



1st October 2026



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

As October begins, I feel that we have well and truly settled into the term. We have worked hard to establish routines in line with our behaviour policy and children have been showing improved learning behaviours and social behaviours at break times. Several children have already visited my office to show me the excellent progress they have made in class: well done to Eden, Leighton, Charlie C and Aiden!

As we prepare to re-launch the School Council, we have been talking about democracy, pupil voice and the ways that children can express their ideas, opinions or concerns at school. We want children to know that their voice matters – well done to Nana who had a great idea to further develop our careers education programme and to Peaches and Willow who spent their free time creating a superb poster to express their views against animal testing in the beauty industry. Your voice is also important to us, and I welcome any comments or suggestions around our school offer and ways to help our children and families live life to the full.

Miss Lewis

Club Bookings

Bookings for the next block of wrap-around care sessions (before and after school) will go live on Thursday 8th October at 12 noon.

Parking

We are aware that parking attendants were issuing penalty notices to parents/carers who were parked on double-yellow lines last week. A reminder that the parking bays are free of charge for 15 minutes before and after school.



Harvest Festival

We hope you can join our celebration on
Wednesday 14th October
at 9.05am in the school hall.
We look forward to seeing you.



We welcome contributions of tinned, dried or packaged food which we will donate to the Shekinah Mission and Food Bank.

School Jumpers/Cardigans

Reminder – as per garment care instructions – please do not add fabric conditioner when washing these items.

Helmets Please!

The large playground has become super-speedy to scoot on now that it has been re-surfaced! If you have a good condition helmet that your child has grown out of – please could you donate it to school for our wraparound care club. Many thanks.



Naming Uniform

Our Lost Property was overflowing last week! Although some of the items were retrieved by parents from tables in the playground at the end of the day, the majority of items were not returned to their owners because they were not labelled with a child's name. **PLEASE label your child's uniform!**

Widening Horizons – Year 5

We are so lucky to be one of nine schools in the Stonehouse area who benefit from the Widening Horizons initiative. The scheme aims to broaden children's awareness of career opportunities as they get to experience different workplaces and learn real life-skills at venues including the Theatre Royal, Babcock, Mayflower Marina and City College. Year 5 have already had a behind-the-scenes visit to the National Marine Aquarium and other year groups will also learn about careers through visitors from the Inspire me programme.

Congratulations to our current Year 6 class who went to their Widening Horizons graduation earlier this term. Our St Andrew's pupils showed great confidence in speaking aloud as they shared key moments from the year.

Contact Sheets

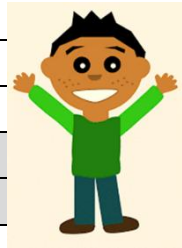
We will shortly be sending home your child's contact/information sheet. Please take the time to look carefully at all the details and make amendments where necessary. Please send back to school as soon as possible. It is crucial that we have up-to-date contact details in school. Many thanks.

Sustainability Day Wednesday 21st October– Wear Green!

Andy from McScience is visiting school tomorrow to introduce the theme of sustainability and promote ways of saving energy at home and at school.

We will continue to raise awareness of this topic by having a Sustainability Day on Wednesday 21st October - the children can come to school wearing **green** and take part in energy-saving activities throughout the day. There is no cost.

Dates for Your Calendar

5-9 th October	Year 6 residential trip	
Friday 9 th October	Flu vaccinations (Children at residential will be given a new date)	
Wednesday 14 th October	HARVEST FESTIVAL in school hall at 9.05am.	
Monday 19 th October	Parent consultation meetings – details to follow	
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent consultation meetings – details to follow	
	Sustainability Day – wear green!	
Friday 26 th October	Last day of term 1	
Tuesday 3 rd November	First day of term 2	
Friday 6 th November	Year 3 class assembly in hall at 9.05am.	
Tuesday 10 th November	Individual photos	
Thursday 12 th November	Year 4 class assembly in hall at 9.05am	
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 2 class assembly in hall at 9.05am	
Wednesday 25 th November	Year 5 class assembly in hall at 9.05am.	
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 1 class assembly in hall at 9.05am.	
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 6 class assembly in hall at 9.05am.	
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Church 2.00pm	
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term 2	
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of term 3	