

Roots to grow, Wings to fly'
They will soar on wings like Eagles
Isaiah 40:31

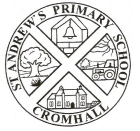
The **Roots** of our school community nurture, support and challenge us to **Grow** to be the best version of ourselves.

The **Wings** of faith, strength and resilience allow us to **Soar** freely and flourish, now and in the future.

Dates for your diary

Sat 6th September	Cromhall Flower Show
w/c 8th & 15th Sept	KS2 Swimming
Weds 17th September	Parent Information meeting 3pm onwards – please see below
Sunday 5th October	Teas at Tortworth Lake
Fri 10th October	Harvest Festival in church 2.30pm – All welcome
Sat 18th October	Cross Country1 at Dursley RFC
Weds 22nd October	Parents' evening
Thurs 23rd October	Parents' evening
27th to 31st October	Half term
Tuesday 11th Nov	Remembrance Service 10.50am
Tuesday 11th Nov	Flu immunisations
Sat 15th November	Cross Country 2 at Dursley RFC
Mon 24th November	School photographer
Fri 5th December	Christingle service 2.30pm
Sat 6th December	Cross Country 3 at Dursley RFC
Fri 12th December	Pantomime trip for whole school
Tues 16th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Weds 17th December	Christmas lunch
Weds 17th December	KS2 Carol Service 6pm
Thursday 18th December	Christmas jumper day & parties
Friday 19th December	Last day of term 2
Monday 5th January	INSET DAY
Saturday 17th January	Cross Country 4 at Dursley RFC
16th to 20th February	Half term
Thurs 2nd April	Last day of term 4
Monday 20th April	First day of term 5
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday
25th to 29th May	Half term
Monday 1st June	First day of term 6
Monday 20th July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st July	INSET DAY





Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer break.

The pupils have all settled into their new classes and it has been lovely to welcome new pupils and their families, who have joined our school community for the first time.

This term our worship theme is: **Wise ways of living**. We shall also be celebrating Harvest, with our service in the church on Friday 10th October at 2.30pm.

‘Start the new school year’ information sessions for parents and carers:

On 17th September, we will be holding ‘Starting the new school year’ information sessions for parents and carers. These sessions will enable the teachers to share invaluable information about the year ahead, including home learning and give parents the opportunity to ask any questions.

There will be one session at 3pm – 3.30pm for Reception and KS1 and one for KS2. The sessions will then be repeated at 3.35 – 4.05pm to allow parents to attend both sessions if they have children in both Key stages.

In addition, Mrs Woodcock will also be holding an information session for Eagles class (Y5/6) at 4.05pm all about this year’s residential trip.

When parents are attending the sessions, pupils will be supervised in the hall by Mr Pike and support staff until they are collected.

All key curriculum and class information is available on the school website.

Communication:

If you have an issue or would like to discuss anything linked to your child’s education, we ask in the first instance you contact your child’s class teacher.

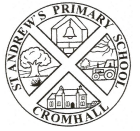
Medical appointments:

We ask that any medical appointments are booked around the school day or during the school holidays when possible. If your child needs to attend an appointment in school time, then it is imperative that you inform the school in advance. If the appointment is first thing in the morning, you must inform the school of their lunch choice for that day.

Parent volunteers:

We are always welcome parent volunteers to help in class. If you can give some time to support learning (even if it is 30 minutes a week), please get in touch.

As discussed at the last parent forum meeting, we are looking for parents (or other people) who would be interested in coming in to speak to the pupils about their careers or hobbies or interests. If this is something you would be interested in doing, or you know of someone who might, then please get in touch.



Punctuality:

The school gate is open between 8.30am and 8.45am. All pupils must be in school ready to learn by 8.45am when the register is taken and learning starts promptly.

It is also important that pupils are picked up on time at the end of the school day. If a child is not picked up on time, they will go to ASC and parents could be charged.

Being punctual and on time is one of life's most important qualities. It shows you are reliable, dependable, and demonstrates respect to other people and for their time.

There are many benefits of being punctual, especially for school, and implications of being late.

Being on time:

- Helps children to be organised
- Helps to build children's confidence
- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Maintains and improves academic achievement
- Helps children to maintain their routine and focus
- Enables children and adults to start the day settled, ready and relaxed
- Is a sign of respect
- Allows learning to begin promptly.

