



Newsletter

2nd April 2026

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Easter break, it has been a very busy half term at St Andrew's. Our pupils have taken part in a variety of exciting and enriching activities that not only support their academic growth but also foster a sense of community and reflection.

Holy Week (30th March – 2nd April) and the Easter Experience

Our pupils participated in the Easter Experience, where they explored the significance of Holy Week through a variety of engaging activities. This experience aligns really well with our Christian ethos, allowing the children to reflect on the Easter story and its meaning in their lives. Holy week in school began with an Easter assembly on Monday morning and finished with another assembly on Thursday morning.

'DRUHM' Workshops

We have had this company in school again this year and yet again it has proven very successful with our children. It is a very engaging couple of days in school with the purpose being a focus on core skills including paying attention, meditative awareness to help reduce stress and anxiety to improve performance, rhythm and timing and finally enjoyment. For more information see the following link: <https://druhmacademy.co.uk/>

Year 6 Booster Classes

We are proud to offer Year 6 Booster Classes to support our children in their preparation for SATs in early May this year. These classes focus on key subjects and are designed to build confidence and competence as they approach this important milestone in their educational journey.

Additionally, events such as the Book Fair and World Book Day have helped focus a passion for reading among our pupils, while the PTA Mother's Day Event has strengthened our community ties.

Welcoming Our New Headteacher, Mrs James

Mrs James, our new headteacher, has visited school this week and will continue to do so throughout the summer term. Her presence has been an opportunity for her to meet with children and staff. Our regular meetings will help smooth the transition for September and foster a sense of continuity as St Andrew's moves forward. Mrs James is very excited about leading St Andrew's in September.

As I walked her around the classes, our children were very excited to see her!



School Sport this term

We entered our pupils into the Worsley School's swimming gala and Worsley Woods cross-country competition. The boys' football team were knocked out of one of the cups but are still in the Bill Hayhurst cup completion. Our girls' football team entered a Salford wide completion too. Whilst we had some mixed fortunes overall, it was a great opportunity for our children to showcase their hard work and dedication.

Wellbeing at St Andrew's

In 2023 we achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS award) and were recognised for our exceptional work to support children's mental health and wellbeing. In school, we continue to support children, staff and parents. Here is a summary of what we offer-

- Mental Health trained staff-Mrs Clay/Mrs Whitaker/Mrs Kirkpatrick
- Place2Talk- children self-refer to see our Place2Be counsellor
- Place2Be Counsellor one2one sessions- referred by parent/carer/teacher for 10 one2one sessions with our counsellor
- Wellbeing Stars- 8-week intervention programme to support wellbeing led by Mrs Whitaker/ Mrs Kirkpatrick.
- Journey Of Hope (JOH)- 10 week intervention programme led by Place2Be
- PIPT- parents in partnership training led by Laura Duke (family practitioner)
- PHSE (RHSE) - Personal, health, social and economic education-Taught weekly in every class.
- Parent Smart- online course offered to parents to support their child.
- Celebration and raising awareness days- HelloYellow, World Mental Health week, class daily check in charts.
- One2one/group discussions with Mrs Whitaker/Mrs Kirkpatrick
- 'Wellbeing buddies' on the playground to support children
- Wellbeing change team- meetings every term with children, pastoral leads, parent and staff governors.
- Mini and Junior Duke clubs- Year 1, 2, 5 and 6

During our wellbeing work with children key themes during 2022-23 were anxiety, confidence, fear, concentration. Key themes in 2023-24 were attachment, anger, perfectionism, self-esteem, regulation, friendships and loss. This year key themes emerging have been- friendships, self- esteem, emotions, resilience and anxiety.

In July we will be going through our assessment for the renewal of our WAS award and will be sending out questionnaires for your feedback.

If you need any support with your child's mental health and wellbeing please contact our pastoral leads, Mrs Whitaker or Mrs Kirkpatrick.

School Website

Our new school website is up and running and we are hoping that after the Easter break staff can begin to upload photographs from some of the class activities again. If you remember, we stopped using Twitter (X) for this purpose after Christmas.



School Email Address

Please note our school email address changed in September 2025. Can you please ensure you use the correct address for sending emails to school.

standrews.ceprimaryschool@st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk

Mini and Junior Duke - Lifeskills for children aged 3-11

We recently celebrated the end of these programmes for this year at a presentation event for parents after school. These two programmes for KS1 and 2 are along the lines of the Duke of Edinburgh programme in High schools but are the primary school versions. They run in school and are delivered by school staff to develop children's independence, resilience and a 'have a go' attitude and they prove very successful with parents and children alike. School funds the programme each year and the classes are always over-subscribed. Like all clubs in school, very important lifeskills are being developed in our children and that is one of the reasons why I value our extra-curricular offer so much here at St Andrew's.

Data Collection Information

Reminder – Can you please ensure you e-mail school with any amendments to your child's personal details, including change of address, telephone number, dietary requirements etc.so we can keep this information up to date.

Head Injuries Update

As a precaution we will always send a text and accident slip home so you can keep an eye on your child at home. Should you receive a text and an accident slip for your child regarding a head injury, we ask that you continue to monitor them at home.

