



St. Andrew's C of E (VA) Primary School

10th September 2025



Dear God
Teach me the way of friendship
So that I can be a good friend
To someone who needs me – Someone who feels left out
Or is lonely. Amen.

'Encourage one another and build each other up'
1 Thessalonians 50:11

Message from Headteacher

It has been a pleasure to welcome all our children and families to the new school year at St Andrew's, particularly our youngest children who have started in Foundation this week (I've been so impressed with their confidence and have already had several 'good mornings' as they trot down the path each day!). There have been lots of smiles and stories of summer adventures, and teachers have been pleased with how well children have settled into their new classes. It's been a wonderful start to the year and I'm looking forward to all that lies ahead.

This year, our nominated school charity will be St Luke's as we have signed up to their 'Guiding Lights' project. Last week we met Sarah from St Luke's, who introduced the project and told us about the lighthouse trail which will be launched in the city next summer. St Andrew's will design and paint our own mini lighthouse to add to the trail (a little like the elephant trail we participated in a few years ago). The children are excited and have lots of ideas for fundraising, so watch this space to see how our project unfolds! To find out more please go to [St Lukes Guiding Lights](#).

Teachers will be hosting 'Meet The Teacher' sessions this week so you can find out more about their new year group. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, worries or suggestions. We want to work in partnership with parents to support our children to flourish.

Miss Lewis

Reminders

Just a reminder that children must not be given nuts to bring to school in packed lunches or in any form of snack due to members of our school community with serious nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

Another reminder also, to label all items of school uniform – we have lots of missing items already!



Our School Day

From 7.45am	Breakfast Club (bookings only)
8.33am	Gooseberry Lane school gate opens
8.35am	Citadel Road school gate opens
8.40am	Gooseberry Lane school gate opens
8.45am	Register/lessons begin
10.45am	Playtime
12.00 – 12.50pm	School lunchtime
3.15pm	End of school day
3.15 - 4.15pm	Extra-curricular after-school clubs times
3.15 – 5.50pm	Kids Club hours (after school childcare)

Term Dates
Last day of Term 1
Friday 24 th October
First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 4 th November
Last day of Term 2
Friday 19 th December
First day of Term 3
Tuesday 6 th January

Extra-curricular School Clubs

School clubs will start the week beginning 15th September for 11 weeks (minus the half-term week) and finish the week beginning 1st December. (KS2 football will run for 10 weeks due to parent consultation meetings on 22nd October.)

All after-school clubs should be booked via the Eduspot/SchoolMoney app as there is a maximum number of spaces at each club. BOOKING WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY. Children who are not able to attend a club of their choice, will be given priority next term.

Payment for Plymouth Argyle football sessions must be made by cash/cheque to the school office or given directly to the coaches. We will send a form home with your child once this booking has been made. (Payment of 20p can be given directly to the church team at JAM club weekly.)

	Years	After School Clubs (3.15-4.15pm) (Book your place via SchoolMoney app)	Number of spaces	Cost
Monday	F, 1, 2	Multi-skills Sports Club with TGS	20	-
Tuesday	F,1,2,3	Plymouth Argyle football session	28	£66.00
Wednesday	4 - 6	Plymouth Argyle football session (10 sessions only)	28	£60.50
Thursday	F - 6	JAM Club (Jesus and Me) with church team leaders	20	20p per session
Friday	3 - 6	Multi-skill Sports Club with TGS	20	-

Bikes and scooters

We love to see children walking, cycling or scooting to school. Can we remind you that it is not safe for children to scoot or cycle once inside the school gates – the risk of collision with other children is too high. Please walk all bikes and scooters to the bike shed.

Kid's Club

We are aware that the demand for places in Kid's Club is high, and some parents are unable to book the childcare they need which is understandably very stressful. Please can I encourage you to check all your bookings and if there are places you don't need, cancel them as soon as possible to enable other working parents to use them.

We are hoping to expand our after-school childcare provision in the future.

Uniform and presentation

Children have returned to school looking really smart. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy. Please note that hair should be of a natural colour – no colourful fringes, braids or extensions please. Long hair (including long fringes) should be tied back. Please avoid having tram lines shaved into close cropped hair – save it for holidays.

Goldfish – free to a good home!

We are re-developing our environmental garden to make it more accessible for children. As such, we will be removing the pond. Please contact us if you, or anyone you know who would like to re-home the fish. They are large goldfish that have been in their pond habitat for several years.

