



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

To Live, Love and Learn together, as Witnesses for Christ

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Tuesday 21st July 2026

This half term we are learning to be **attentive** and **discerning**.

We are growing to be **attentive** to our experience and to our vocation; and **discerning** about the choices we make and the effects of those choices.

Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term is...



We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideology difference. Our love for our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace.

Champions don't switch on just for the big moments—they pay attention to the little ones every single day.

(Jude Bellingham, English Footballer)



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Building a world in which everyone can flourish requires each of us to pursue justice, peace and the common good.



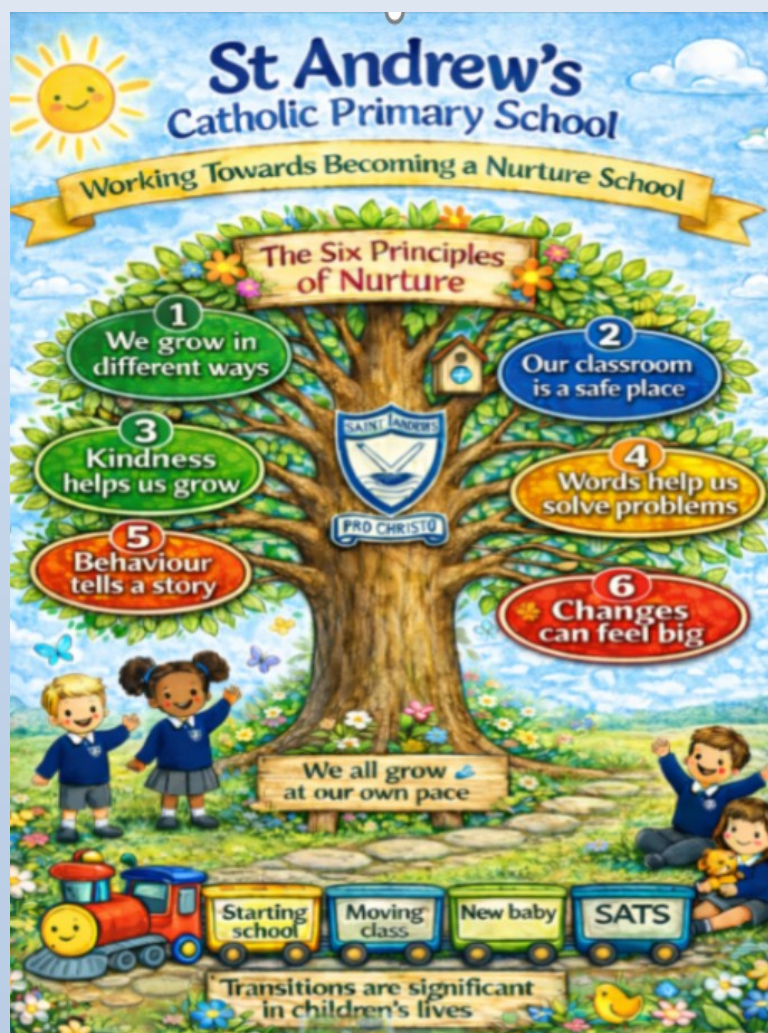
We had an extremely exciting, energy fuelled final week at St Andrew's. We kicked it off with a focus on our Nurture School status. We have been working towards the Nurture School Programme Award this year and have introduced many approaches that have made our school an even happier place to be.

We had the pleasure of meeting an assessor this week who spoke to staff, children and parents about our journey and the impact it has had on our learning and school environment. 'unbeatable.'

The children, as always, spoke from the heart. When asked to describe our school, they used words and phrases such as: "calm," "friendly," "everyone is always welcome," "there are people here who we can rely on to make us feel better," "our teachers put so much effort into making lovely displays and I like to look at them all the time," and my personal favourite, "unbeatable."

I couldn't think of a more beautiful way to describe the school we are so proud to be and the community we strive to nurture every single day.

