



Dear God
 Thank you that you love all your children.
 Thank you that yours is a very special love.
 Amen.

**'True Love is God's
 Love for us, not our
 love for God'
 1 John 4:10**

Message from Headteacher

The end of term approaches and with trips, sporting events, class transitions, discos and a summer fair, life here at school has been busier than ever! Our new system for class transitions has been a great success; children and staff have had 4 afternoons to get to know each other and are positive about the return to school in September.

Sadly, Mrs Dudley, who is a mealtime assistant and has been a teaching assistant with the current Year 6 class since they were in Year 2, will be leaving us this year to follow her dream of travelling and spending time with family and grandchildren. Her last day is Friday 18th July, after which she will be jetting off to Canada! Mrs Dudley has been such a valued member of our team, and with a great sense of humour and positive attitude she is much loved by staff and children alike. We will miss her and wish her every happiness in the future.

On a happier note, following a full recruitment process, we are delighted to tell you that we have appointed Miss Phillips as our permanent Senior Administrator. Her commitment to the school, skill in all aspects of the role and creative ideas for the future were just some of the reasons she was successful. Congratulations from us all.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils on their fabulous SATs results, our Year 4 pupils for brilliant scores on the national MTC check and Year 1 for their hard work and great scores in the national Phonics Check. What clever, determined and hardworking children we have here at St Andrew's. Well done! I look forward to celebrating more achievements with you all at our End of Year Service on 23rd July.

Miss Lewis

French Visitors

We were delighted to welcome a class of French school children who were on a visit to Plymouth last week. We have linked with this school in the past and it was lovely to welcome them back to St. Andrew's. The children watched an assembly and were given a tour of the school by Year 6. Très bien!

Summer Reading Challenge

Austen, from the Central Library joined us in assembly on Monday to introduce this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We hope as many children as possible will sign up either online or at the library and continue to develop the joy of reading. Austen will return in the autumn term to give certificates to everyone who takes part. Happy reading!



Calendar

Thursday 17 th July	Year 3 and 4 trip to Drake's Island
Tuesday 22 nd July	9.10am Year 6 Leavers' assembly in the school hall
Wednesday 23 rd July	9.45am End of Year Celebration assembly at St. Andrew's Church: refreshments available from 9.00a.m
	Last day of term 6
Wednesday 3 rd September	First day of term 1



End of Year Celebration

Please join us at St. Andrew's Church, Royal Parade
On 23rd July at 9.45am
to celebrate the children's achievements this year.
Refreshments available from 9.00am.



School Lunch Price Increase

Having tried to keep the price as low as possible for families, we have been informed by CaterEd that the price of a school lunch is increasing to £3.00 per meal in September due to rising food costs, staffing costs as well as energy bills. School lunches will remain a healthy, balanced option with freshly prepared, locally sourced produce cooked freshly on site.

Parking on Citadel Road

Please do not park on the zig zag lines or the bus bay outside the school on Citadel Road. This causes a hazard to children, families and other drivers trying to use the road safely. Please note that traffic enforcement officers issued a penalty notice to a driver who parked on the zig zag lines last week.

Road Safety

Members of the traffic management team from Plymouth City Council have been visiting the school over the last few weeks to conduct road safety lessons with the Year 2 children. They accompanied small groups of children around the local area to teach them the Green Cross Code and demonstrate how to cross the road safely.

School Fair

Thank you so much for all your donations to the Summer Fair. As always, you have been very generous. We look forward to seeing you this afternoon from 3pm. The gates will open at 2.55pm for you to collect your children from their classrooms, if you wish. Come and 'Soak the Teacher'!

A reminder that Albee will be having her hair cut at the fair to raise money and awareness for The Little Princess Trust. Please come along and support her and her family.

We will let you know how much money was collected for the school fund when it has all been counted. Huge thanks to Miss Phillips for organising the fair and to everyone else who volunteered to help.



Traffic management team and Year 2



Foundation on a trip around the Hoe



Help shape a bolder, stronger Plymouth

Local people in Plymouth are being invited to help shape the future of their city, as part of the Council's work to develop a proposal for local government reorganisation (LGR).

Local government across the country is under immense financial pressure and the government has announced that it wishes to move to a system of unitary councils by removing the two-tier current county/district model that exists in Devon. There is no magic money tree. Without bold reform, councils will struggle to sustain the services people rely on. That's why Plymouth is taking action — not just to survive, but to thrive.

Our proposal is for a modest boundary extension to embrace the 13 closest parishes to the city offers a unique opportunity to combine the best of both worlds — we want to create a vibrant city set within a beautiful rural environment of thriving towns and communities, with the highest quality of services delivered across the whole area.

But, for us LGR is about more than redrawing boundaries. It's about securing the future of Plymouth. **It's about building a Plymouth where our children can afford to live, where jobs are plentiful, where neighbourhoods are vibrant, and where services are modern, accessible, and resilient so it can respond to the challenges of the future.**

Over the past few weeks, Plymouth City Council has been listening to communities in the South Hams. Now, it's time for residents within the city to have their say. Five engagement events will take place across Plymouth in the coming weeks, alongside an online survey open to all.

Get Involved:

Sign up to receive the latest information about LGR here: www.plymouth.gov.uk/lgr

Attend one of five engagement events happening across Plymouth – see the dates on our website above for more information and to register to attend.

Take the online survey and help shape the future of your city before **3 August 2025**. Go to: [Have Your Say Today - Plymouth Survey - Big Community Conversation](#)

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