



# St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School

## Chinnor



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## About St. Andrew's CE Primary School

Please view the school website [www.st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk)

- Mission statement
- Ofsted report (October 2024)
- SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report (March 2023)

## Useful Information

Please access via our school website, go to 'School Information' then 'Admissions' or use link below:

<https://www.st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/admissions>

- Welcome Videos
- Term Dates for the Academic Year 2025 – 2026
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## Key Policies, Procedures and information

Please view the school website [www.st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk)

- Safeguarding Policy
- Settling in policy
- Late collection of a child procedure
- Attendance Policy
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- Medication policy
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## Welcome from the Headteacher...

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**May 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School.

Everyone at St Andrew's believes the children are central to all we do. All of the staff work hard and encourage the children to develop a love of learning and achieve their full potential. Our Christian values are delivered through our vision and guide us all to be the best we can be. The school is filled with laughter and there is buzz of discovering new things and working together.

We see our parents as the primary educators of our children and with that in mind; we aim to work closely in partnership with you. All that we do in school requires support from home if we are to maximise your child's learning opportunities. Therefore, effective communication is essential. Should you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring them to the attention of your child's class teacher. Equally, we are always delighted to receive comments when your child is particularly happy or has been excited and enthused by an aspect of school life.

Please visit our website which has lots of information and will give you a feel of our school.

I do hope that you have had the opportunity to read our Excellent SIAMS Inspection report, March 2023, alongside our Ofsted Inspection report, October 2024. The reports are available on our school website.

We shall continue to drive forward to improve the quality of education for our children and we hope that you will become part of that vision. Please take the time to visit us at St. Andrew's, where a warm welcome will greet you.

*Mrs Annette Mashru*

**Headteacher**

## Welcome from the Co-Chairs of Governors...



On behalf of the whole Governing Body, we would like to extend a warm welcome to St Andrew's Church of England Primary School. We are very proud of the school and would love to share it with you.

Many of us on the Governing Body are either parents or relatives of pupils at the school, or members of staff – some even attended the school themselves a few years ago. Our school has a place at the heart of the village, and we hope you enjoy finding out more about our ambition to provide an outstanding environment for every pupil to achieve their full potential.

We are extremely fortunate to have a committed and enthusiastic team of teachers, support staff, governors, school association and parents. The school's motto is "Learning together we achieve great things" and the whole team connected with St Andrew's continuously strives to provide the very best facilities and opportunities possible for our children's learning, which in turn improves achievement. Everyone at St Andrew's is focused on providing the best experience at our school for all children.

Our Christian values and ethos are central to all that we do as a school, and we work closely with St. Andrew's Church where our pupils often attend services. We are an inclusive school, and have worked hard to forge global links, obtaining accreditations such as Unicef's Rights Respecting Schools Gold award.

St Andrew's has a long and proud history of success recognised over the years. Most recently by an 'Excellent' accreditation from the Church of England SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) in April 2023. In addition to this, we received a strong 'Good' accreditation from Ofsted in October 2024 in which the school was recognised as a "calm and purposeful learning environment, with high expectations of pupil achievement" and perhaps most importantly our pupils "enjoy being part of this friendly and welcoming school". But we never rest on our laurels, and the school is at the forefront of the highly successful Thame Partnership of schools, leading curriculum developments for pupils across the local area. We continuously review and challenge ourselves to develop and do things better.

As Chinnor continues to grow, the school has also grown. In 2021 we were delighted to officially open the Heritage Block, named after a former headteacher, and comprising our new Year 6 classrooms. We have invested in our school site, and the training required to provide Forest School lessons. We know that there is great demand for places at our school and we do all we can to work with parents and children.

We focus on setting our children up for success in their future education and beyond. Over the past few years, we have prioritised the implementation of technology for all pupils in the school.

Key Stage 1 pupils have access to tablets, and Key Stage 2 pupils have access to their own laptop for the course of their time at the school. We're extremely proud to have become a Microsoft Showcase School, enabling our teachers and children to explore new approaches to teaching and learning.





We have a very active school association (SASA), run by a fabulous team of volunteer parents, who organise events and activities throughout the year to raise funds to enhance the educational experiences for our pupils. The community swimming pool is also within our grounds, giving valuable access to this life-skill for every pupil, and there are many opportunities for engagement with our partnership schools in the local area – whether it's football tournaments, cross-country competitions or science experience days.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school in the near future and hope that if you do choose St Andrew's for your child, that we will have the opportunity to meet you as you become involved in the life of the school.

