



3rd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6! I hope you had an enjoyable break from school last week. This is the final term of the school year and a busy one as we plan for our transition to Year 1 – meeting Year 1 staff, visiting the Year 1 classroom and attending some assemblies.

Theme: Our theme for Term 6 will be “Out and About...Exploring!” focusing on visiting the local area, beginning with a trip to Bury Knowle Library next week. We will continue to enjoy our outside area, look after our plants and mini pond, and we have our exciting family visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park to look forward to. (Booking details to follow)

Staffing: Mrs Marsden will continue to cover my PPA time on Wednesdays, and this is now a well-established routine for the children.

Reading: Please continue to read with your child at home, using the “Going Home” book, a Book Band Book (with a coloured sticker) and a Read Write Inc “Bookbag” book. Please keep all these things together in book bags. The children are enjoying reading in the morning before register and it is wonderful to see them using their phonic knowledge independently when reading picture story books from our classroom. Please encourage them to spend a short time at home each day, reading by themselves as well as having a bedtime story and shared time with an adult or older sibling.

PE : As mentioned on Class Dojo last term, everyone will need a NAMED PE kit in school this term. This consists of:

- PLAIN SHORTS (no logos) grey, navy or black tracksuit material
- PLAIN T SHIRT (no logo) white or blue (polo shirt is fine) or school logo t-shirt (available to purchase from school trends website)
- a NAMED PE drawstring bag to keep kit in and hang on their peg in school.

PE kit does not need to have a school logo, and this term we will not need trainers. Our school uniform policy is [here](#).

Please help them practise getting changed into their PE kit and getting changed out of it! They have already learned how to take off shoes, socks/tight and jumpers but remember these things when practising at home:

- Jumpers, tops, and trousers should be folded up
- All clothes should be turned inside the right way ready to be put on again after PE.
- PE kit should also be turned the right way before out into PE bags, ready for next time.

There is a lot to remember and learn when getting changed for PE and we will of course help the children in school, so the more children that can do this independently the better and we can all help each other. Many thanks.

Getting Involved in Reception:

There are many ways that families can become involved in school life at St Andrew's:

- Sending in donations such as resources for junk modelling, puzzles.
- Donating coffee grounds, (from your home or a local coffee shop!) or pots/plants for our Growing Garden.
- Coming to talk to the class about your job, or a special event that is happening in your family such as Eid or your job.
- Accompanying us on a local walk to Headington library.
- Supporting in our upcoming SASA events, e.g. setting up, running stalls, clearing away – The Fun Run and the Summer Fair are our next events.
- Helping us at an After school “Tidy Up” session

- Attending our Workshop and Coffee Mornings for parents (Mrs Walker's weekly coffee morning)

Reminders:

- Please remember to contact school to explain your child's absence before the start of the school day. Any unexplained absence has to be followed up by a phone call home from the office each day. Every absence needs a clear and timely explanation. Thank you.
- Attendance: Children's attendance at school is vital and good attendance and punctuality is expected from every child. Permission for time off must be sought by using the Leave of Absence Form and this must be completed at least **two weeks** in advance.
- Reminders: If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea please keep them away from school until they have been free from symptoms for 48 hours.
- Please remember that children should not be bringing toys or other small items into school, such as food, rings, jewellery, Lego, dinosaurs, toy watches etc.! Please check pockets regularly!
- Please remember to let us know if someone other than parents/carers or regular people are collecting your child.

Thank you for your co-operation in all these matters.

Dates Summary:

Date	Event
Thurs 4 th June & Fri 5 th June	Whole School Art Exhibition
Mon 22 nd June	Summer Solstice Celebration 2pm – Dancing & a Picnic – all parents welcome!
Thurs 3 rd July	Family Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park – Booking details to follow.
Mon 6 th July	Start of Health Week
Friday 10 th July	SASA Summer Fair.
Tues 14 th July	End of Year reports sent to parents.
Wed 15 th July	Whole School Swap Day – Reception to visit Year 1.
Fri 17 th July	End of term – 1.15pm

And Finally...

We look forward to the rest of the term and more of the sunnier days. Please remember to help the children to stay safe by:

- having a named hat in school,
- having sun cream applied at home before school (any sun cream brought to school should be named),
- wearing sensible shoes and socks that are safe for children when running and using the climbing frame and mud kitchen.

As always, do please talk to us if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Annie Arnold.