



NEWSLETTER



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13th September 2024
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Diary Dates

Friday 20th Sept
Nasal Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 24th Sept
9:00am – 10:00am
Reception Phonics Family Learning

Wednesday 25th Sept
Ice Lolly Fundraiser
(breaktime)

Friday 27th Sept
9:40am – 10:40am
Reception Phonics Family Learning (repeat)

Tuesday 1st October
9:00am – 10:00am
KS1 Phonics Family Learning

Friday 4th October
9:40am – 10:40am
KS1 Phonics Family Learning (repeat)

Tuesday 8th October
Individual School Photos



Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a lovely summer break and that you and your child/children are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term.

We have now stepped into the roles of Executive Headteacher and Deputy Executive Headteacher, meaning that you will see both of us working across both the Infant and the Junior Schools. We will be stood on both school gates throughout the week and so if you see us, feel free to come and say hello and have a chat about how your child is settling in to their new class. I (Mrs Jocelyn) will be present across both schools but will be predominantly based at the Junior School with Mrs Swallow, the new Deputy Executive Headteacher, being predominantly based at the Infant School. We hope that this new structure will bring our two schools closer together and ensure that our procedures and caring vision continue to be consistent across the two schools. We are looking forward to what we can achieve this year and know that we have incredibly supportive staff and parents who all want the very best for the pupils in our care.

Our Reception and Year 3 children have made a great start to their new schools and it's clear that the transition plan has helped pupils to settle into their new routines.



Mrs Jocelyn and Mrs Swallow
Executive and Deputy Executive Headteachers

Worship Timetable

Please see below the timetable for our Family Worships for this half term. You are welcome to attend any worship, please enter through the hall door at 9:00am, once you have dropped your child off.

Worship Date	Class Leading
Friday 27 th September	Class 6
Friday 4 th October	Class 5
Friday 11 th October	Class 4
Friday 18 th October	Class 3
Friday 25 th October	Always Assembly – Mrs Swallow

School Hours

School starts at 9:00am (the doors open at 8:50am for your child to come into class or the hall).

Our caretaker closes the gates at 9:00am. If you arrive **after** this time, please enter via the main office door. Registration closes at 9:05am after which time your child will receive a late mark on the register.

Our school office opens at 8:15am and closes at 4:00pm. The office will be closed from 8:25am – 8:45am on a Tuesday.

You can always send us a text or leave a voicemail out of office hours.

General Uniform and Equipment Information

We ask that you please ensure **all** your child's uniform, coats and shoes are clearly named; if a child misplaces part of their uniform, it is much easier to return it to them when it is named. If it is not, we cannot guarantee it will get back to them. Please send your child with a **named** waterproof coat every day. We also ask that your child brings in a **clear** water bottle (for sale on the School Money app) and that it **only contains water**. Please do not put water bottles in bookbags as these can damage reading books.



We Keep Children Safe By...

...asking that you use the designated paths in and around school and **do not** walk through our school car park. Our car park is very busy during the day, especially at drop off and pick up due to staff members/school visitors arriving and leaving the school grounds. In order to minimise any risk, please walk with your children along the pavement on **Lightcliffe Road** and up the walkways either side of school.

Other safety reminders:

- Please do not park on any yellow lines around the school building, these allow for families to enter and exit the school grounds safely.
- Please respect our neighbours and do not block their drives when dropping off/collecting children.
- Please do not park in the staff car park unless you have permission from the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteers in School

We are looking for volunteers to help in school, such as reading with children. We will be holding meetings with Mrs Swallow regarding volunteering in school on **Tuesday 17th September at 2:45pm** or **Friday 20th September at 9:00am**. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the school office for more information.

VOLUNTEER

Reading and Phonics

Thank you for getting off to a great start with reading with your child, please remember to log this in their reading record every time you read together.

Keep an eye out for emails with links to the specific phonic sounds your child is working on at the moment. Please watch these with your child to help them to secure

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

their learning.