Although we won't receive the assessor's final report until the beginning of the new academic year, the visit itself was an overwhelmingly positive experience. More importantly, it gave us the opportunity to celebrate everything that makes St Andrew's so special—a school where kindness, wellbeing and belonging are at the heart of all we do, for both our children and our staff.



BREAKING NEWS

Just in Case You Missed It... St Andrew's Are Famous!

Last week, we received an exciting (and very last-minute!) call from the BBC asking if they could visit St Andrew's to film a news feature about Jude Bellingham ahead of England's World Cup semi-final against Argentina.

Thanks to the incredible support of our staff and parents, we managed to pull everything together in record time—and what a fantastic experience it was!

Our children were absolute stars. They spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and maturity throughout the filming, and they were a credit to our school. The BBC reporter commented on their outstanding behaviour, positive energy and how brilliantly they represented St Andrew's. We already know how amazing our children are, but it's always wonderful to hear such praise from others too.

Who knows? We may well have a few future news reporters, photographers, presenters—or even footballers—in our midst! Watch this space... this might just be the first of many TV appearances for our talented pupils!





Mrs. Olsen, we would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the children of St Andrew's. You have nurtured and encouraged Year 3, making a real difference to the children each day.

We wish you every success on your new adventure, joining a Year 4 class at her new school. Knowing

Mrs. Olsen, those children are about to gain a wonderfully patient, compassionate and dedicated teacher. Good Luck!

Mr Flaherty, on behalf of our school community, thank you for taking us under your wing over three years ago.

Your experience, compassion and genuine passion to make schools the best place possible for our children has led us to where we are today.

St Andrew's is a stronger, happier place and outcomes are brighter for all of our pupils.

Good Luck on your new adventure, where we know you will continue to have a significant impact!



And from me, if there's anything I've learnt this week, it's that I'll never be an Irish Dancer!

St Andrew's has been my home and my family for the last five years.

Life doesn't always follow the path we imagined, but often the unexpected turns help us grow into the people we're meant to become. Every challenge, every success and every new beginning is helping to shape your own wonderful journey.

Keep believing in yourselves!



We love sharing and celebrating all of the wonderful things happening in and around school linked to learning and achievements of your children, so if you are not yet following us...head over to Instagram and give our page a follow! You'll have a peek into our Catholic Life, learning, achievements, friendships and fun, that we are so very proud of!

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Mrs Hipkiss' St Andrew's Story

Once upon a school...

Some people noticed
the click of your **heels**,
The glamour, the sparkle,
the confident feels.



1

Some people noticed
your **lipstick** so bright,
Your perfect nails,
always polished
just right.



2

Some people noticed
your coffee each day,
Or the **sweets** in your drawer
that would somehow
melt away!



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3

Some people smiled at
your favourite word too—
"Gobsmacked!" we'd laugh,
because that sounded
just like you.

GOBSMACKED!

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But those aren't the things
we'll remember the most,
It's your **kindness** and warmth
that we'll treasure and toast.



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Your office door open,
whatever the day,
A safe little haven where
worries slipped away.



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A cuddle, a chat,
or a smile just for me,
You helped every child
become who they
could be.



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You cheered us in concerts,
performances too,
Believing in each of the
things we could do.



On World Book Day,
dressed up with delight,
You showed us that teacher
could fill hearts
with light.

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You taught yur smile,
can help us all grow,
To dream a bit bigger
and let our
minds flow.

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You made every child
feel valued and seen,
The **kindest** Headteacher
there's ever been.



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So now it's your turn,
for a brand-new page,
To step on life's next
exciting stage.



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TO OUR Wonderful YEAR 3 TEACHER

Thank
you!



A kind and caring heart so true,
There's simply no one quite like you.
With smiles and patience every day.
You helped us learn, you helped us play.

You made us feel so safe and proud,
Encouraging each child out loud.
You filled our minds with facts so new,
And showed us all what we can do.

