



## Newsletter 1



*"Following God's path to flourish in life"*

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

### Welcome To Another School Year!

I would like to warmly welcome you to St Andrew's at the start of this new school year. I do hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer break and that you are refreshed and ready to start the school year. We are really excited about seeing the children and have been working hard through the summer break to get the school ready for September. I have tried to include all the essential information you may need to start the new school year in the newsletter below. Don't worry if you have forgotten something or do not understand anything – just ask. I look forward to greeting everyone at the start of the first school day on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Return To School - What to expect...

**Opening times** – The school gates will open at 8.40am. The gates close at 8.50am.

**New Reception children in Willow Class** – Until the children are settled, Reception children new to St Andrew's can be dropped-off by parents and carers through the "kitchen" gate. This gate is accessed via the path alongside the staff car park. Staff will direct parents and carers where to go for the first couple of days. Miss Cawley and Mrs Burge will meet the children outside the classroom and usher them into their new class. Please say goodbye to your child outside the classroom.

**Year 1 children in Willow Class** – Year 1 children in Willow class are asked to make their own way through the morning gate, across the playground and into class. Again, Miss Cawley and Mrs Burge will be there to meet and greet the children. Staff will be on the playground to make sure the children know where to go.

**Children in Oak Class** – Year 1 and Year 2 children in Oak Class are asked to make their own way through the morning gate and in through the back door to their classroom.

**Key Stage 2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)** – Children in Key Stage 2 are asked to enter the morning gate and make their way to their classes. They are as follows:

Beech	Year 3	Miss Barnacle	In the main building
Elm	Year 4	Mrs Yewdell/Mrs Jones	In the far mobile
Sycamore	Year 5	Miss Lowe	In the nearest mobile
Maple	Year 6	Mrs Edgecombe	In the main building

The children do not need to worry if they cannot remember where to go because staff will happily be on hand to direct them to their new classes.

**Picking up at the end of the school day** – All children will be collected from the playground. I ask that parents and carers enter the school grounds through the gate to the right of the pedestrian gate (morning gate), following the path round to the left onto the school playground, the children will be lined up in their classes. Please collect your child/ren and exit through the kitchen gate and then out through the pedestrian gate. The school gate will open at 3.20pm. Parents and children are not permitted to leave school through the staff car park.

**Year 5 and Year 6 children making their own way home** – Children in Years 5 and 6 can, if given written permission by parents, make their own way home at the end of the school day. This option is to encourage some independence in the children. The children must make their way to their homes, if they live in the village, or to an agreed place if being picked up by car. Year 5 and Year 6 children must not “hang around” outside school waiting for parents to pick up younger siblings.

### Welcome to Class Meetings

Each class will be hosting a Welcome to Class meeting. The purpose of the meetings is to give an outline of the year ahead. It is also an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their children’s class teachers. The meeting dates and times are as follows:

Willow	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 4.00pm
Oak	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm
Beech	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm
Elm	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm
Sycamore	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm
Maple	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm

It is anticipated that meetings last between 30 – 45 minutes. Parents and carers will have the opportunity to ask questions and update class teachers if changes have occurred over the summer break.

### PE Days

At St Andrew’s, the children are asked to come to school wearing their PE kits on days they do PE. PE days are as follows:

Willow	Monday
Oak	Wednesday
Beech	Friday
Elm	Tuesday
Sycamore	Tuesday
Maple	Wednesday

For more information about PE kits visit the school website – [CLICK HERE](#)

**PE lessons will commence from the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, so no PE kits needed for the first week.**

## School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Tuesday 5th September

MENU	WEEK ONE
TUESDAY	Mac & Cheese (V) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Chickpea and Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly and Peaches
THURSDAY	Tuna & Pasta Pesto Pasta (Wg) or Penne with Tomato Super Sauce (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Swede Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt & Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Flapjack (Ve)

### CHILL – Wrap-around-care

We are looking forward to welcoming newcomers and existing children to our Chill Out of School Club this term. It will re-open at 7.45am on Tuesday 5th September. Online booking forms are available on the school website. Please make all bookings by 1pm on Friday the week before and ensure payment has been made in **advance** via Parentpay or childcare vouchers activated.