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Routine Dental / Optician / Doctors' Appointments

Please make routine appointments **AFTER** school or during holidays to stop your child from missing their valuable education!

Routine appointments are **UNAUTHORISED** absences and will be recorded on your child's record.

Topics for this Half Term

Please follow the links below for information on the topics each year group is learning about this half term. A paper copy has also been sent home in your child's bookbag.

Reception – All About Me & Autumn



[Key Learning](#)

Year 1 – Paws, Claws and Whiskers

[Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Key Learning](#)



Year 2 – Wriggle and Crawl

[Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Key Learning](#)



Glue Stick Donation

We would like to kindly ask parents and carers to provide their child with a glue stick to use in school. We provide each child with whiteboard pens, pencils, scissors and rulers but have gone through an incredible amount of glue.

Therefore, if your child could bring in a glue stick with their name on to use in school, that would help our school funds a lot. Any child without a glue stick will, of course, have one provided through school. We anticipate that each child will use one glue stick per term (so 3 in a year). Any help is much appreciated!



THANK YOU!



Good to be Gold

We will give out Good to be Gold stickers on Friday afternoons to celebrate every child who follows the class and school rules and is on the Gold section of the class rainbow reward charts.



If your child comes home wearing one, please praise them for making the right choices during the week.

Family Learning

We will be holding our annual Family Learning sessions again this term. Information on how to book onto these sessions has been sent home in your child's bookbag this week. The sessions we will be running are Reading &

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Phonics and Maths.

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Open Day

We have our Open Day for parents/carers with children starting in Reception in September 2025 on

Thursday 24th October from 10:00am – 12:00pm or 1:30pm – 4:30pm.

Please can you share this date with any family, friends or neighbours with children starting school in September 2025.

Please encourage them to contact the Infant School by phone 01484 714964 or by email admin@st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk to book tours of the Infant and Junior Schools site.

Current Year 2 children and parents/carers will have the opportunity to visit the Junior School later in the year.

St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School
Dates and Events 2024 – 2025 – Autumn Term