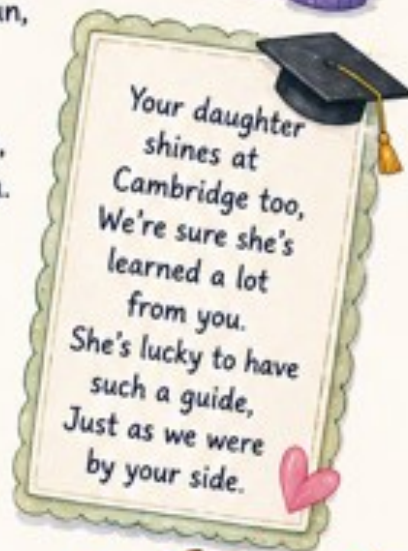
When worries came, you'd always care,
With gentle words and time to spare.
You made each classroom bright and fun,
And celebrated everyone.

Your daughter shines at Cambridge too,
We're sure she's learned a lot from you.
She's lucky to have such a guide,
Just as we were by your side.

Now it's time to say goodbye,
Though there may be a tearful eye.
We'll always treasure all you've done,
The laughs, the lessons, and the fun.

So thank you for this special year,
For helping us grow without fear.
We'll miss you more than words can say,
And wish you joy along your way.

With love and thanks
from all your
Year 3 children



Goodbye Mr Flaherty

Thank you for helping St Andrews shine.
You'll always be part of our story.



It's time to say
goodbye today,

Though we all wish you could stay,
You've led St Andrews with such care,
Showing every child you're
always there.

You came along
and changed our school,

With kindness, vision as your rule.
You raised our hopes, you raised our aim,
And St Andrews will
not be the same.

The Daily Mile
got us on our way,

Helping us grow
stronger every day.



Kagan learning
brought us all together,

Building friendships that
will last forever.



You helped our
behaviour turn around,

Creating respect that's
school-wide found.
You taught us all to do
what's right, And always let
our goodness shine so bright.

The Shine Like Jesus
board reminds us still,

To choose compassion
with heart and will.
To celebrate the good
we do each day,
And spread God's love
in every way.



Aston Villa's loyal
through and through,

We know they'll always
matter to you.



So as you start a
brand-new chapter,

We send you thanks
and joyful laughter.
Though you're leaving,
one thing's true—

And then your laugh—
so full of cheer,

It let us know that you were near.
It echoed through each hall and class,
A sound we'll miss as
the days all pass.

HA! HA!
HA!

St Andrews is
better because
of you.

You wanted the best
for every child,

The quiet, the busy
and the wild.
You believed in us
before we knew,
And that belief helped
see us through.



Good luck, Mr Flaherty.

Thank you for helping St Andrews shine.
You'll always be part of our story.



As another wonderful school year draws to a close, I would like to wish all of our children, families, staff and the wider St Andrew's community a truly happy and restful summer.

I hope you take the opportunity to slow down, spend precious time with family and friends, enjoy the sunshine, and make lots of happy memories together. Whether you're heading off on holiday or enjoying adventures closer to home, I hope the weeks ahead are filled with laughter, fun and plenty of time outdoors.

As you enjoy the beautiful summer weather, please remember to stay safe, look after one another, and return refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning and new adventures.

Thank you once again for your kindness, support and for being such an important part of our St Andrew's family. It has been a privilege to share this journey with you all.

May God bless you and your families, and may you have a safe, peaceful and joy-filled summer.

God bless.

KS2 Prayers

Morning Prayer

**O Jesus,
through the most pure heart of Mary,
I offer you all my prayers,
thoughts, works and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your most Sacred Heart.
Amen.**



Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts
which we are about to receive
from your bounty.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Grace After Meals

We give you thanks, Almighty God,
for all your benefits,
who live and reign, world without end.
Amen.



Prayer at the end of the day

Lord Jesus Christ, as we come to the end of this school day,
Help us to reflect and to pray:
For the difficulties I have known, I ask for your help.
For the blessings I have received; I thank you.
May I seek to be an instrument of your peace in my home today.
Each day is a gift. May I look forward to a new start tomorrow.
May the journey of my life be an experience of your love,
your compassion, your forgiveness and your peace.
Amen.



