



St Andrew's C of E Primary School 12th June

Everyone is different. Everyone is special. Everyone is our neighbour.





It was wonderful to see so many children and families at the SASA Fun Run on Sunday 7th - there was an incredible amount of energy and enthusiasm with lots of laps completed! The children are going to be presented with their medals today. Please return Fun Run sponsorship forms and money as soon as possible. There is a payment item on ParentPay or you can give cash to the office. Forms need to be returned with any gift aid ticked.

Every parent/ carer should have received an email this week explaining that St Andrew's will be having a SIAMS inspection on Tuesday 16th June. The letter is copied below in case you missed that. This is an opportunity to celebrate how our school vision is lived out by our entire school community. As a reminder, this is our school vision:

We believe that 'Everyone is different. Everyone is special. Everyone is our neighbour.' As Jesus taught us to love unconditionally, so we strive to nurture respect for all; to provide a rich and stimulating curriculum that considers the individual; and to care for the intellectual, social and spiritual well-being of our whole school community - encouraging positive engagement with the wider world, as affirmed through our school values and parable of the Good Samaritan.

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God ..." and, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27

Letter from SIAMS Inspector

Dear parents and carers,

All Church of England and Methodist schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England. I will be inspecting your child's school on 16 June 2026.

A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. As part of my evidence-gathering I will speak with a range of people, and it is likely that I will speak with some of you as part of those discussions.

Following the inspection, I will write a report. Once the report has been finalised it will be published, and the inspection findings will be shared with you. This will be approximately three weeks after the inspection. The report will celebrate all that is special about the school and will identify next steps that are helpful in the school's ongoing development as a Church school.

The report will be published on the school's website, as well as on the SIAMS website, and I would encourage you to read it.

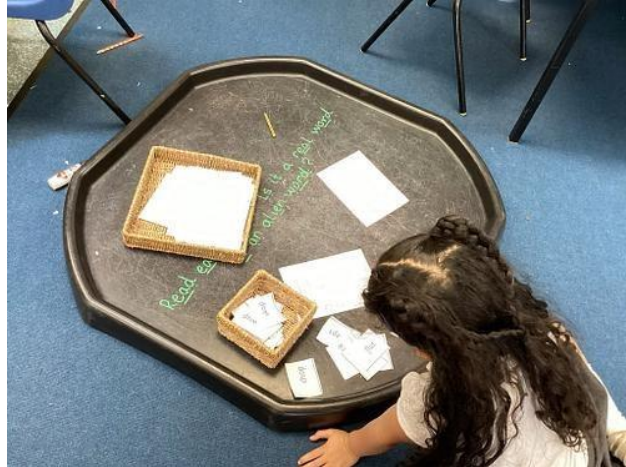
I look forward to spending time with the school community.

Kind regards,

Andrew Wilcock

Your child's achievements

We are so proud of how well our Year 1 class have done with their phonics screening this week and our Year 4 class with their multiplication tables check. Every child did their very best and it was wonderful to celebrate with them all that they have learnt and achieved. Thank you for all you do in supporting your child's learning at home.



Year 6 at Woodlands

Year 6 have been having an incredible week of outdoor learning, developing independence and resilience as well as working as a team. We are excited to welcome them back this evening after 4 nights away. Here is a snap shot of their week.

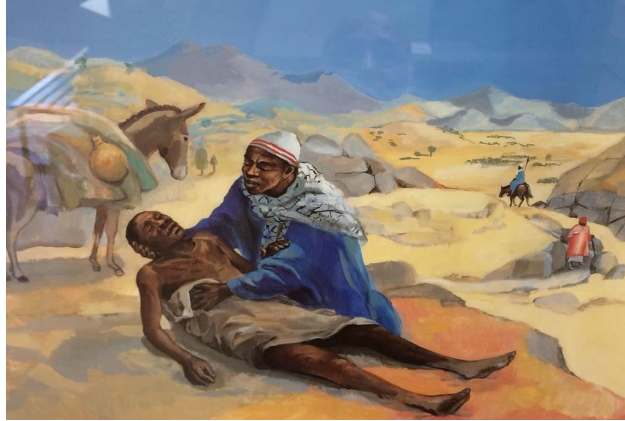






Conversation starters with your child

Do take some time to discuss the school vision with your child (see above in the newsletter). What values do they see in those around them at school or in themselves? How does our vision link to our school rules: be safe, be respectful, be the best you can be? Are there ways where they have thought about others in the community or the wider world?



After school club

Bookings are now available for After School Club 2026-2027. When you book, you will only need to do so once for the whole year. Your child will only be removed from the register when you request that via email to the school office.

