

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE-



END SUMMER 2025 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE CHRISTIAN VALUE OF RESPECT

Introduction

I hope you had a lovely half term break with your children. In this final newsletter of the school year, you will find details of many of the additional activities planned for the children.



May-rathon

Our deputy headteacher, Mr Pamphlett came up with the brilliant idea of the sponsored May-rathon and subsequent colour run as a final celebration of its completion. The sun shone brightly on the day of the colour run and it is safe to say both children and adults had a wonderful time! We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of sponsors and the event raised a staggering **£4,928** to be directly spent on your children.

2,000 will be spent to keep the cost of summer trips to **£15** per child. The normal cost of the trips (including coach travel) would have been **£26**.

The remaining money will buy additional laptops and tablets for use by pupils in the autumn term.

Free uniform shop

Please help yourself to any freshly laundered and pre-loved items in the school foyer- no need to ask. If you have any items that your children no longer needs, please drop them in the laundry basket next to the shop. We think this is a great way to recycle and save money!

School Uniform

School uniform is available to order online at Brigade.uk.com
Items such as skirts, trousers, polo shirts and PE shorts can still be purchased from your usual suppliers such as supermarkets and clothes stores. These do not have to be school branded and do not need to be purchased from Brigade. (Please refer to our school uniform policy on the website).

*Please note that cycling shorts are **NOT** acceptable uniform. In warmer weather children may wear grey school shorts or cotton blue check shorts/summer dresses.

Staffing



I have some lovely news to share with you all- Mrs Randall had a beautiful baby boy, Cameron Max, in May. Mummy and baby are both doing really well.

Our Y6 teacher, Mrs Smith, leaves us temporarily at the end of term to await the birth of her second child. We wish her lots of luck and look forward to her bringing her new baby to meet us in autumn.

Miss Davies has taken the decision to leave St Andrew's to spend time at home with her baby son. Although we are sorry to see her go, we understand how precious this time is and wish her lots of fun with little Henry.

Following a rigorous recruitment process, we are delighted to have appointed two new teachers to our staff team. Miss M Richardson and Mrs C Allen will join us in September and I know they are both very excited to be part of the St Andrew's family.

Retirements

Two of our wonderful teaching assistants will be starting well-earned retirements this summer.



Mrs O'Leary has worked at St Andrew's since **January 1994**- that is an outstanding **31 years'** service to our school! Mrs O'Leary has worked with many different pupils and classes over the years, but has spent the majority of her time in the early years department. She has taken loving care of countless 3 year olds during their first weeks in school and I know parents/carers will be so grateful for this. Mrs O'Leary has offered so many talents to St Andrew's including gardening, craft activities and baking. Her calm manner and incredible hard work will be much missed by children and staff. We express our heartfelt thanks to her and wish her a healthy and happy retirement.



Mrs Knights is also retiring after a long career in education **(37 years!)**. She started teaching in 1988 and worked in various schools before joining St Andrew's in 2018. Mrs Knights has taken on a variety of roles here, including cover teaching, supporting children with additional needs and delivering intervention groups. I have been very grateful for Mrs Knights' flexibility, loyalty and absolute commitment to St Andrew's. We will miss Mrs Knights greatly but wish her lots of happiness in her retirement and new adventures.

Sad News

We were very sad to hear of the passing of a former St Andrew's teacher, Miss Roberts. Judith taught at St Andrew's for 18 years from 1995-2013. I know many of you, and some of your children, benefitted greatly from being taught by her. She was an exceptional teacher who was totally dedicated to the school and her children. It was a great loss to us when she moved on to become assistant headteacher at Moorside Primary in Swinton. We made a donation from school fund, on behalf of our school family, to St Ann's hospice in her memory.

ALLOCATION OF TEACHERS TO CLASSES 2025-26

I can now inform you of the allocation of teachers to classes for September.

Nursery: Miss D Smith

Reception: Mrs E Brooks

Year 1: Mrs Hall (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Fortune (Thursday/ Friday)

Year 2: Mrs G Blower

Year 3: Miss H Potts

Year 4: Miss M Richardson

Year 5: Mrs C Allen

Year 6: Mrs L Gomm (Monday to Wednesday) and Mr J Pamphlett (Thursday and Friday)

Walkden Methodist Church

We will be waving a sad goodbye to Rev Garfield in July as he moves on to minister in the Liverpool district. Rev Garfield has been a constant support over the past 9 years, both as Methodist minister and as a governor. Come rain or shine, he has arrived to take collective worship each Thursday morning. The children have loved his assemblies and lively singing! We are very grateful for everything he has done for our school and will miss him very much. Before he leaves, he will introduce us to our new minister, Rev Nutan Suray. We look forward to welcoming her and getting to know her.