School Uniform- Summer

Our Summer uniform can be worn from the term following the Easter holiday through to the end of the first Autumn term in October

Please label all your child's clothing



Boys Uniform

A school logo white polo shirt or a white short sleeve shirt with a tie (Option to wear Blue polo shirt in years 5&6)

Grey Trousers or Shorts with Sensible black Shoes



Girls Uniform

Blue and white Gingham summer dress/playsuit.

White shirt/polo with grey skirt/trousers (Option to wear blue shirt in years 5&6)

Tie can also be worn
Appropriate socks and sensible black shoes

Please ensure that your child has a cap and sun cream for the warmer months

Uniform- other

Long Hair must be tied back on all occasions

No trainers except for PE

Studs and Watches are the only Jewellery items that can be worn- expect on PE days

Excessive haircuts are not permitted i.e.. Tram lines and coloured hair

No makeup or nail varnish



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Term Dates



School Year 2025 / 2026

Autumn term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 01 September 2025

Half Term Holiday: Mon 27 Oct 2025 to Fri 31 Oct 2025

Term Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

End of Term Holiday: Mon 22 Dec 2025 - Fri 02 Jan 2026

Spring term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 05 January 2026

Half Term Holiday: Mon 16 Feb 2026 to Fri 20 Feb 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27 March 2026

End of Term Holiday: Monday 30 March 2026 - Friday 10 April 2026

Summer term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April 2026

(May Day: Monday 04 May 2026)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

INSET Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Thursday 7th May 2026 (Polling Day)

Monday 20th July 2026

Term Dates



School Year 2026 / 2027

Autumn term 2026

Term Starts: Tuesday 01 September 2026

Half Term Holiday: Mon 26 Oct to Fri 30 Oct 2026

Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

End of Term Holiday: Mon 21 Dec 2026 - Fri 02 Jan 2027

Spring term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 04 January 2027

Half Term Holiday: Mon 15 Feb to Fri 19 Feb 2027

Term Ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

End of Term Holiday: Monday 29 March - Friday 09 April 2027

Summer term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 12 April 2027

(May Day: Monday 03 May 2027)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 31 May to Friday 04 June 2027

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 12th February 2027

Thursday 6th May 2027 (Polling Day)

Wednesday 21st July 2027



Attendance and Punctuality



Last week, our Key Stage 1 attendance winners were Year 2.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 3.

Punctuality Winners: Year 2.

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY – EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Being in school **every day and on time** is vital for children's learning, wellbeing **and safety**. We understand that mornings can be difficult for some families, and we are committed to working **supportively and proactively** to help every child attend regularly.

🚨 IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING REMINDER – FIRST DAY CONTACT

School must be contacted on the FIRST day of absence.

If we have **not heard from a parent by 9:30am**, school will make contact to ensure your child is **safe and well**.

If we are unable to make contact, the **Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), Sonia**, will be informed and further checks may be made, including a home visit if required.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	91.03%	0
Year 1	92.07%	0
Year 2	93.93%	0
Year 3	93.79%	2
Year 4	91.48%	2
Year 5	89.26%	0
Year 6	92.58%	6
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	6	0
Year 1	4	2
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	6	2
Year 4	12	2
Year 5	6	4
Year 6	3	2

🕒 LATES ADD UP – MORE THAN YOU THINK

Arriving late has a real impact on children's learning and emotional wellbeing.

Just 10 minutes late every day means:

- 🕒 **50 minutes of learning missed each week**
- 📅 **Over 30 hours missed across a school year**

✗ The equivalent of **almost a full week of school lost**

Lateness can also be unsettling for children and affect confidence, routines and friendships.

🤝 WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If attendance or punctuality is becoming difficult, **please talk to us early**. Support is available through:

- **Mrs Brady – Child & Family Support Worker & Attendance Lead**
- **Educational Welfare Officer**
- **Inclusion Team**

Family Hubs, offering drop-in sessions and practical support for families who are struggling

Please refer to the **timetables sent out last week**, or contact Mrs Brady to discuss how we can support your family.

