

'Do Everything In LOVE' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents,

A big welcome to Hudson in Year 1, and Miss Brown, our Year 3 Teaching Assistant. We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Morgan.

Lunches

Universal Free School Meals continue to be available for all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils daily. For all Key Stage 2 pupils, hot lunches can be ordered at a cost of £2.60 per day or £13.00 per week (£78 up to April half term). All meals must be ordered on the App and paid for in advance. Please can ALL parents book their child's meals for the half term on Reach More Parents even if they are eligible for a free meal, or having a packed lunch from home.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Extra funding is available for school to support the education of children from families in receipt of certain benefits (including funding for Free School Meals at all Key Stages). If you think that you might be eligible, please apply online at <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home> or ask for a form in confidence from the School Office. **It is important that parents complete this form even if your child is in Reception/Key Stage 1 pupil**, as it means that we will receive additional funding to spend on supporting your child throughout his/her school career, and to subsidise additional school expenses such as swimming, trips and music lessons. Pupil premium children are also entitled to free milk, even after their 5th birthdays.

Tuck

Tuck is available for all children in Years 1 – 6 to buy on Tuesday mornings at playtime. Please send your child in with 20p if they wish to buy a homemade cake/biscuit from the school kitchen.

Healthy Eating and Nut Allergies

We promote healthy eating and encourage the children to make healthy food choices. Children in Years R – 2 receive a free fruit snack each day. Children in other year groups may bring in fruit to eat at breaktime. If children are bringing packed lunches, please do not include sweets and chocolate in their meals. To ensure that we are inclusive, please do not bring in sweets or cakes to give out on birthdays.

As we have some children in school who are allergic to nuts, please do not send in nuts or nut products in lunchboxes. We do not use nuts or nut products in school meals, and a list of allergens is provided on the school meal planner. Please speak to Mrs Carpenter, our Catering Manager, if you have any queries or special dietary requests. Thank you for your support.

Music Lessons

These will be held as follows for the children who have signed up for peripatetic lessons: -

- Woodwind (Rachel Maguire) Monday pm
- Brass (Laurie Truluck) Friday am

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Music lessons are billed directly via the Salisbury Music Co-operative. If you hire a St Andrew’s school instrument, we will be in touch about paying the hire charge of £15 per term (£45 annually).

Classes 3 and 4 are having whole class recorder lessons weekly with Mrs Maguire on Monday afternoons (there is no charge to parents for these lessons).

Attendance

We would like to remind all parents that the regulations governing term-time holidays do not now permit Headteachers to authorise any term-time leave for pupils unless there are “exceptional” circumstances”.

Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child’s progress. Please help us by ensuring that your child is in school punctually (school starts at 8.30am) and that children are not taken out of school during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Volunteers

We are delighted to welcome volunteers to our school. If you are able to support with reading, cooking, gardening or any other activities then please let us know. All volunteers must have a DBS check prior to starting which can be arranged with the school office.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named (especially sweatshirts) as this helps us to return any stray items. Also, I would like to add a gentle reminder that only stud earrings should be worn school, and while the children are welcome to wear a watch, this should be a simple watch ie not a fitness watch or smart watch. The school will take no responsibility for lost or damaged items.

PE Kits

All children need to have a PE kit in school every day, including trainers suitable for outdoor activity. PE kits can be brought into school in a bag which can be hung on the children’s pegs. If your child has earrings, they should remove these for PE and sporting activities. If they are unable to do this, then the earrings need to be covered by plasters for PE lessons. On Wednesdays, children may have PE lessons with our Sports Coach.

Travel to and from school

We would like to remind all parents that for safety reasons, you should **not park or drive along the lane at the side of school** before or after school. Parents must not use the staff car park for parking or turning, and under no circumstances should children be allowed to walk across the staff car park.

We are working with the other local schools and the Council to try to promote sustainable journeys and would like to encourage as many families as possible to walk or cycle to school. There are scooter racks and a bike rack in school for our children’s use, and you can sign up to the HomeRunApp www.homerun-app.com/stava2930 to try to organise lift shares if you live outside the village.

Please park considerately and be mindful of the parking restrictions.

Mobile Phones

If your child **must** bring a mobile phone to school, it **must** be handed into the office first thing in the morning and collected at the end of the day. Children are not allowed phones during the day, in line with our Online Safety Policy. The telephone in the school office is always available for children to contact their parents or for you to phone if you need to get a message to your child. Unless it is absolutely necessary, we would discourage children from bringing phones to school in the first place. **The school can accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to phones.**

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Swimming

Swimming in Terms 3 & 4 is for children in Year 4 and some Year 6 pupils and will take place on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure that your child has their kit with them each week. We are requesting a contribution of £13.75 for Terms 3 & 4 (£1.25 per session) to help towards transport costs; we are subsidising these costs to reduce the financial burden on parents. This contribution can be made on Reach More Parents in the usual way.

Osmington Bay – Residential Trip

This is a gentle reminder about making payments towards Osmington bay 2025. Final payments are due 31 March 2025.

Diary Dates

A calendar of events is available on our school website under Parents – Term Dates.

Sincerely

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Diary Dates – St. Andrew’s Primary School

Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4
Friday 7 March	Celebrate World Book Day – see separate letter
Friday 21 March	Red Nose Day – letter to follow
Thursday 27 March	Yr4 Living Rainforest trip
Thursday 27 March	Yr2 Marwell Zoo Trip
Friday 28 March	FOSA Easter Bingo
Friday 4 April	FOSA Tuck and Uniform Sale
Friday 4 April	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 21 April	Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 22 April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Thursday 8 May	YrR Langford Lakes trip – Letter to follow
Monday 12 May	Y6 SATs week
Monday 19 May	Class Photos
Wednesday 21 May	Yr5 Salisbury Cathedral trip – Letter to follow
Friday 23 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 2 June	First Day of Term 6
Monday 9 June	TD Day
Tuesday 10 June	Y6 Leaver Service – Salisbury Cathedral
2-13 June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
23 - 25 June	Yr5 & 6 Osmington Bay Residential trip
Thursday 24 July	Last Day of Term 6