

'Do Everything In LOVE' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome all of our children and families back for term 6, but especially Quinton (and family) who has joined us in Year 1.

FOSA

We are very grateful to FOSA who continue to offer fun and exciting activities for the whole family. They recently provided refreshments at the mini marathon. The money raised at the events they organise and run supports us by subsidising visits and enrichment activities, and by paying for resources. You may have noticed the new shed by the side of the school, this is now full of equipment for our children to use at lunch times; they have been having great fun with it.

Thank you to everyone who supports the FOSA events, and to Nicola and the team for their commitment to our school.

This term, we have the excitement of the Happy's Circus coming to St. Andrew's on Saturday 12 July. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, scan the QR code on the poster at the end of the letter to ensure you don't miss out! Congratulations to Meghan G and family on winning 4 free tickets!



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 (£98.80 up to the end of the school year). 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.

Unfortunately, due to increasing costs, from September, Key Stage 2 school lunches will cost £2.70 per day (£13.50 per week)

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

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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.

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 break time. 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.

Water Bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school filled with water (not squash). This can be re-filled from the water cooler during the day. Squash/juice is only allowed with lunch.

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

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 continue to access whole class recorder lessons weekly with Mrs Maguire on Monday afternoons (there is no charge to parents for these lessons).

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.

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 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 or smart watch. The

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school will take no responsibility for lost or damaged items. Trainers with white/coloured logos also seem to be creeping into school; all trainers should be plain black. Thank you.

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 with plasters for PE lessons. On Wednesdays, children may have PE lessons with our Sports Coach.

Parking

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. 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.**

Year 5 visit to St. Joseph’s

We are aware that many of our Year 5 pupils will be in Osmington Bay when St. Joseph’s Open Day takes place later this month; they have offered an additional afternoon for our children to visit. Further details will follow shortly.

Diary Dates

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

We have set the first 4 training days for 2025/26. The school will be closed to all pupils on:

Monday 1 September 2025

Monday 5 January 2026

Friday 13 February 2026

Friday 22 May 2026

There is one final date to be confirmed.

Sincerely

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Diary Dates – St. Andrew’s Primary School

Monday 2 June	First Day of Term 6
Monday 9 June	TD Day
Tuesday 10 June	Y6 Leavers’ Service – Salisbury Cathedral (children only)
10-13 June	Y1/2 Phonics Screen Check
2-13 June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
12 June	Y5/6 Quad Kids (selected pupils)
23 - 25 June	Yr5/6 Osmington Bay Residential trip
24 June	Y3/4 Quad Kids (selected pupils)
Monday 30 June	End of year concert – Y3/4 and Mrs Maguire’s students
Wednesday 2 July	Transition session 1
7 – 8 July	Surprise!
Wednesday 9 July	Sports Day
Thursday 10 July	Transition session 2
Saturday 12 July	FOSA – Summer Fete and Happy’s Circus
Monday 14 July	Open Afternoon
Wednesday 16 July	Barefoot Barns visiting Y6
	KS2 Production (afternoon and evening performances)
Monday 21 July	Leavers Service in church for Y6 and their families
Wednesday 23 July	End of year disco
Thursday 24 July	Last Day of Term 6
	Y6 Leavers Assembly (morning, time tbc)
	Whole School Picnic
	Y6 rounders (afternoon, time tbc)

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FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL PROUDLY HOST

Happy's CIRCUS

*Saturday 12 July 2025
Pre Circus Fete From 12pm
Show Begins 2pm*

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