📊 MONITORING & WORKING TOGETHER

We monitor attendance closely and track patterns carefully. Where attendance falls below expected levels, families may be invited to meet with school and the EWO so that we can **work together to improve attendance**. Term-time holidays cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances, in line with school policy and government guidance.

❤️ THANK YOU

Thank you to the many families who ensure their children attend school **every day and arrive on time**. Your commitment makes a huge difference to learning, wellbeing and success.

Reception

What a wonderful way to end our Reception year! This week we have been celebrating all the friendships, achievements and happy memories we've made together. It has been a joy to watch the children grow in confidence, curiosity and independence throughout the year, and we are so proud of everything they have accomplished.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

We wish all of our Reception families a happy, safe and relaxing summer, and we know the children will continue to shine as they begin their exciting journey into Year 1.



Year Six

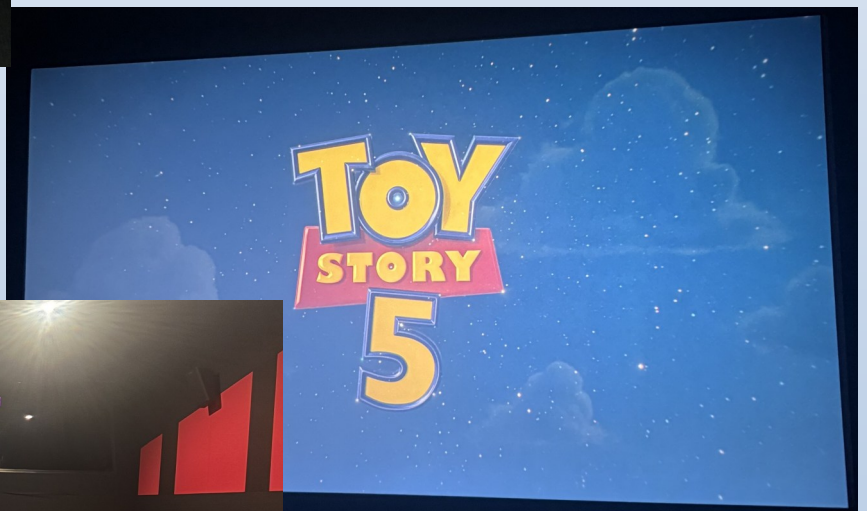
As another school year comes to an end, we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 pupils. They have shown resilience, kindness, determination and a fantastic attitude throughout their time at our school, growing into confident and capable young people. As they prepare to take the next exciting step in their journey, we wish them every success and happiness in secondary school. They will always be a valued part of our school family, and we know they will continue to achieve great things.

Good luck, Year 6 - we will miss you! Have a wonderful summer and thank you to the parents and families for all their incredible support.

Year One

Year 1 had a fantastic end of year treat with a trip to the cinema to watch Toy Story 5. The children were so excited and behaved brilliantly, enjoying lots of laughs together. It was a lovely way to celebrate all their hard work this year.

I am so proud of all the children and how much they have grown this year. Thank you for all your support, it has been a pleasure teaching them. Wishing you all a happy and restful summer!



A Heartfelt Thank You

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, the St Andrew's PTA would like to say a huge **thank you** to every parent, carer, teacher, volunteer, local business and supporter who has helped us throughout the year.

Whether you attended an event, bought a raffle ticket, donated prizes, volunteered your time, shared our social media posts or simply supported us in any way, you have helped make a real difference to our school community.

This year we've been able to organise a range of events that have brought families together, created wonderful memories for our children and raised valuable funds to support the school. None of this would have been possible without your generosity, enthusiasm and continued encouragement.