*Rachel Reynolds and Kathryn Clarkson*

**Co-Chairs of Governors**





## Welcome Letter from the Rector of St. Andrew's Church...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Rector of St. Andrew's Church in Chinnor, I offer you a sincere and warm welcome as your child begins his or her time as a pupil here. We all hope and trust that your child will settle in well, be very happy and will look back on his or her years at St Andrew's with real affection and gratitude.

The parish church, its members and ministry team are pleased to support the children, families and staff of the school in every way we can.

St Andrew's church has three governors on the School Governing Body, who are known as Foundation Governors. As Rector, I am one of the Foundation Governors and the other two are parents of children in the school. The Foundation Governors monitor Religious Education and Collective Worship on behalf of the governing body, and as part of the Church of England Self Evaluation Framework.

It is always our delight when the children from the school visit the church as part of their RE curriculum and we enjoy hosting school services once a term and on special occasions such as the Leaver's Service, Harvest Festival, the St Andrew's Day Service and to welcome Foundation Stage pupils and their parents. Our local Bishop (the Rt Rev'd Gavin Collins) also enjoys his annual visit to the school to lead the Key stage one children in a mini pilgrimage around Chinnor. We love to display children's work in the church.

As a reflection of how well, and sensitively, the school engages the children in all aspects of religious education and spirituality, St Andrew's school was awarded 'Excellent' by a recent SIAMS inspection. (SIAMS is an extra inspection Church of England schools have that is undertaken by the Diocese of Oxford).

Members of the church, including the clergy, visit the school regularly:

- To lead weekly assemblies in the school in the form of **Open The Book**, an interactive, accessible and enjoyable way of bringing Bible stories and their messages to life.
- To engage with the children in an annual event called **Prayer Spaces**, an opportunity for each child to explore different ways of praying,
- To deliver the **REInspired Project**, which involves teaching the children different aspects of the Christian faith through multi- presentations, art, craft, drama and small group discussions.



- To support the school in an initiative called the **Space Makers**, calming and meditative techniques rooted in the Christian tradition.

We support the inclusive nature of the school as a place. Our prayer for the school is that every child and member of staff is valued. And, whatever their background or beliefs, will be given opportunities to flourish and develop their own unique gifts and potential, all within a safe and caring environment that is informed by its Christian values and ethos.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone or email, if I can provide any support to you as a parent of a child in the school.

With all best wishes and blessings,

*Jacky*

**The Rev'd Dr Jacky Barr**

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## The EYFS Team

Welcome to Reception at St Andrew's! We are thrilled your child is joining us and look forward to meeting you and working with you as partners in your child / children's education. We are just the beginning! As you will already know, the Local Education Authority has informed the school that your child is due to join our Reception year in September 2025. You and your child/children will be part of our school community, for the next 7 years and we are delighted.

At St Andrew's School, there is a fantastic team of teachers and teaching assistants. Our role is to educate, support and advise children and adults in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to speak to us if you have any concerns. If you need to contact us, please send an email to the office and we will always try to respond as soon as possible. We appreciate that you are busy too!

Children are encouraged to learn at their own pace and are surrounded and supported by an enthusiastic, nurturing and highly motivated team. Through peer teaching, following individual interests, small group lessons, some whole class teaching, and a curriculum based upon the needs of our children, each individual is encouraged to be a resilient, active learner. We want each child to gain a strong academic foundation, to be an independent thinker and to reach their true potential.



School and parents want the best for each child; as a team we want to hear about your child's interests and achievements, and we want to help you to help your child/children—it's about working together; being part of a community.



We hope you find the information on the website useful. If you have concerns or suggestions as to other materials which would be helpful, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

## EYFS Team







## Welcome from SASA - ST ANDREWS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION...

Hello, and a very warm welcome to St Andrew's C.E Primary School from the **SASA** team. You will no doubt hear **SASA** quite a lot on your journey through St Andrew's!

We are **St Andrew's School Association**, (a Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) and we have the pleasure of working alongside the school and our Governors to provide additional funds to financially support school trips, music lessons, and new equipment for our children.

All money raised goes to the school, and we aim to reach around £6,000 a year so you can see already that we really need parental support to achieve this.

We appreciate that time and money are precious, so we plan our events annually and we plan our meetings accordingly and try to keep these brief and to the point where we can, although we do like to have a bit of a chat occasionally! Events are detailed on the calendar which can be seen on the school website.

If you feel that you have something to add, however big or small, we would really love to hear from you. Maybe you have an exciting skill or talent, or perhaps you would just like to offer an hour or so to man a stall at the carnival or to help to tidy up afterwards. Maybe you work for a company that could donate raffle prizes or perhaps you are an ideas person who could come up with some new and fantastic ways for us to engage our families and children into getting involved.

We are all here for the same reason and we are all very approachable so please ask around and your year representative would be delighted to have a chat with you.

Warmest regards,

**SASA**

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