I am aware that sometimes some of the descriptions on the slips seem a little 'vague' or may lack detail. This is because the vast majority are sent as a precaution or 'notification' only. ***If it was a serious head injury that we had any concerns about, then you would also receive a phone call.***

Absence Notification Line

Can I please ask that should your child be absent from school, you ring the school office before 9.00am to notify school of their absence. **The 'absence line' number is 0161 841 5461**. Please do not e-mail school with this information as it may not be picked up until later in the day and your child's absence will be recorded as un-authorized.

Attendance:

As you know there is a national push by the DFE on attendance and lateness in schools and Salford LA have also made it a priority for their schools too.



Although our school attendance figures are very good we cannot rest on our laurels and not pay attention to it. I still receive pressure from the government and the local education welfare officer to explain our procedures for at least maintaining our good attendance and how we are going to improve it still further. In August of this year new legislation came into force for schools around school absence

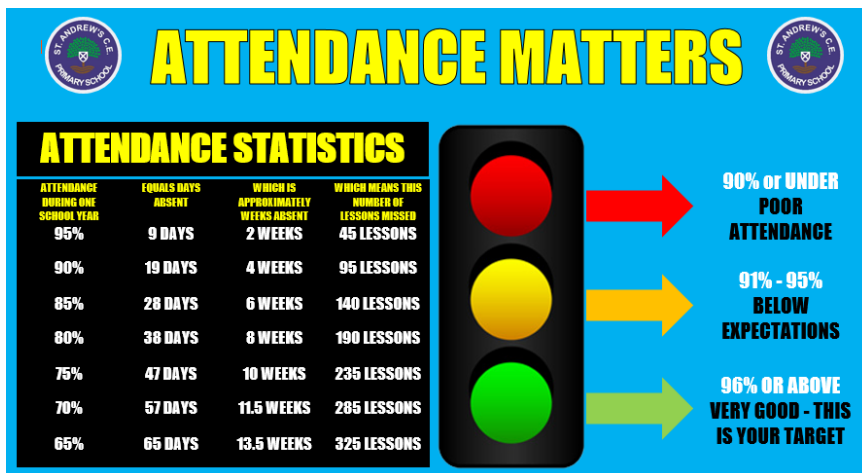
For the year 24-25 our attendance was 96.2% and the national figure was 93.1%.

Our Persistent Absence (PA) rate in 24-25 was 3.9% and the national figure was 18.7% (Persistent Absence is children's attendance that is below 90%).

These are positive figures for our school, thank you for your support. Please look at the table below demonstrating the impact of absence on lessons missed. It is quite eye opening. Please be aware that it is almost impossible for teachers to catch up on lessons missed. Therefore your child will have gaps in their learning.

By instilling good school attendance for your child you are not only teaching them valuable lessons in life but are increasing their chances to succeed in their education.



Please keep supporting us by ensuring good attendance?





Class Attendance for the Spring Term 2 (23/02/26 to 02/04/26)

St Andrew's CE Primary School Attendance & Punctuality – Spring 2 2026			
Year group	Teacher	% Attendance	Number of Lates
Nursery	Mrs Platt	97.2	7
Nursery	Miss Jones	95.1	23
Reception	Miss Edwards	96.8	22
Reception	Miss Crowe	97.4	9
Year 1	Miss Wallace	96.5	18
Year 1	Mrs Whitaker	96.1	23
Year 2	Mrs Squires	98.2	3
Year 2	Mrs Barlow-Smith	99.2	8
Year 3	Mrs Rowlands/Mrs Watson	98.4	24
Year 3	Mrs Kirkpatrick	97.1	34
Year 4	Mr Cannon	97	13
Year 4	Mrs Rhodes	98.4	8
Year 5	Mrs Clay/Duncan	96.7	26
Year 5	Mr Elliott	97	36
Year 6	Mr Royle	97.6	20
Year 6	Mr Watson	95.8	54

 Congratulations to Mrs Barlow-Smith's class, who achieved the best attendance in Spring 2. 

***If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss three days of learning each year**

***Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year**

***In a school year there are 175 non-school days = 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments**



Easter Competition

Following our Easter egg and bonnet competition, please see below our winners and runners up from each year.

NP	-	ARTHUR CRIER	-	WINNER
NJ	-	FLORENCE WRIGHT	-	RUNNER UP
RS	-	LORENZO ANDREWS	-	WINNER
RB	-	LOUIS JACQUES	-	RUNNER UP
1WA	-	NOAH HENRY	-	WINNER
1W	-	ISLA-MAE FLETCHER	-	RUNNER UP
2BS	-	TRISTAN JOLLEY	-	WINNER
2S	-	ARTHUR ANGUS	-	RUNNER UP
3K	-	ARCHIE LONSDALE	-	WINNER
3RW	-	OBI SMITH	-	RUNNER UP
4R	-	BOBBY FEARNHEAD	-	WINNER
4D	-	SOPHIA HILTON	-	RUNNER UP
5CD	-	JOS JONES	-	WINNER
5H	-	ZAC SKILLEN	-	RUNNER UP
6R	-	ANNABELLE HOR	-	WINNER
6W	-	NAIYA YAKIAH	-	RUNNER UP

Dates for Your Diaries:

April

20th - Return to school

May

4th - Bank Holiday

8th - Mr Roberts' last day before his retirement

8th - Messy Church

11th – SATs Week for Y6

19th – Worsley Athletics

21st – Y3 assembly for parents

21st – PTA disco

22nd – Break Up

June

2nd – Return to School (Tuesday)

Mr Platt
Head Teacher