



Dates for your diary

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



Thursday 3rd October is

World Smile Day

We will be having a special lunch to make the children smile 😊

Please see the menu on the noticeboard & encourage your child to have a school lunch that day!

Teas at the Lake

Just a reminder that our amazing PTFA are hosting Teas at Tortworth Lake on Sunday 6th October.

As always, they are looking for cake donations and offers of help so if you can spare an hour or so, please speak with the PTFA for more details. It's a beautiful walk so it would be great to see as many people there as possible.





Dear Parents/Carers

In school this week:



We have focused on the value of Forgiveness and turning over a new leaf. We discussed what forgiveness means to a Christian and linked to the Lord's prayer and the story of Zacchaeus the tax collector.

We have two students in school at the moment. As a school, we are keen to work with trainees and help develop the next generation of teachers and support staff.

Miss Brunt (UWE) is in school on placement in Hawks and Owls classes.

Miss Kingswood (Cirencester College) is on placement on a Wednesday and Thursday in Owls.

Online safety:

Please find attached to this newsletter another in our series of online safety newsletters. All previous newsletters are available on the school website in the key information - safeguarding section. There are lots of links to on the online safety page and within the newsletters that will help you and your child navigate the online world more safely and better informed.

Class newsletters and learning plans will be added to each class' page on the school website at the start of each term rather than being sent out separately.

Please also check to calendar on the website for key dates.

Reminder:

The school **must** be informed if your child is being picked up by another parent or carer at the end of the school day.

Our new attendance policy is now available to read on the school website. All parents/carers need to ensure that they read this important policy.

Best wishes
Graham Pike

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.



Harvest

Our Harvest service is on Friday 11th 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.



Awards

Hawks/Owls	w/c 16/10	Role model – Declan	Leaner of the week – Mylee
	w/c 23/10	Role model – Mabel	Leaner of the week – Frey
Falcons	w/c 16/10	Role model – Ioan	Leaner of the week - Joey
	w/c 23/10	Role model – Tilly	Learner of the week - Patrick
Eagles	w/c 16/10	Role model – Tom B	Leaner of the week – Molly
	w/c 23/10	Role model – Tommy	Learner of the week - Isabella

Headteacher Award – Oliver (Hawks) for a great start to the year and being ready to learn

Sporting Values Award – Emily (Hawks), Lissy (Falcons)

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

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 7th October 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Tuesday 19th November 9.15am to 10.15am

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



Active Travel

This week, we were delighted to receive a Modeshift bronze award for promoting active and sustainable travel to school, which included a number of workshops and training for the pupils over the last year such as road safety and cycling.

There will be further initiatives and events over the course of 2024- 2025 as we aim to achieve a silver award.

Our targets for this year are: to increase the number of journeys to and from school that involve 'park & stride' and walking to school and for an increase of times school staff cycle to school.

There is funding attached to this award for us to improve our cycle and scooter storage and to provide seating on the playground for parents.

We will be launching 'our park and stride' initiative in partnership with Cromhall Chapel soon.

Further details about active travel are available on the school website.

