



Dates for your diary

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| Fri 15th Sept | Harvest Service 9.15am in church. All welcome |
| Sunday 1st October | Teas at Tortworth Lake |
| Weds 4th October | Open session for Reception 2024 children - 9.15 to 10.15am |
| Fri 20th October | INSET DAY |
| 23rd – 27th October | Half Term |
| Weds 1st November | Parents' evening |
| Thurs 2nd November | Parents' evening |
| Fri 10th November | Flu Vaccinations |
| | Remembrance Day service 10.45am |
| Weds 15th November | School Photographer |
| Fri 17th November | Children in Need |
| Mon 20th November | Open session for Reception 2024 children - 1.30pm to 2.30pm |
| Fri 1st December | Christingle Service |
| Fri 15th December | Last day of Term 2 |
| Tuesday 2nd January | Start of Term 3 |



Dear Parents/Carers,

I have thoroughly enjoyed my official first week as Headteacher at St Andrew's and am really looking forward to the year ahead.

It has been a pleasure to meet all the children and parents and I have been made to feel most welcome – thank you!

Everyone has really settled in to their new classes including our new Reception children and it has been a very positive start to the term.

At the beginning of the week I spoke with the children about being a part of the school community and about our school rules (be ready, be respectful, be safe) and our expectations of "being your best, making the right choices and being a role model to others".

Today we held our first Celebration Workshop of the term, where certificates were presented by the teachers for the 'Role Model' in each class and the 'Learner of the Week'. We also presented certificates to those children who won a prize for the amazing work exhibited at the Flower Show last week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Graham Pike
Headteacher

Just a few reminders:

- Please remember to send your child in with a **drink bottle**, filled with water, every day. We have been surprised by how many children have not had a bottle of water in school this week.
- Our learning sessions start at 8.45am, so please ensure you arrive promptly each day.
- This term's value is **Thankfulness**
- Following from our successful parent forum meetings last year, there will be further meetings this academic year; with the first one being in October (date to be confirmed).



Reading volunteers

Thank you to those people that volunteer to come into school to read with the children already. We are however always looking for more volunteers so if you have a spare hour or so, we would love to hear from you.

Message from Mrs West (Reception Teacher and SENCo)

Welcome back to the new term. I am continuing my role as SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) this year. As SENCO I am responsible, along with the Head, for managing special needs arrangements in the school. If you have any concerns regarding your child that you wish to discuss, please contact me and I will get back to you.

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Harvest

Leading on nicely from our theme of 'thankfulness', our Harvest service is on Friday 15th September at 9.15am in church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please could you send your child in with a donation, which will be collected by the North Bristol & South Glos Foodbank. Their current wish list is for washing powder, coffee, cooking sauces, tinned fruit & veg, sponge puddings, instant noodles & biscuits.



Staffing

We have a couple of exciting job vacancies at St Andrew's at the moment:

Breakfast Club Supervisor

Sadly Elizabeth, our current Breakfast Club Supervisor is moving onto pastures new in October so we are looking for an enthusiastic person to run our Breakfast Club. The hours are 7.30am to 8.30am, Monday to Friday but we would consider a job share for the right person.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are looking for two dynamic & reliable Lunchtime Supervisors. This is because Mrs Edwards & Mrs Potts have both left us during the summer. We must make special mention of Mrs Edwards who has worked at St Andrew's for over 32 years.

A huge thank you to all three of you for your commitment to St Andrew's & for your hard work over the years. We will all miss you.

If you would like to know more about the vacancies, then please ask. Please also pass this on to anyone you think might be interested.

St Andrew's is committed to the safeguarding of all children & all roles are subject to a DBS check

Reception 2024

If you know of any children who are due to start school in September 2024, please let them know about our open school sessions:-

Wednesday 4th October 9.15am to 10.15am

Monday 20th November 1.30pm to 2.30pm



Tea at Tortworth Lake

Please support the PTFA on Sunday October 1st as they raise funds by selling tea & cake at Tortworth Lake. The lake will be open from 10am to 4pm.

