



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

21st July 2026



Dear Lord,
Give us your strength to be brave and face challenges.
Help us to remember that sometimes we need to take small steps to
begin with, but it's starting the journey that matters.
Amen

**'Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or
dismayed, for the Lord your
God is with you wherever
you go.'** Joshua 1:9

Headteacher Message

It has been a truly beautiful end to the year, celebrating so many successes in a joyful service at the Minster Church of St Andrew yesterday and then seeing our confident, creative and caring Year 6 children on stage in their Leavers' service this morning. Thank you to everyone who could join us (and for sharing such positive feedback). As children prepare to move on to their new class or new school, it's a time for us all to reflect on the past and look to the future – we think about what has gone well, our achievements and personal growth as well as things we might do differently next year. I am confident that everyone will embrace their next step with courage and enthusiasm and will continue to flourish.

In the meantime, it's certainly time to rest and have some well-earned fun. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing (most) of you back here on Monday 7th September and wish all our Year 6 pupils every success in the future.

Miss Lewis

School Disco

The children really enjoyed their summer disco. A huge thank you to Miss Phillips and all the helpers who make this event so special every year. There are lots more photos on our school website.



School Fair

Again, thank you to Miss Phillips for organising another successful Summer Fair and everyone else who helped. Together, the school fair and school disco raised £1500.00 for the School Fund. This fund is used to pay for school improvements and to subsidise school trips etc.

Uniform

As promised, we have been looking at more cost-effective school uniform options. After much deliberation, we have decided on a different school sweater and cardigan which will cost £19.00 instead of the previous option which cost £20.00. **It is recommended that fabric conditioner is not used when washing these items.**



Board of Governors Recent Discussion Points

- A few updates from recent Board of Governors meetings, from Ali Ryder, Joint Chair: -
- The governors were delighted to hear about the Year 5 Playhouse project with the Theatre Royal and their success in performing their play at the Lyric Theatre.
- We look forward to seeing the impact of the building work over the summer holidays - the new Nurture Base and the resurfacing of the playground.
- We reviewed the new Behaviour Policy that the staff and students have been working on and were pleased to adopt it.
- We re-elected Ali Ryder and Beth Williams as co-Chairs and elected Joe Dent as Vice Chair for the year ahead.

Wrap around childcare

We are excited to be able to expand our childcare offer from September. Full details of all childcare options and revised costings will be available to read on our website from mid-August, along with details about the new online booking system (ParentPay). We will text all parents when this is ready and give notice in advance of any bookings going live.

Young Marketeers

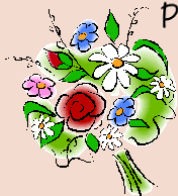
Another successful Young Marketeers this year! Year 4 children have planned, grown or made their own produce to sell at Plymouth Market. St. Andrew's raised £168.71 from an overall total of £280.26 which was donated to the Foodbank. Thank you to all the families for their support, particularly Mo Durden who ferried all the produce to market and helped throughout.



Year 4, Mrs Dean and Luke Pollard MP at Plymouth Market

Thank You!

Thank you once again for all the good wishes, thoughtful cards, presents, flowers...the list goes on. We really appreciate all your kindness and support.



We look forward to seeing you again on
Monday 7th September.
Have a fabulous summer.

