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

12th 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

Our vision of life to the full is embedded in all we do at school but how is this lived out at home? This week, I'd like to celebrate the endeavours of several of our pupils and families, who have shown great courage, perseverance and compassion as they've taken on some incredible fundraising challenges.

A BIG well done to Freddie and Goel from Year 3, who cycled 11km across Dartmoor to complete the Tour De Moor with their dads yesterday. It was tough cycling in the rain and up and down some very steep hills. Freddie raised a total of £625 for St Luke's Hospice. What a phenomenal achievement!

A few weeks ago, past pupils, Jacqueson and Betsy successfully completed the Three Peaks challenge with their family, hiking to the summit of Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis as well as Snowdon in wet and windy conditions (in just 2 days). They were raising money for a local charity, Children's Wishes who provide support and resources for children and communities in need. Having reached out to Children's Wishes in the past, we are now inspired to plan a fundraising event to support their work later this year. Congratulations to Team Berry!







Miss Lewis

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October from 3.30 – 5.50pm. Please fill in the slip and return to your class teachers to book your appointment as soon as possible. Consultations should last no longer than 10 minutes and are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this term and any targets they have been set.

<u>There will be no gym/dance session with Mrs Dean on Monday. The Plymouth Argyle session on Wednesday will be re-arranged</u>. There will be an Usborne Book Fair on both afternoons.

Borrowed Uniform

If your child comes home wearing uniform borrowed from school, please wash it and return it to school as soon as possible.

Also, if you have any spare, good quality pants, socks or tights (Foundation/Year 1 age) could you kindly donate them to school please?

Parent/Carer Taster Session with 'Educatering' – Our School Meals provider

Come along and try some school dishes, ask questions about ingredients and meet the team on Thursday 22nd October at collection time.



Contact Sheets

Thank you for returning your child's contact sheet so we can update our records. There is still time to send the forms into the office if you have not done so already. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 14th October

9.05am in the school hall– All welcome



Donations of tinned and dry foods please. These will be given to the Foodbank and Shekinah Mission.



SEPARATION AND ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Hosted by MHST (Mental Health Support Team)

Livewell Southwest NHS

Wednesday 21st OCTOBER 2.15pm-3.15pm

At St Andrews C of E Primary School

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This **60-minute workshop** explores ***Separation Anxiety*** and the ***Fight, Flight, Freeze*** response and encourages parents to think about what this means for children.

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We offer strategies and skills for parents to take away and try with their young people.

Dates for Your Calendar

Wednesday 14th October	HARVEST FESTIVAL in school hall at 9.05am.
Monday 19th October	**Parent consultation meetings. (Gym/dance session cancelled.)**
Wednesday 21st October	**Parent consultation meetings (Argyle session postponed.)**
	Sustainability Day – wear green!
Thursday 22nd October	'Educatering' Taster Session after school
Friday 23rd October	Last day of term 1
Tuesday 3rd November	First day of term 2 (School is closed on Monday 2nd November)
Friday 6th November	Year 3 class assembly in hall at 9.05am.
Tuesday 10th November	Individual photos
Thursday 12th November	Year 4 class assembly in hall at 9.05am
Wednesday 18th November	Year 2 class assembly in hall at 9.05am
Wednesday 25th November	Year 5 class assembly in hall at 9.05am.
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 1 class assembly in hall at 9.05am.
Wednesday 9th December	Year 6 class assembly in hall at 9.05am.
Wednesday 16th December	**Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Church 2.00pm**

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Parents' Evening

I would like to attend a meeting with my child and the child's class teacher. Please arrange an appointment for me on: -

Monday 19th October between - 3.30pm and 4.30pm ☐ **or** 4.30pm and 5.50pm ☐

Wednesday 21st October between - 3.30pm and 4.30pm ☐ **or** 4.30pm and 5.50pm ☐

Child's Name_____ Class_____