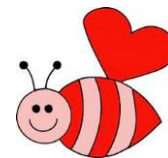


## Diary Dates



**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**w/c 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Half term week  
Visit from Cotswold Book Shop  
Book week – see below  
Parents' Evening – in person  
Parents' Evening – on line  
Art week  
Easter Service 2pm in church  
Last day of Term 4  
First day of term 5  
Bank holiday  
KS2 SATs week  
Year 5 & 6 camp  
Last day of Term 5  
First day of term 6  
Sports week  
Sports Day  
Leavers service

Parents' Evening appointments will be available to book shortly

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
**11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
**20<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
**29<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**INSET DAY**  
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### Inset days for 2026/27

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

## New menu

We have a new menu from our catering company, starting 23<sup>rd</sup> February. It is available on our website here:

<https://www.standrewsschoolcromhall.org.uk/page/?title=The+School+Day&pid=45>

## Tortworth Lake

### Advance notice



The PTFA are pleased to announce that they will be serving the refreshments at Tortworth Lake on 7<sup>th</sup> June this year.

This is always a lovely day out & a fantastic fund raiser each year for our children. Please make a note in your diaries & keep the date free!

## Sport at St Andrew's

It has been a busy couple of weeks, in terms of sport at St. Andrew's.

Our KS2 girls' Tag rugby team continue to train hard on a Monday lunchtime. The team were looking forward to playing their first match of the season last week but unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to the weather. This week, we saw Isla playing amazingly well at training. More matches and tournaments for both the Mixed and Girls' teams are planned for Term 4 and 5.

Last Saturday, our KS2 cross- country squad took part in the final race of the season. On a gloriously muddy morning up at Dursley RFC, our pupils all gave their best and once again put in some great performances. In addition, parents were invited to run in the adult's race. Well done to Rich Bennett, coming out as a worthy winner!

Over the course of the season, it has been great to see how every one of the squad has improved. Once the results were collated, St. Andrew's came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 'Small Schools' competitions for both Y3/4 boys and girls. Congratulations to Mabel in Y3 who came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the overall Y3/4 Girls' competition.

Thanks to all the parents and siblings who have come along to support our squad over the course of the season.

If your child is in KS2 next year, we would welcome more team members to join our squad.

Over the last two weeks, our Y5/6 Mixed Dodgeball team have competed in two festivals at both KLB and Yate Academy against other schools, many much larger from across the area. Over the course of both festivals, our team won 10 matches and only lost two!

Congratulations to: Orla, Mila, Molly, Anna, Patrick, Tommy, James and Hunter for playing with great competitive spirit and showing super teamwork throughout both events.

## Healthy snacks and lunchboxes:

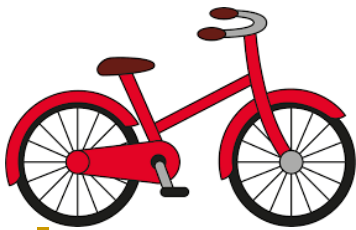
We are currently in the process of finalising our new school food policy. We are, however seeing an increasing number of pupils bringing in cakes and chocolate within their lunchbox or for a snack. We encourage parents to send in fruit and/or vegetables for a snack each day.

Pupils in Reception and KS1 are given fruit daily to eat at snacktime.

If you some inspiration and/or new ideas for your child's packed lunch, please visit the website: [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)

We also ask that all parents provide their child(ren) with a water bottle that is taken home to clean at least once a week.





## Active Travel to school – bike or scoot to school

As part of our active travel plan, we want more children to try to cycle or scoot to school to discover how great it is leaving the car at home and actively travel to school.

To support this, we will be running the '**Golden lock**' competition in Term 4.

After lunch, each day, at random the '**Golden lock**' will be locked on to a bike. At the end of the day, the owner of the locked bike will have the lock removed from their bike and they will also be awarded a prize.

Four days a week, the children can win a smaller prize and one day of the week they can win a bigger prize. The day of the week for the bigger prize will change, week on week.

Pupils will be tasked with conducting a bike count each day to map bike use of the duration of the incentive.

**What if my child(ren) want to take part but we live too far from school to bike or scoot?** Why not find a safe place in the village and then travel the last part of your journey by bike or scooter.

**Does my child have to bike or scoot every day to take part?** No, you can choose certain days or allow them to every day. However, the more they bike or scoot, the more chance they have of winning a small or big prize.

The initiative will start on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – good luck!