Monday 9 th September 2024 @ 3:15pm	Year 2 Parents/Carers 'Getting-to-Know-You' Information Session
Tuesday 10 th September 2024 @3:15pm	Year 1 Parents/Carers 'Getting-to-Know-You' Information Session
Wednesday 11 th September 2024 @ 3:15pm	Reception Parents/Carers 'Getting-to-Know-You' Information Session
Monday 16 th September 2024	Clubs begin for 5 weeks
Friday 20 th September 2024	Nasal Flu Immunisations – all year groups (info to follow)
Tuesday 24 th September 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Family Learning Session with Mrs Hainsworth (Reception) "How we teach early Phonics & how to help your child read" (Booking information will be sent home)
Wednesday 25 th September 2024 (break time)	Ice lolly Fundraiser
Friday 27 th September 2024 @ 9:40am	Repeat of the above session with Mrs Hainsworth
Tuesday 1 st October 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Family Learning Session with Mrs Hainsworth (Year 1 & 2) "How we teach Phonics & how to help your child read" (Booking information will be sent home)
Friday 4 th October 2024 @ 9:40am	Repeat of the above session with Mrs Hainsworth
Tuesday 8 th October 2024	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 9 th October 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Family Learning Session with Mrs Shaw "How we teach Maths & how to help your child" (Booking information will be sent home)
Thursday 10 th October 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Friday 11 th October 2024 @ 9:40am	Repeat of the above Family Learning session with Mrs Shaw
Tuesday 15 th October 2024 @ 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Parents'/Carers' Pupil Progress Meetings (Booking information will be sent home prior to this)
Wednesday 16 th October 2024 – 9:05am – 9:35am	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Infant School
Wednesday 16 th October 2024 @ 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Parents'/Carers' Pupil Progress Meetings (Booking information will be sent home prior to this)
Tuesday 22 nd October 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase (parents/carers invited)
Thursday 24 th October 2024 @ 10am – 12pm or 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Open Day for 2025 Reception parents at both Infant and Junior School (please contact school to book a slot)
Friday 25 th October 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase (parents/carers invited)
Friday 25 th October 2024	SCHOOL CLOSSES – HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS
Monday 11 th November 2024	Clubs begin for 5 weeks
Wednesday 13 th November 2024 @ 9:45am	Joint School Eucharist Service at St Martin's Church (walkers only)
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children in Need - <i>Come to school in pyjamas</i>
Tuesday 19 th November 2024 (break time)	Bun Fundraiser (please send in bun donations – no nuts)
Thursday 21 st November 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Thursday 28 th November 2024	St Andrew's Day – Non-Uniform Day (wearing blue, white or tartan) PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE FOR OUR BOTTLE TOMBOLA
Friday 29 th November 2024 @ 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday 2 nd December 2024	Christmas Post begins (Post boxes in hall)
Monday 2 nd December 2024	Posada (Travelling Cribs to start)
Monday 2 nd December 2024 (Year 3 invited to watch)	Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 3 rd December 2024 @ 2:20pm (Class 2 & 5 parents/carers)	Reception Nativity Play (ticket info to follow)
Wednesday 4 th December 2024 @ 2:20pm (Class 1 & 6 parents/carers)	Reception Nativity Play (ticket info to follow)
Friday 6 th December 2024 @ 9:15am (Class 3 & 4 parents/carers)	Reception Nativity Play (ticket info to follow)
Monday 9 th December 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase (parents/carers invited)
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	Pantomime in school for children – Beauty & the Beast
Wednesday 11 th December 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase (parents/carers invited)
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18 th December 2024 @ 2:00pm	Christingle Service at St Martin's Church
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Party Lunch and Christmas Party Day – non-uniform (party clothes)
Friday 20 th December 2024	SCHOOL CLOSSES

General Events

Topic Showcases

Coffee Mornings

Nativity

Family Learning

Parents'/Carers' Evenings

Open Day

Clubs begin



Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends, open my ears to hear my teacher, open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember you are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school.

Amen

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a
caring, Christian community

Confident - We embrace challenge and
persevere

Aspire - We aim high

Respectful - We are friends and
cherish God's world

Inclusive - We welcome everyone and
are all of equal worth

Nurturing - We look after each other
so we can all flourish

Generous - We give to each other and
our community



"Love each other as I have loved
you."

John 15:12

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on our websites

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OPEN DAY

PLACES FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2025

Thursday 24th October 2024

10:00am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Come and join us on our open day. See our children and staff during a normal school day at both schools (Infant and Junior). **Please call to reserve a place.**

We are Ofsted GOOD with OUTSTANDING features:

- "Pupils are happy and enthusiastic learners. They are proud of their work and love to talk about what they know and remember."
- "Learning in every subject starts in the Reception class. The curriculum gives children a firm foundation on which to build future learning."
- "Pupils say they are all good friends and love playing together. They enjoy helping others."
- "Leaders are passionate about pupil personal development. The school has an exceptional personal development offer."

**A place at the Infant School guarantees your child a place
at our OFSTED OUTSTANDING Junior School.**



Both schools offer Wrap Around Care

7:30am — 6:00pm



**Applications for Reception 2025 open on Monday 18th November 2024
& close on Wednesday 15th January 2025**



Craft Fair

Saturday
5th October

10:00 – 14:30

Brighthouse Library
Halifax Road
HD6 2AF

Local Artisans

Free Entry

Refreshments



MOSQUE OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

FROM 12:00PM TO 4:00PM

GUIDED TOURS | DISPLAYS | Q&A | REFRESHMENTS | NO BOOKING REQUIRED
1:45PM - CALL TO PRAYER | 2:00PM - LIVE PRAYER | 2:15PM - MAIN PROGRAMME

ALL WELCOME

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