Free school meal eligibility

The government has recently changed the process for free school meal eligibility. A paper form (Annex A) was sent home to every child which needs to be completed for every child, regardless of whether you think you are or are not eligible for free school meals. Please can you return this as soon as possible.

Concert at St Andrew's Church

**Saint Andrew's Parish Church
Headington**

In conjunction with the
**Royal Academy of Music
Dogoda Wind Quintet**



Saturday 13th June 2026
at 7.00 pm

Tickets £10 on the door
Concessions available

Waitrose tokens

Please remember to put some tokens in the St Andrew's box to secure our school some money. Windmill Primary also has a box, so the competition is on!



Cheney upcoming events

['Nature Late' Festival, 2nd July, 6 - 8pm](#)

Nature Late will celebrate the world of nature on site at Cheney School through talks, workshops, stalls, activities and exhibitions. The schedule is as follows:

6 - 6.30pm - In Conversation with Roger Harrabin, previously BBC Environmental Analyst

6 - 8pm - Ecology Festival for all ages with a large range of science and nature-themed stalls and activities

8 - 11pm - Bat Night with Ben Carpenter from Bioscan UK

If you would like to attend any part of the event, please fill in [this form](#).

It is free and aimed at all ages. There will be live performances and refreshments as well as many stalls and activities, crafts, talks and workshops.

[Iris Classics Summer School, 17th - 19th August](#)

We are delighted to be offering our tenth annual Classics Summer School this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney School in Oxford. It will take place on the mornings of 18th, 19th and 20th August. This year the summer school will be themed on the ancient star myths and astronomy.

The format for each day will be as follows:

9 – 10.30am – Latin (ages 7 – 9); Latin (ages 10 – 11); Greek (ages 7 – 9); Greek (ages 10 – 11)

10.30 – 11.15am – refreshments and activities

11.15 – 12.45pm – Latin (ages 7 – 9); Latin (ages 10 – 11); Greek (ages 7 – 9); Greek (ages 10 – 11)

The classes will be run by experienced teachers and will include activities as well as language learning. **They will all be aimed at complete beginners.** There will be themed activity stalls and refreshments between the morning classes.

Please visit the webpage [here](#) for more details and booking.

[Classics Creative Writing Cafe & Weekly Writing Nook](#)

The Iris Project runs a monthly Classics and Creative Writing Cafe, and also a weekly Writing Nook.

The cafe is a relaxed and informal opportunity to come and share ideas, have a go at writing, or just relax and read and chat in a beautiful setting. Each session has a different classical theme as a prompt if people want to have a go at writing while there. All genres are welcome!

The cafe is usually held once a month at St Alban's Church in Charles Street, Oxford from 2 until 4pm. There are hot and cold drinks and snacks available (we welcome donations towards refreshment costs).

The next date will be **Saturday 6th June, 2 – 4pm** – Hector and Achilles (book 22 of Homer's Iliad)

The cafe is aimed at ages 14 + to adult, and is run by Iris director Dr Lorna Robinson (author of novels [Hamadryad](#), [The Birder](#) and [Flower Gatherers](#), and short story collection [Telling Tales in Nature](#)). Please contact her on lorna@irisproject.org.uk if you have any questions about the cafe.

You can attend as a one off or regularly – please book using the email address above.

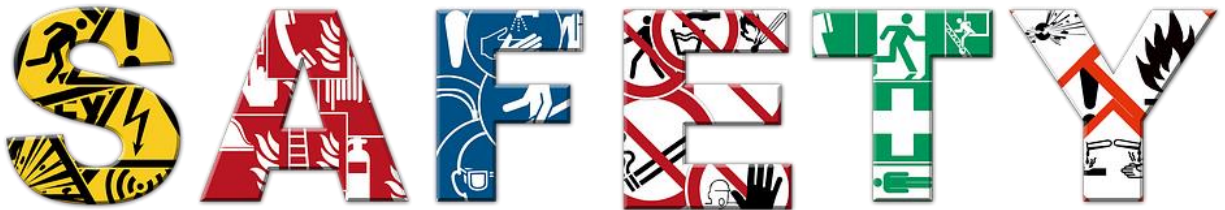
We also run a weekly writing space with a classics library – find out more [here](#).

Coffee mornings



Every Thursday morning will be a coffee morning with Mrs Suzanne Walker. Feel free to pop in any time between 8.45 - 9.30am to meet other parents/ carers or to talk to Mrs Walker. The coffee morning will be held in the learning base - come to the school reception to be signed in.

