

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

Sunday 5th October	Teas at Tortworth Lake
Fri 10th October	Harvest Festival in church 2.30pm – All welcome
Sat 18th October	Cross Country 1 at Dursley RFC
Weds 22nd October	Parents' evening
Thurs 23rd October	Parents' evening
27th to 31st October	Half term – Leap Active holiday camp at St Andrew's
Weds 5th Nov	Reception & KS1 Parents' reading workshop (Details to follow)
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

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.

Parents' evenings

Parents' evening consultations are now available to book on Arbor.

Please note that Wednesday 22nd October are for face to face meetings in school. Thursday 23rd October will be exclusively on-line meetings.

Collective Worship: This week we have continued to focus on our theme 'Wise ways of Living' and looked at different ways to pray. We also listened to the story of 'Teeth and Claws' – the story of Daniel in the Lions' den and learnt the importance of being brave as God is with you.

Last week, as part of our Active travel programme, both Falcons and Eagles had road safety workshops. In a couple of weeks, we will be holding a 'Be bright, be seen' assembly. All of these enrichment activities are designed to help the children make informative choices, develop resilience and become more independent.

Today we welcomed Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow to our school to deliver a series of workshops related to our science curriculum. Thank you to our school PTFA, who agreed to fund this opportunity for the children. Each class had a workshop and then we had a whole school assembly – I wonder what your child enjoyed the most or the most memorable thing they learnt?



Leap Active: There are still places available at the LeapActive sports clubs running this term, if your child is interested. Leap Active are running holiday clubs during the October half-term break at St. Andrew's school. You can sign your child up for any of these courses on the link below.

[Leap Active | Pebble](#)

Harvest: Next Tuesday we have a whole school assembly delivered by the North Bristol & South Glos Foodbank to tell the children all about their work and how donations are needed to support those who are in need within our community.

Our harvest service is on **Friday 10th October at 2.30pm** and we ask that each child brings in an item which will be donated to the foodbank. Items currently needed by the foodbank are: tinned fruit and potatoes. Instant noodles, cooking sauces, fruit squash, toothbrushes, washing up liquid, deodorant.



Term time absences

Any request for absence leave should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated, and where possible, at least two weeks before the requested absence. Previous attendance for your child will be taken into consideration when reaching a decision to authorise an absence.

Leave of absence request forms are available from the school office. Please note: We do not have holiday request forms.

The need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure or recreation are **not considered** by the DfE to be exceptional circumstances. School policy is that all holidays/ long weekends should be taken during the school holidays. Therefore, any holiday will **not be authorised** during term time and therefore parents could be fined. Any term time absence can have a major impact on your child's learning.

Please refer to our school website for more information

<https://www.standrewsschoolcromhall.org.uk/page/?title=Attendance&pid=59>

And finally.....

Tortworth Lake

 Tortworth Lake - Sunday 5th October 9am-5pm

We're all stocked up for our biggest fundraiser of the year! We're expecting lots of people to come, and we're keen to make sure people don't have to wait too long for their tea and cake.

It would be great if we had some more volunteers to serve tea and cake or manage the car park, slots are only an hour. We always have lots of fun, it's really easy and no experience is necessary. The PTFA team are up there all day so you will be led by experienced hands!

If you can help please sign up here.

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

Many thanks and hope to see you there 😊

