have a very restful and well-deserved break. We look forward to seeing everyone back for Autumn 2 after our staff INSET day where we are looking further at the effective use of Al in our work.

Thank you, regards, Charlene Gethin and Ralph.

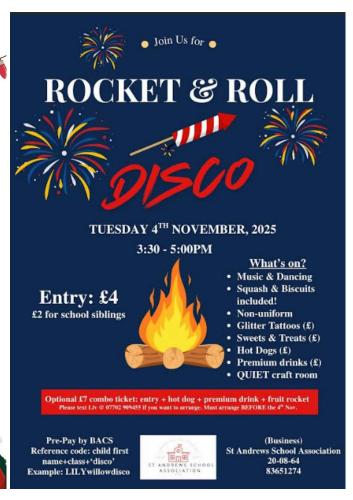
# SASA Events



contact Sasa.charitypta@gmail.com to book

£20 deposit required

BREAKFAST WITH 10.00AM 30 NOV | 12.30PM 29 NOV A magical morning of festive fun with Elf approved crafts & activities alongside Santa Claus. Personalised keepsake included with all child and under 1's tickets COOKED BREAKFAST & DRINK WITH EVERY TICKET CHILD £12.00 CLIFTON CAMPVILLE VILLAGE HALL ADULT £10.00 UNDER 1'S £3 PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A TICKETED, PAY IN ADVANCE EVENT. TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS CONTACT: SASA.CHARITYPTA@GMAIL.COM Spaces are limited, so don't delay!



# 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 for our Derby faith trail please can everyone complete this and make payments on Arbor link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLScRgHPadsyyiDzn71fdLf9jEVWPJebknpEMHHnY50yxgUOhtQ/viewform?usp=header

### **Key Stage 1 - Great Fire of London Workshop**

Permission Forms have been sent out on Dojo for this workshop, We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to attend this workshop to cover the cost, if we do not get enough contributions we may have to cancel the event, contributions can be made on Arbor there will be a payment item on there for the great fire of London. Thank you in advance for any contributions!

Permission form - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoDD9aI4nDzSBUcgxgYYmLZ7c8gzRMgb0Y0foPg9ugJ3gAiw/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



9th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been made aware that several titles in the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Pup*, and *Spy Cat series* by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.

#### Many Thanks











## 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

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**Holiday:** Monday 20 July – Monday 31 August

