



## Newsletter

28th January 2026

Dear Parents,

### **Important Update on our Use of Social Media - Twitter (X)**

We have recently been reviewing our use of social media to promote our school and communicate some of the fabulous events and activities that our children engage in at school. Our review has taken into account the recent press around Twitter/Grok and its owners and some concerns from parents. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding our children, we have made the decision to stop using Twitter as one of our communication platforms. This proactive step prioritises the privacy and well-being of our children in an increasingly digital AI world. With growing concerns surrounding the management of children's images online, we believe it is essential to create a safe environment for our pupils, both in school and online.

To help you understand the significance of this decision, here are some key points to consider:

- **Privacy Risks:** Children are particularly vulnerable to privacy breaches and online exploitation, making it crucial for us to continue to protect their images and identities.
- **Alternative Communication Platform:** We will continue to share important updates and information through our school website, which provides a more and controlled environment for our community engagement. I accept and absolutely understand that anything published to the web is not totally secure and can still be open to misuse.

As we transition away from Twitter, we encourage parents to visit our school website regularly for news and updates. As you know, parents can opt out of permission for us to upload images to the website. Please let the office know if you would like to do this.

In taking this step, we are fostering a culture of digital citizenship and responsible online behaviour to keep our children safe and informed in an ever challenging technological age. We will continue to review other options that may provide better and even more secure options.

### **Artificial Intelligence in School (AI)**

Last August schools received information from the Department for Education (DFE) about the use of AI in schools. The DFE are very much committed to supporting its use in schools as long as it is used safely, effectively and with the right infrastructure in place. They believe, when used safely, it presents exciting opportunities in education to support children's access to high quality resources and tools to improve achievement. It can help teachers to focus on what they do best: teaching. I agree with this and have already seen the benefits in school to all but we are treading very carefully along the unknown territory that is AI as the evidence is still fairly sparse at the moment.

I want to assure parents that whilst the evidence is still emerging on the benefits and risks to schools of using AI we are continually assessing the risks and benefits to all members of our school community as we go.

### **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.



### **Mrs Davies (Y4)**

Congratulations to Mrs Davies and her partner on the recent birth of their new baby boy-Charlie. They are both doing very well.

### **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.

### **New School Number**

Please note the new school office number is 0161 841-5460

The new school email is:

**[standrews.ceprimaryschool@st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk](mailto:standrews.ceprimaryschool@st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk)**

### **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.

### **Dates for Your Diaries:**

#### **February**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Science workshops in school  
10<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Assembly for parents 3pm  
13<sup>th</sup> – BREAK UP  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Return to school

#### **March**

w/b 2<sup>nd</sup> - Book Fair after school in the Forum  
4<sup>th</sup> March-Mini and Junior Duke awards presentation 3.45 in the school hall  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – 'Dhrum' Workshops in school  
5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day  
9<sup>th</sup> March-Duck Eggs delivered to Nursery for hatching  
10<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Trip to Smithills  
11<sup>th</sup> – Worsley Relay Event-Worsley Woods  
12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Mother's Day Activity  
12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Mother's Day Assemblies for parents 2.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>- Parents' Evening (Face to Face)  
20<sup>th</sup> - Messy Church  
25<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Trip to Tatton Park  
26<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Assembly for Parents 3pm  
27<sup>th</sup> March-Worsley Schools' Swimming Gala

#### **April**

1<sup>st</sup> Easter Egg Hunt after School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Break Up  
20<sup>th</sup> April Return to School



### **Attendance:**

These results are from the DFE for the Autumn term September 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 using Salford comparisons.

Well done everybody on getting your children into school regularly. You really are doing your best for them. Our attendance is really very good. Thankyou.

**Persistently absent** is the number of children with more that 10% absence.

**Severley absent** is the pupils with 50% or more absence.

Compare your school's attendance with other schools like yours in your local authority.

**Data shown:** Academic year start to 05 December 2025

**Last updated:** 15 January 2026

**Next update:** 29 January 2026

This data is updated every 2 weeks and may not match your most recent figures in Monitor your school attendance. Results show compulsory school age pupils for the full academic year.

[How we calculate your position.](#) ⓘ

#### **Filters**

Special educational needs (SEN) support

Results for whole school

Pupils with SEN support

Pupils with no or unknown SEN support

Free school meals (FSM)

Results for whole school

Pupils with FSM

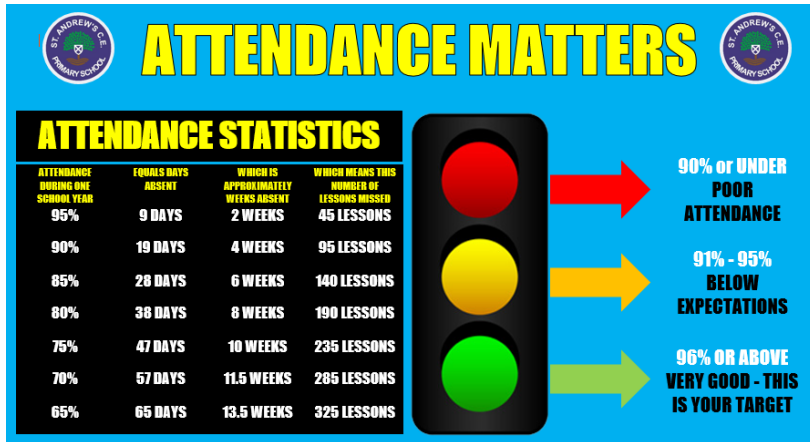
Pupils with no or unknown FSM

Attendance measure ▲	Percentage	Ranking ⓘ
Overall attendance	96.9%	You are ranked 2nd out of 76 schools
Overall absence	3.1%	You are ranked 2nd out of 76 schools
Authorised absence	2.1%	You are ranked 2nd out of 76 schools
Unauthorised absence	1.1%	You are ranked 8th out of 76 schools
Persistently absent	5.1%	You are ranked 2nd out of 76 schools
Severely absent	0.3%	You are ranked 22nd out of 76 schools

These are very positive figures for our school, thank you for your support. Please also look at the table below demonstrating the impact of absence on lessons missed. 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 Autumn Term**

St Andrew's CE Primary School Attendance & Punctuality – Autumn Term 2025			
Year group	Teacher	% Attendance	Number of Lates
Nursery	Mrs Platt	95.1	10
Nursery	Miss Jones	92.6	43
Reception	Miss Bailey	97.5	46
Reception	Miss Crowe	96.8	33
Year 1	Miss Wallace	94.7	31
Year 1	Mrs Whitaker	97.4	67
Year 2	Mrs Barlow-Smith	96.9	27
Year 2	Mrs Squires	97.3	16
Year 3	Mrs Kirkpatrick	96.8	35
Year 3	Mrs Rowlands/Mrs Watson	98.0	46
Year 4	Mrs Davies	97.4	40
Year 4	Mrs Rhodes	97.2	46
Year 5	Mrs Houghton	96.6	54
Year 5	Mrs Clay/ Mrs Duncan	97.6	56
Year 6	Mr Royle	95.8	37
Year 6	Mr Watson	96.6	100

Congratulations to Mr Rowlands/Mrs Watson's class,  
 who achieved the best attendance in the full Autumn Term

**\*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**

Thank you

Mr Platt  
Head Teacher