



## Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents,

### **Using Teachers2Parents**

We use Teachers2Parents for our text messaging service. Please do not download the app in order to receive these messages as we are finding that parents are missing text messages delivered via the app. Your text will then be received by SMS.

### **My Role at Ellenbrook**

At Christmas my role at Ellenbrook is finishing. They have appointed a new headteacher to start in January. The role has gone on longer than anticipated and I have found it challenging managing two schools. It has been a tough 12 months but I am very much looking forward to spending the last two terms before my retirement back here full time, at St Andrew's.

### **Mrs Houghton Y5**

Mrs Houghton leaves us at Christmas this year to take up a teaching post much nearer to home. Mrs Houghton has worked here for 9 years and we wish her the very best of luck in her new post and thank her for her hard work for the children of St Andrew's over the years. I am still in the middle of the recruitment process and as soon as an appointment is made I will be informing parents of Y5H.

### **Mrs Silcock Reception**

Our congratulations go to Mrs Silcock on the birth of her baby daughter-Gracie June. Both mum and daughter are doing very well.

### **Mr Roberts –Site Officer**

Mr Roberts has decided to hang up his hammer and retire next May. After 10 years at St Andrew's Mr Roberts has given so much to our school to keep the building in such good condition. Mr Roberts will be a very hard act to follow and he will be missed by us all. We wish him the best of luck in a well deserved retirement. I will be starting the recruitment process after Christmas.

### **Mrs Cropper – School Office**

Mrs Cropper our senior school business manager is commencing a phased retirement from January. Mrs Johnson our school business manager will be joined in January by our newly appointed full time school administrator, Mrs Smyth. Mrs Fahy will continue to work part time as our school administrator.



### **Mrs Davies-Maternity Leave**

Mrs Davies commences her maternity leave at Christmas and we wish her the best. Mr Cannon has been appointed to replace her as class teacher for the duration of her maternity leave.

### **New Higher Level Teaching Assistant**

Mrs Roscoe has appointed as our new teaching assistant to replace Mrs Barry who left recently to take up a post with the NHS. Mrs Roscoe starts after Christmas.

### **Christmas Plays and Carol Singing**

The Christmas season is upon us and I'm sure you'll enjoy the Christmas plays this year and the carols our children will be singing in the playgrounds. Our children love performing in front of their parents and it means so much to them when you make the effort to come and support them. They have all been working very hard to put on their best performances for you.

The staff have also worked tremendously hard in putting these shows together and I appreciate, like you do too, all their hard work in making Christmas so special for the pupils of St Andrew's.

8<sup>th</sup> Dec Nursery & Reception Singing Carols on the playground at 3pm

9<sup>th</sup> Dec Nursery production at 10am and Reception at 2.15pm

10<sup>th</sup> Dec Y1 production at 10am and Y2 at 2.15pm

11<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Carols on the playground at 3.40pm

### **School Choir**

Our school choir are very busy over this last half term. This is their busiest time of the year. They are performing at:

- The Standfield Lights Switch On - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 5pm
- The Woodside Pub - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm
- The Carol Service at St. Mary's Church – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.30am

### **Children in Need**

Thank you so much for your donations for Children in Need. You raised £442.00.





**Harvest Donations**

Our harvest assembly was on 3rd October. Again this year, donations from our parents were very generous. Your donations were sent to Salford Loaves and Fishes who work very closely to support the homeless and disadvantaged.

**PTA Christmas Fair**

Thank you for your bottle and chocolate donations and support for the fair. The PTA fair is this Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December straight after school.

**Attendance:**

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

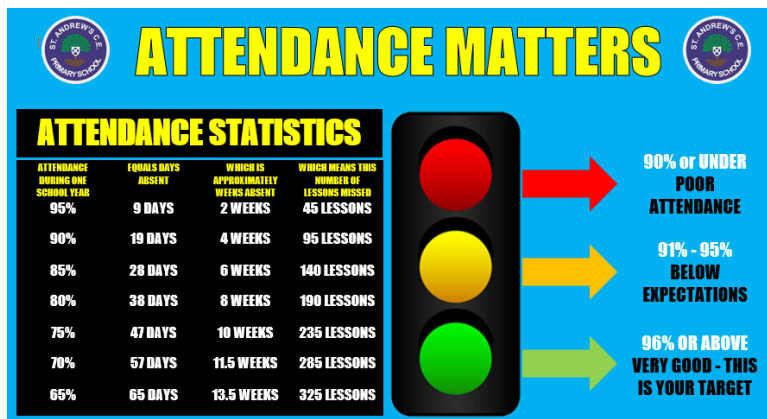
For the year 24-25 our attendance was 96.7% and the national figure was 94.8%.

Our Persistent Absence (PA) rate last year was 3.9% and the national figure was 12.6% (Persistent Absence is below 90%)





These are positive figures for our school, thank you for your support. Please look at the table below and how absence equates to 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?**





 St Andrew's CE Primary School Attendance & Punctuality – Autumn Term 1 2025 			
Year group	Teacher	% Attendance	Number of Lates
Nursery	Mrs Platt	95.6	3
Nursery	Miss Jones	94	13
Reception	Miss Crowe	97.7	18
Reception	Miss Bailey	97	12
Year 1	Miss Wallace	94.9	11
Year 1	Mrs Whitaker	97.2	29
Year 2	Mrs Squires	97.9	7
Year 2	Mrs Barlow-Smith	98.9	10
Year 3	Mrs Rowlands/Mrs Watson	98.5	19
Year 3	Mrs Kirkpatrick	97.1	6
Year 4	Mrs Davies	98.2	16
Year 4	Mrs Rhodes	98.3	19
Year 5	Mrs Clay/Duncan	98	30
Year 5	Mrs Houghton	96.8	28
Year 6	Mr Royle	96.4	14
Year 6	Mr Watson	97.2	37
 <b>Congratulations to 2BS who achieved the best attendance in the Autumn term 1.</b> 			

**\*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 appointment**

Thank you

Mr Platt  
Head Teacher

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan-Return to school