



November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you had an enjoyable break with your children and that they are well rested and refreshed after an 8-week term and ready for this term! I hope that you are all able to see what we have been doing from the posts on Class Dojo and are able to follow up things at home.

Theme:

Our theme for Term 2 is “Celebrations” and will include “mini” themes such as Road Safety, Oral Health and Healthy Eating.

Books:

We will continue to help children choose a book to share with you at home. In addition, over the next few weeks, we will be sending home “phonic-based” reading activities, such sound blending books which will be closely matched to your child’s current stage in learning phonics. More details to follow on this. Please see Class Dojo for the sounds we are learning or reviewing each week. It is also perfectly acceptable to share/read a book from home in between changing books at school! Don’t forget that you can borrow books from Bury Knowle library and from the Lending Library near the Rainbow gate. Please record your comments in the yellow reading record book. Thank you!

Library:

Last term we were visiting the school library with Mrs Walker to hear stories. This term children will be able to choose a book with her help and guidance. We are extremely lucky to have such a fantastic resource in our school – a library with a librarian - so I hope you will enjoy the books that the children bring home. More details about this will follow, but to take a book, your child will need to have their blue book bag in school!

Autumn Weather:

Please ensure children have suitable clothing in school for the weather, especially a warm, waterproof coat! Wellies can be left at school under your child’s peg, but we do have some spares for children to borrow. If your child wears wellies to school please remember to bring other shoes to change into and wear indoors, especially on very wet or snowy days!

All items of clothing must be clearly named – Thank you.

Volunteers, staff and students:

This term we welcome to students to our class. Fatima Khan, a childcare student joins us each Monday and Tuesday and Miss Mia Grewal, and Miss Hadeer Elsayed (trainee teachers from Oxford Brookes) join us each Wednesday and Thursday, building to full weeks at the end of term. Mrs Baker will continue to come each week to do singing with the children. All our usual teaching and support staff will continue to work with us, providing consistency and a “key person” approach.

Reminders:

Drop off & Collection	Toys	Spare Clothes
<i>Morning drop off is 8.45, Afternoon collection is 3.15 (different to the rest of the school). Please wait to the right of the blue gate.</i>	<i>Toys should not be brought into school. Children can be very upset if toys from home get lost or damaged.</i>	<i>Please remember to send in replacement clothes for your child's clothes bag if they have been used.</i>

Absence	Medical Appointments	Unwell children?
<i>If your child is not attending school for any reason, please phone St Andrew's office in the morning and they will update the online register.</i> <i>01865 762396</i>	<i>Please try to make appointments outside the school day if possible – Thank you!</i>	<i>If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, please keep them away from school until they have been <u>free from symptoms for 48 hours</u>. (EYFS Guidelines)</i>

Playground
<i>Climbing Frame - The climbing frame and equipment should not be used before or after school.</i> <i>Bikes, Scooters – All bikes and scooters etc should not be ridden across the playground for the safety of everyone. Please walk with scooters and bikes – thank you</i>

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

Dates :

Date	Event
Friday 7th November	Festival of Faith
Friday 14th November	Children in Need and SASA disco – see newsletter for details
Friday 21st November	Individual school photos
Wednesday 26th November	Parent book look (8.40 – 9.00) Not Reception Yr 1-6 only
Thursday 27th November	Non-uniform day for a tombola item for the Winter Fair
Friday 28th November	INSET day, school closed to children
Date TBC	Christmas Nativity
Friday 5th December	SASA Winter Fair (3.20 – 5.30pm)
Tuesday 9th December	Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church
Tuesday 16th December	Years R, 1 & 2 to Pegasus and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Oxford Playhouse for Christmas performance
Wednesday 17th December	Years R, 1 & 2 Christmas dinner day (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 bring packed lunch)
Thursday 19th December	Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas dinner day (Years R, 1 & 2 bring packed lunch)
Friday 20th December	End of term - School finishes at 1.15 for Reception

And Finally...

We look forward to the rest the term, and especially our Christmas celebrations. Dates of all our events this term will be posted onto Class Dojo for your attention. As always, do please talk to us if you have any concerns; you can message me privately on Class Dojo messages.

Yours sincerely,

Annie Arnold – Reception Class Teacher