



## Dairy Dates



<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Cross country at Dursley for KS2
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Academy consultation for parents 7pm
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	End of term 3
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Start of term 4
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	End of term 4
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Start of term 5
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank holiday
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATs week
<b>20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Year 5 & 6 camp
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	End of term 5
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Start of term 6
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	End of term 6



## Academy Consultation

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the St. Andrew's school governing body concerning a parent consultation meeting about academisation. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**

This letter is also available on the school website along with FAQs.

## Enrichment clubs

We are pleased to offer the following enrichment clubs for Terms 3 & 4:

<b>Monday lunchtime</b>	KS2 Girls' Tag Rugby (starting on 12 <sup>th</sup> January)
<b>Mondays</b>	KS2 Pop club (starting 19 <sup>th</sup> January) 3.15pm to 4pm
<b>Wednesday lunchtime</b>	Cross Country Club
<b>Thursdays</b>	Chess club with Mr Parker (starting on 5 <sup>th</sup> February) 3.15 to 4pm

**Please book all clubs on Arbor**

## Welcome back

Happy New Year & I hope you had a wonderful break.

This term's collective worship theme is **Friendship**, which is one of our school core values.

**A Christian perspective on Friendship:** Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus Christ

This week we looked at the theme of: Supporting one another and the story from Luke 5: 18 – 20 'Down through the roof.'

At the start of the term, we have also been looking at our three behaviour rules:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be responsible

We talked about the importance of having rules and how our actions not only impact the individual but the whole school community.



Please can we remind parents to check their emails on a regular basis. A lot of additional administration time is being spent, chasing responses or re- sending letters, especially those relating to enrichment opportunities, such as sporting events.

If your child has a permission slip to bring back to school, please remind them that they need to hand it in to the relevant member of staff, not leave in their bag.

### **A polite reminder concerning punctuality:**

The school day starts promptly at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is in school ready to learn on time.

Key information about punctuality was be found on our school website: [St. Andrew's Church of England VC Primary School - Punctuality](#)

Lateness not only has an impact on a child's learning but is disruptive to the teaching and to the administration of the school.

If the weather is bad or you know there are roadworks, please give yourself extra time for your journey by leaving home early so that your child(ren) still arrive on time.

Thank you for your continued support.



Graham Pike

## 2026/27 Inset Dates

We have set our INSET dates for 2026/27 as follows:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027