



4th September 2026

Year 5 Autumn Term 1

Dear Parent / Carer,

A very warm welcome back to St Andrews! We hope you enjoyed the summer break. The children have now had a few days in Year 5 and have begun to settle into the new routines. The children have much to look forward to this term. Please read below for further information about this term.

The structure of the day:

School gates open at 8.40am. Year 5 will enter through the side gate which goes straight into the alleyway.

Registration will be at 8.50am. Early Work is completed between 8.40 and 9.00am. Year 5 children are expected to wait quietly whilst waiting for the gates to open.

During the morning sessions, English, Maths and Reading will be taught, as well as a daily assembly or collective worship (10.30 - 10.45). **Year 5 break is 10.45 to 11.00.**

Lunch time is from 12.00 - 1.00, during which time the children will eat their lunch in the canteen and have time to socialise and interact with friends on the playground. They can choose to bring a packed lunch or order a school lunch.

In the afternoon, we will learn our foundation subjects.

The school day ends at 3.20pm and children will leave through the side door in the same way they arrived. In Year 5, the children are allowed to walk home by themselves if they have parental permission. Below is the link for you to give this permission if you wish to:

[St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Oxford - Useful Information](#)

All Year 5 children will receive two lessons in the first few weeks of term highlighting how to stay safe near roads.

Mondays to Fridays, excluding Tuesday mornings, will be taught by Miss Cagney. Tuesday mornings will be taught by Mrs Halcrow.

Day to day arrangements:

Stationery (pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers etc.) and equipment (P.E., Science & Art equipment, Atlases and Dictionaries etc.) will be provided, as well as laptops to use in school.

Indoor PE will take place on a Monday afternoon, and outdoor PE will take place on a Tuesday morning. Our allocated Library time is on Thursday afternoons. Children will also be able to change library books in the lunch break.

Homework

Doodle Maths and Spag.com assignments will be set on a Thursday and due back the following Friday. The children are also expected to read at home each day. **Weekly reminders will be posted on Class Dojo**

What to bring:

- A packed lunch, unless they are ordering lunch from the school
- A water bottle (which can then be kept in school)
- A coat
- Library book
- A PE kit as per the school uniform requirements, for use on Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)
- For clarification on school uniform expectations please see [Useful Information | St Andrew's Church of England Primary School \(st-andrews-pri.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://Useful Information | St Andrew's Church of England Primary School (st-andrews-pri.oxon.sch.uk))

Key dates this term

Friday 18th September	SASA International Evening (A fun evening for all! It is lovely if you can bring a dish of food to share).
Monday 21st September	Clubs start – these will run for 5 weeks before half term and 5 weeks after half term.
Tuesday 6th October	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church (10.30am)
Tuesday 13th October	Parent teacher meetings
Wednesday 14th October	Parent teacher meetings
Wednesday 14th October (during school hours)	Trip to the Ashmolean – Anglo-Saxons
Friday 16th October	British History Day – Children are invited to come dressed up as Anglo-Saxons!
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd October	Deep Learning week
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day – no children in school
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	Half Term break (Children return to school on Monday 2 nd November).

Please contact the school office if you need to communicate with Year 5 staff or to report any absence or medical / school visit appointments. I will be around at pick up - if you need a few minutes to chat; a longer appointment can be arranged through the office. Class Dojo will continue to be used as a means of posting photos of events in class and for sharing weekly homework.

Best wishes,

Miss Cagney, Mrs Halcrow and Ms James.