



Newsletter 25



Every child fulfilling their potential in a nurturing learning environment underpinned by Christian values.

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 26th February 2021

All Children To Return To School – Monday 8th March

It was good news from the government on Monday, schools will open fully on Monday 8th March 2021. I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your patience, support and commitment to supporting your children's education.

I will send out a detailed newsletter next week to remind you of the arrangements that will be in place when the children return. In the meantime, to prepare, you may want to take the opportunity to check your child's uniform and PE kit.

This week we will be celebrating "World Maths Day" (Wednesday 3rd March) and "World Book Day" (Thursday 4th March). The children will be given activities to enjoy on those days. There will be no live Teams lessons or work set on Friday 5th March. As explained, in my letter sent out to parents and carers this week, staff will be in school preparing for Monday's full opening.

Mrs Alexander's Painting Workshop

This week, Mrs Alexander is showing you how to paint a robin. Click on the link below to learn the techniques to produce an image of a bird. Click on her subscribe button to hear about more updates.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9aS86za_cfE

School Meals

School meals for children in school this week will be as follows:

Monday 1 st March -	Pizza or Jacket Potato
Tuesday 2 nd March -	Mini Sausage and Mash or Jacket Potato
Wednesday 3 rd March -	Roast Turkey or Jacket Potato
Thursday 4 th March -	Hot Dogs or Jacket Potato
Friday 5 th March -	Sandwiches only

CHILL BOOKINGS

To book a place for your child in CHILL please click on the link below. Booking forms are now available for places up to Easter. Thank you.

<https://www.st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk/parents/1382-2/>

Please note that from the week commencing 8th March, CHILL will re-open on Friday afternoons.

Prayer Space – Books

Dear God,

We thank you for the power of a good book
to transport us to new places and to give us new experiences.

We thank you for the creativity of authors and illustrators
in creating books for us to enjoy.

We are thankful for our own ability to read and to imagine.

We thank you for the people who have helped us to enjoy reading
and for our education.

Amen

And finally...

I have started to receive enquiries about booking holidays in term time because families have not been on holiday for so long. Unfortunately, I will not be authorising family holidays during term time. The government has made it very clear that it expects children to be in school, catching up on lost time. Because the pandemic has affected everyone, it would not be considered exceptional circumstances to book a holiday in term time.

The pandemic has had an impact on all of our lives and has ruined or changed so many plans. I have heard about so many things that have been cancelled or postponed: weddings, birthday parties, trips of a lifetime abroad, theatre visits, sporting events, university place offers – the list goes on. I do sympathise with those whose plans have so altered. I sympathise deeply with those who have lost loved ones.

The government says we are nearly there and that we must continue to follow guidelines. I am aware that vaccinations are now being offered to people over 50 and so the vaccination programme seems to be going well. Let us hope that a time when we can enjoy the freedoms we previously took for granted soon arrives.

Mr Hayward.



Dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021

Spring Term 2021

Wednesday 3 March
Thursday 4 March
Monday 8 March
Thursday 1 April

World Maths Day
World Book Day
School fully open to all children
Term ends

Friday 2 April

School Closed – Good Friday

Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April 2021

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 April

School opens

Monday 3 May

School closed

Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021

Monday 7 June

INSET Day

Wednesday 21 July

Term ends

Holiday: Thursday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August 2021

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

Please note, INSET days are yet to be confirmed.

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

SPRING TERM 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Term ends: Thursday 21 July

Holiday: Friday 22 July – Friday 2 September