Summer Sports

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit (clearly labelled) in school as there will be many additional outdoor sporting activities taking place over the next half term.

Transition

Year 6 staff will be liaising closely with feeder high schools to facilitate a smooth transition for all Y6 pupils. Parents/carers will receive more detailed information on transition activities from your child's allocated high school. The allocated transition days for Salford high schools are the 26th and 27th June.

Book Looks

Parents/carers will have the opportunity to view their child's learning journeys and/or workbooks after school in the hall. Each year group has been allocated a session between 3.20-4pm. Children can join their parents in the hall to share their work. The dates for this are as follows;

Nursery: 9th June

Reception Class: 11th June

Year 1: 10th June

Year 2: 12th June

Year 3: 16th June

Year 4: 17th June

Year 5: 18th June

Year 6: 19th June

*Please ensure you only look at your **own child's** workbooks.

Annual Reports

You will receive a detailed report from your child's teacher on Friday 18th July. Parents of Y6 children will receive SATs results as soon as they are available.

Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair is on the 28th June from 12-2pm. It is always a fabulous occasion and a highlight of the summer calendar. Later in the term, the staff will be sending out further details about the Summer Fair, and I know you will support us with your contributions.

Additional Diary Dates

- ❖ The school health adviser will be speaking to Y6 pupils about puberty on 24th June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of the new Nursery intake on 19th June at 5pm.
- ❖ Reception Class will lead family worship on 20th June.
- ❖ On 27th June there will be a non-uniform day to collect goods for the summer fair eg; tombola items.
- ❖ Salford Y6 high school transition days are on 26th and 27th June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of next year's Reception class children on 26th June at 2.30pm.
- ❖ Y1 will lead family worship on 1 July.
- ❖ Year 6 pupils go to Winmarleigh Hall from 7-9th July.
- ❖ 'Moving Up Morning' will be on the 15th July.

- ❖ There will be a special Leavers' production of 'Peter Pan' in the evening of 16th July at 6pm. This will involve the Y6 pupils who are moving on to high school.
- ❖ The annual Talent Show is on the 22nd July.
- ❖ Summer Sports' Days are planned for the following days (weather permitting!)
 - 7th July at 2pm: EYFS Sports (Nursery and Reception)
 - 8th July at 2pm: KS1 Sports (Year 1 and Year 2)
 - 15th July at 1.30pm: KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)

Summer Trips and Visits



- ❖ Nursery and Reception: St Ann's Beach on 23rd June.
- ❖ Year 1 and Year 2: Delamere Forest on 4th July.
- ❖ Year 3 and Year 4: Lytham on 3rd July
- ❖ Year 5: 'Bring yer wellies!' in Preston on 1st July.
- ❖ Year 6 : Residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall from 7-9th July.

*Teachers will send out full details of summer trips to you.

Summer Beach Party Disco



DJ Steve is returning to host a special beach party themed summer disco. Children are invited to wear their summer clothes, grass skirts, garlands, Hawaiian shirts and funky sunglasses! The disco is on 14th July from 6-7.30pm. It will be £1 admission for children and adults. Please note that children from Nursery to Y2 are only allowed to attend the disco if accompanied by a responsible adult. The disco will finish promptly at 7.30pm so please make arrangements for KS2 children to be collected on time.



Extra Curricular Activities

Summer Term Clubs

Monday

Lunchtime sports- KS2
Premier Sports' club: Y1 and Y2

Tuesday

KS2 choir

Craft club- KS1

Wednesday

Tennis- Y5 and Y6

Thursday

Tennis- Y3 and Y4

Teachers will inform you of any other summer clubs as they are planned.

And Finally...

As you can see, your children are in for a busy and exciting time at school this summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at the events we have organised. School will break up for the summer holidays on 23rd July. Thank you for the support you continue to give your children at St Andrew's. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A. Barker
Headteacher