**Chill emergency phone number – 07535042629** operational during Chill hours only - 7.45am to 8.45am and 3.20pm to 6pm.

If you have any questions please email Sue McCoskry.

[chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

### Prayer Space – St Andrew’s School Prayer

Thank you God for St Andrew’s school and our friends,  
Help us to value the importance of **fellowship** and the friendship it brings,  
Give us the strength to show **compassion** and forgiveness,  
Show us how to **respect** you, others and ourselves,  
Encourage us to **persevere** when we find things difficult, to make the right choices,  
so we can be the best we can be,  
Help us to be **thankful** for the fruits you provide,  
And lead us so that we may **serve** you and serve others,  
Amen.

### And finally...

In the news you may have seen that over 100 schools in the UK may be closed or partially closed due to the use of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in their construction. I can confirm that this material has not been used at St Andrew's and so we will be open as normal.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday morning.

Mr Hayward.

### Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

#### Autumn Term 2023

##### Inset day: Monday 4 September

Monday 4 September	Welcome to Willow Class meeting for parents
Tuesday 5 September	School opens
Tuesday 5 September	Welcome to Oak Class meeting for parents
Wednesday 6 September	Welcome to Elm Class meeting for parents
Thursday 7 September	Reception children balance bike training
Thursday 7 September	Welcome to Beech Class for parents
Friday 8 September	Reception children balance bike training
Friday 9 September	Welcome to Sycamore Class meeting for parents
Monday 11 September	Sycamore Class (Year 5) Bikeability training – Level 1
Monday 11 September	Welcome to Maple Class meeting for parents
Tuesday 12 September	Sycamore Class (Year 5) Bikeability training – Level 1
Tuesday 12 September	Stoke City FC Assembly – City 7s
Thursday 21 September	Children's school photos – Tempest
Thursday 28 September	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 5 October	Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting
Wednesday 11 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Thursday 12 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Monday 16 October	Maple Class children leave for Stanley Head residential visit
Friday 20 October	Maple Class children return from Stanley Head

#### Half Term: Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

##### Inset day: Monday 6 November

Monday 13 November	Whole school flu immunisation
Thursday 30 November	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 14 December	Christmas pantomime in school
Friday 22 December	Last day of term

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 25 December – Friday 6 January

#### Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January Term starts

**Half term break:** Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Thursday 14 March Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm  
Friday 31 March

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 31 March

**Summer Term 2024**

Monday 8 April

Term starts

Wednesday 10 April

Elm Class (Year 4) to Laches Wood – Residential visit

Friday 12 April

Elm Class return from Laches Wood

Monday 22 April

Stafford's Gotta Dance 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Monday 6 May

School closed – May Day

Thursday 16 May

Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm

**Inset day: Friday 24 May**

**Half Term Break:** Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

**Inset day: Monday 3 June**

Thursday 20 June

Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 4 July

Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting

Friday 19 July

Leavers assembly 2.00pm

**Inset day: Monday 22 July**

**Summer Holiday:** Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August 2024

**Term Dates for 2024 – 2025**

**Autumn Term 2024**

**Inset day:** Monday 2 September

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 3 September

**Holiday:** Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

**Term Ends:** Friday 20 December

**Holiday:** Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

**Spring Term 2025**

**Term Starts:** Monday 6 January

**Holiday:** Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

**Term Ends:** Friday 11 April

**Holiday:** Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 20 April

**Summer Term 2025**

**Term Starts:** Monday 28 April

**May Day:** Monday 5 May

**Holiday:** Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

**Term Ends:** Monday 21 July

**Holiday:** Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August