



St. Andrew's

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome back everyone to the new academic year of 2026/27 😊.

Everyone here at Team St Andrew's has thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children to school this week and we have had a wonderful first couple of days which have included an art project where we have made our own prayer flags; talk of our new rewards and certificates and thinking and reflecting about how we will be love-led in our words, actions and decisions to enable us all to belong and thrive.

Vision, Values and Mission – we are currently working on a review of our school's vision, values and mission to ensure that it is exactly which we are all wanting for our school community at this point in time. Our Ethos Community have already reviewed and decided on a new vision and mission for the school which we have introduced to the children this week in our Collective Worship:

NEW vision - 'Love one another: as I have loved you.' (John 13:35)

NEW mission - Make a difference: for me, for you, for everyone.

In terms of our values, our Ethos and Community and staff have been discussing possibilities and in the next few weeks, we will be inviting you, parents and carers, and our children to engage in this process and vote for values which you would like to see championed in school. By October half-term, we will be ready to fully launch our new vision, values and mission and are really excited to do this.

Summer Reading Challenge - There is still time for children to finish this year's Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their local library to let staff know about the last books they have read. The Summer Reading Challenge will finish on Saturday 12th September and children will receive their certificates in school.

Dorset Echo Token Collect Competition – We won! We are thrilled to let you know that we have won the first prize of £1000 worth of Amazon vouchers for the school. We would like to say a huge thank you everyone who contributed their tokens



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collected from the Dorset Echo. The prize will be put to very good use around the school, including the purchase of new books for the school library.

Orca's PE days – we have changed these to Tuesday and Thursday. I am really sorry for the last minute change.

Meet the Teacher meetings next week – please see the attached letter.

Learning start time – this is just a reminder that our gates and classrooms open at 8:30am each day and registers are taken and learning begins at 8:45am so please do ensure that your child is dropped off ready for an 8:45am start each day.

We hope that you have a super weekend and look forward to seeing the children again on Monday.

Best wishes

Clare Tantrum

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