Health, Safety and safeguarding



Oral hygiene information

<https://supervised-toothbrushing.my.canva.site/june-newsletter-smile360>

Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter June 2026

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/S5JuiRh8BMANXEhr?ref=email&loc=play>

Safeguarding

Mrs Jo Holmes is our designated safeguarding lead and Mrs Mary Wright is our deputy designated safeguarding lead. If you ever have any concerns about the safety of a child, please do let us know.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK STAY TOGETHER

Take time to assess your surroundings.
Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



When around water always go with friends or family.
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.
Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



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Dates



Term dates for this academic year (2025-26) are available [here](#).

Below are some key dates which impact the whole school.

In addition, class letters will have specific dates for special events, visitors or trips for your child's class.

Monday 8th - Friday 12th June - Year 6 to Woodlands residential

Monday 8th - Friday 12th June- Year 1 phonics screening & Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Monday 15th June 4.00pm - New Reception (Sept 2026) garden visit

NEW - Tuesday 16th June - SIAMS inspection

Wednesday 17th June 6.30pm - Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey

Thursday 18th June 4.00pm - New Reception (Sept 2026) garden visit

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th June - Class teacher meetings for parents of children with SEND

Friday 3rd July, 11.30am - Sheldonian concert for orchestra

Monday 6th - Friday 10th July - Health week

Monday 6th July, 5.30pm - Summer Music concert (for anyone who learns an instrument in school or out of school as well as the gamelan and orchestra members) - a letter will come out about which instrument & piece your child would like to play

Wednesday 8th July - Years 3 - 4 Sports day at Horspath athletics stadium

Friday 10th July, 3.30pm - Summer Fair

Monday 13th July, 5.30pm - Piano concert

Tuesday 14th July, 10.30am - Leavers' service at St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 14th July - end of year reports sent home

Wednesday 15th July - Transition morning (all children to next year's class)

Thursday 16th July - Year 6 leavers' assembly - Year 6 parents/ carers invited

Friday 17th July - Leavers' assembly at school

Friday 17th July - Term finishes 1.15pm (Reception), 1.30pm (Years 1 - 6)

Helpful information for parents/ carers

Parent/carer engagement:

At St Andrew's, we would love for every parent/carer to feel that they can engage with the school at the level at which they feel comfortable. For some this might mean becoming a governor; for others this might mean helping out at an event or being able to contribute financially.

SASA (St Andrew's School Association) is the parent/carer group of which every adult with a child in the school is automatically a part.

Fundraising:

As a school, we are extremely grateful to our parent body / SASA who look for ways to raise money for the school, through events such as the fun run, disco, film night etc - this all supports the wider learning opportunities, such as keeping our lovely library well-stocked, updating our play equipment, developing our music provision. In addition, as a school, we seek out opportunities for grants and free events/ trips, to enable all of our pupils to have a rich learning experience during their time at St Andrew's.

Sometimes families are unable to attend the fund-raising events but would still like to contribute to the school. For this reason, we have set up the following options:

1. A **QR code** found on our [website](#).
2. An **Amazon 'wish list'**: <https://amzn.eu/2DAkpvb>
3. **Cashback from Sainsburys and Argos** – signing up to the MySchoolFund. When someone signs up using our school code, the individual gets 2% cashback on spend in Sainsburys and Argos and the school gets 1% in eGift vouchers. Link to our school (use postcode OX3 9ED) on the My School Fund website. If this could work for you, please do sign up. Sign up today at www.myschoolfund.org Our school registration number : 29600

Eggs: Don't forget that eggs from our very own chickens are on sale in the office. The children looking after the chickens are keen to get this money, as we need it to buy food for the chickens!

Recycling opportunity

We are really pleased to see the success of the recycling box (via Collection4Clothes) for clothes and other items. For every kg collected, the school receives 40p and also Great Ormond Street Hospital received a donation: [Clothing Collections | Great Ormond Street Charity \(gosh.org\)](https://www.gosh.org.uk/collections)

Please bring items to the box in the school office foyer. The box will be emptied on a regular basis. So, there is no deadline - bring items along as suits you. The items should be in good condition - the sort that you would take to a charity shop.

Library books: If a book is overdue, a reminder comes from the librarian. If the book is lost or damaged, the cost of the book is on that overdue reminder slip. Replacing a book or sending in money to cover the cost of the book enables the library to remain well-stocked.

Toys: At St Andrew's we ask that children do not bring in toys and special items from home, as these items can be lost, which causes upset and tension between children when accusations arise as to who might have taken or broken an item.

Information about local events

May Half Term 2026

MAY 2026 CAMPS
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Example camp activities
Ages 8-11, Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

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WOW EXPERIENCES

INFLATABLES	ANIMALS	STREET DANCE	SCIENCE	LASER TAG
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Activities vary by location, please visit our website to see what's running at your venue.

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June 2026 Timetable

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Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm

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