

## Dates for your diary

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Cromhall Flower Show
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teachers – see below
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> September	KS2 Swimming starts – see below
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Teas at Tortworth Lake
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Open session for <b>Reception 2025</b> children – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in church 9.15am – All welcome
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Cross Country at KLB
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisations
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5 & 6 trip to Lifeskills Centre
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct to 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half term holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day service 10.45am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country at KLB
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Open session for <b>Reception 2025</b> children – 9.15am to 10.15am
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 2.30pm - All welcome
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Cross Country at KLB
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime trip
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Service 9.15am & 6pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Cross Country at KLB
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter holidays
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>INSET DAY</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5&6 Residential Camp
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Term 6



## Cromhall Flower Show

Just a reminder that it is Flower Show day tomorrow. All the children have produced some fantastic exhibits, so please make time to come & walk around the marquee. The PTFA are organising the tea tent & would be grateful if you could spare some time to help out or maybe bake a cake. Please speak with the PTFA for more details.





Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a good Summer break and enjoyed some family time.

It has been a really positive start to the new school year. It has been lovely to see everyone again and to welcome our new reception pupils and their families to St. Andrew's Primary School.

### **Meet the teachers.**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding 'start of the new school year briefings' for parents/carers. These meetings will give the teachers an opportunity to share key information and expectations for the year ahead.

There will be a meeting for Reception and KS1 parents in Mrs Milverton's classroom (Y1/2) at 3.20 - 3.40pm. The same meeting will then be repeated at 3.45 – 4.05pm.

The meeting for KS2 parents will be in Mrs Woodcock's classroom (Y5/6) at 3.20 – 3.40pm. The same meeting will then be repeated at 3.45 – 4.05pm.

While parents/ carers are at the meeting, Mr Pike will supervise the pupils (unless at ASC) on the playground or field.

We hope that you will be able to attend. If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, the presentations will be available afterwards on the school website.

This term in worship we will be focusing on our school vision

***'Roots to grow, Wings to fly'***

***They will soar on wings like Eagles***

**Isaiah 40:31**

and core bible stories linked to our school values of: Truthfulness, friendship, respect, courage, forgiveness. In addition, we will be re-visiting British Values and looking forward to our Harvest festival in October.

The school website calendar has been updated with some key dates for this academic year (more to follow once confirmed). Sports week and Sports day for Term 6 have already been pencilled in! Please check the calendar for the key dates as well as the school newsletters.

### **PE days:**

R and KS1 – Monday and Tuesday

KS2 – Thursday and Friday (Pupils in KS2 will be going swimming for a 2 week block (Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September and Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September) further details below.

Pupils need to wear their correct PE kit to school on those days, including suitable footwear.

Best wishes  
Graham Pike

## Harvest

Our Harvest service is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 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.



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.

[Jacqueline.west2@gmail.org.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.west2@gmail.org.uk)

## Staffing

### Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for a dynamic & reliable Lunchtime Supervisor. Days are flexible & could potentially be a job share.

If you would like to know more about the vacancy, 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

## Tea at Tortworth Lake

Please support the PTFA on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> as they raise funds by selling tea & cake at Tortworth Lake. The lake will be open from 10am to 4pm.





## 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.

## Reception 2025

If you know of any children who are due to start school in September 2025, please let them know about our open school sessions:-

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am to 10.15am

Individual 1:1 tours are also available. Please contact the school office for details.

## Just a few reminders:

- Please remember to send your child in with a **drink bottle**, filled with water, every day.
- All pupils need wellies in school to ensure that we can use the field at lunchtime as much as possible throughout the school year. Your child also needs to have a coat to wear.
- Our learning sessions start at 8.45am, so please ensure you arrive promptly each day. The gate is open from 8.30am & we do not expect pupils to arrive once the gate is shut at 8.45am.
- Please ensure you arrive to pick your child up promptly at 3.15pm at the end of the school day (By 5.30pm if your child is at After School Club)
- If your child is being picked up by another parent/carer at the end of the day, you must inform the school orally or in writing beforehand of the arrangements and that the other parent/carer has your permission.
- Some pupils have returned to school wearing loop earrings – only studs are permitted.

## KS2 Swimming

KS2 swimming is slightly different this academic year. The children will be having lessons every afternoon for two weeks; 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September & 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Please make sure your child brings swimming kit, towel, goggles, trunks for boys (not swim shorts) and a one piece costume for girls, every day. All long hair should be tied back.