Impact on pupils who are late:

Unfortunately, but understandably, there are negative consequences for pupils who arrive late to school:

- Arriving late can cause some pupils to feel very anxious as they go into the classroom by themselves once everyone else is settled, calm and working.
- Key learning time will be missed. Class teachers or teaching assistants may have also planned to work with a child in an intervention group during registration time, but who is late, meaning there is a knock-on effect with respect to time being wasted.
- Lunch choice options have to be rushed. In class, the children will have more time to consider what they want while the register is being taken.
- Pupils may miss the all-important start of the first lesson. Class teachers will then repeat their delivery to the late pupil which inevitably interrupts the flow of the lesson and learning for the whole class.

In addition, there is an impact on staff's time:

- Meetings or other activities are disrupted when late pupils have to be let into the school.
- Teachers and Teaching Assistants have to repeat instructions, key messages or completing the registers.

As a school, we appreciate there are occasions when things can get stressful, things go wrong, or unforeseen circumstances can cause a family to be a few minutes late. We ask, if possible, parents contact the school in advance if their child is going to be late in the morning or if they are going to be unavoidably late to pick up. Thank you for your support with this matter.



PE & Sport:

On PE days, children are allowed to wear their PE kit and trainers into school.

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit, especially footwear for PE activities.

This year, some PE sessions in Y1/2 and Y3/4 will be led by Leap Active, the specialist company who are also providing after- school sports clubs.

We also welcome the Bristol Bears (Red Roses) coaching team back to our school on a Thursday morning for Term 1. We have secured this opportunity for all pupils in KS2 due to our school's commitment and involvement in growing the game of rugby.

PE days for Term 1			
Reception (Owls)	Y1/2 (Hawks)	Y3/4 (Falcons)	Y5/6 (Eagles)
Monday (pm)	Monday (pm)	Wednesday (pm) Thursday (am)	Thursday (am) Friday (pm)
Wednesday (pm)	Wednesday (pm)	Monday – Friday – Swimming (pm) Week 2 & Week 3	

KS2 Cross- country:

Does your child enjoy running? If so, there are four Saturday morning cross-country events for KS2 pupils to enter at Dursley RFC as part of our school sports partnership. Pupils can run to compete, beat their PB or just for fun or to develop their fitness.

Each event starts at 10am and finishes around 11am approx.

The runs are on the following dates:

18th October

15th November

6th December

17th January

Please email the school if your child is interested.

Sarah and Mark Betty (two of our parents) have kindly agreed to come into school to run some sessions with the pupils prior to each event (Dates and times TBC)

Reception 2026

If you have friends with young children who will be starting school in September 2026, please encourage them to come and have a look around our school.

Instead of open days we are offering personalised tours with the Headteacher this autumn. The available dates are on our website & parents need to book an appointment via the office.



TTRS Times Tables Rockstars:

Pupils in Year 2 – 6 will be bringing home a letter with their login details for TTRS. If your child has used TTRS before, then their password and username will be the same.

We have reset everyone's stats for the new school year and will be seeing who can turn their whole heatmap green! A totally green heatmap means that a student has consistently **answered all facts in 4 seconds or less**. When a child has done this, they will receive a certificate in celebration worship.

As stated in our school home learning policy, pupils in Y2 should complete 20 minutes a week and Y3 – 6 should complete 30 minutes per week.

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. As autumn is approaching, your child also needs to have a coat to wear.
- 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.

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 or offer your help through this link:

<https://signup.com/go/KDTAhrv>



KS2 Swimming:

KS2 swimming is every afternoon for two weeks; 8th – 12th September & 15th - 19th 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.

Tea at Tortworth Lake:

Please support the PTFA on Sunday October 5th as they raise funds by selling tea & cake at Tortworth Lake. The lake will be open from 10am to 4pm.

After School Clubs:

We are currently planning our enrichment clubs and full details will follow shortly. As always you will be expected to sign up for clubs via Arbor.

Mrs Milverton will be running an Art Club for KS1. KS2 chess club with Mr Parker will restart & we will also have a girl's rugby club at lunchtime, alongside the cross-country club.

Are also have a two sports club (One for Y4-6 and one for Y1 – 4), run by specialist provider Leap Active. **Please click on the icon below to book:**