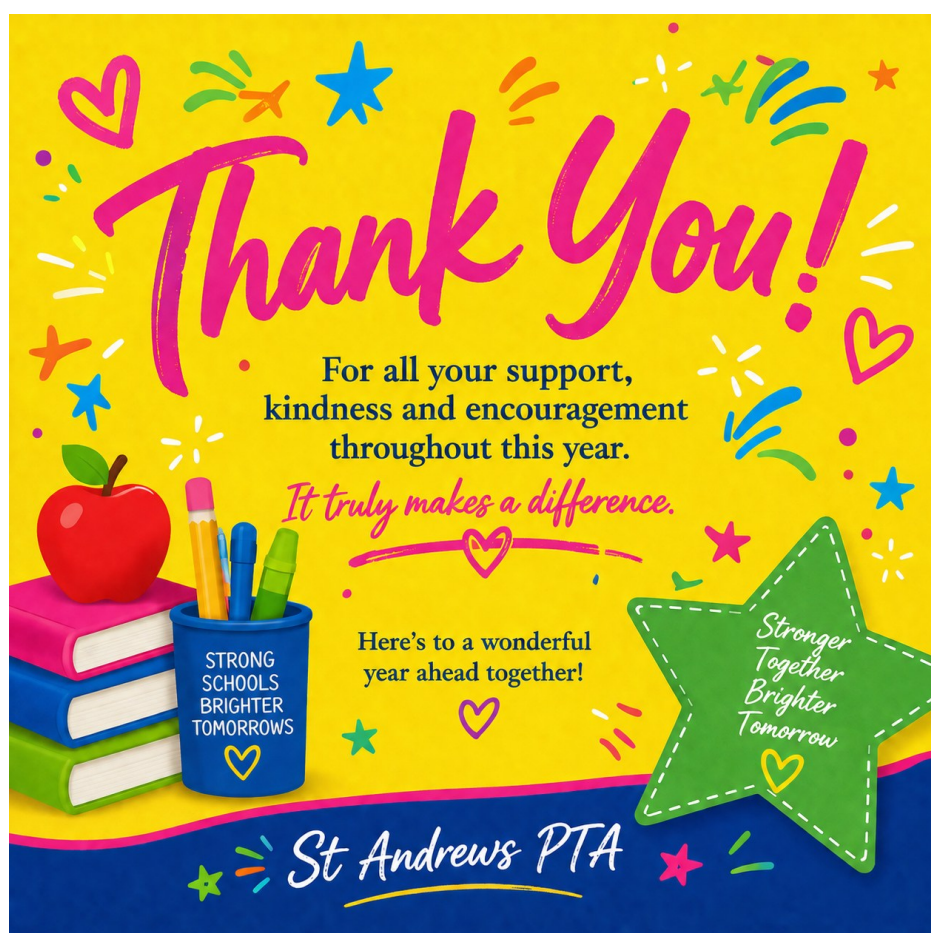
A special thank you goes to our incredible volunteers, who give up countless hours behind the scenes planning, organising and running each event. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

We know that everyone has busy lives, so every bit of support, big or small, means the world to us.

We wish all of our St Andrew's families a safe, happy and relaxing summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new school year, with plenty more exciting events and opportunities to come together as a community.

Thank you for helping make this year such a success. We couldn't do it without you!

The St Andrew's PTA Committee



You're Invited to Our PTA AGM!

Have you ever wondered what the PTA does behind the scenes? Or perhaps you'd like to get more involved in helping create amazing experiences for our children?

Our Annual General Meeting is the perfect opportunity to:

- Hear how we've done over the past year
- Find out about our plans and events for the year ahead
- Share your ideas and have your say
- Meet the current committee in a relaxed and friendly setting

We're also looking for enthusiastic people to join our team and we revote our committee members.

You don't need any previous experience, just a willingness to support our wonderful school community. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

Even if you're not looking for a committee role, please come along to hear what we've achieved together and what's planned next. Everyone is welcome!

We'd love to see as many faces as possible.



The poster features a light pink background with a large blue megaphone on the right side. At the top, the text 'You're Invited to Our' is written in a pink cursive font, flanked by two sets of three short pink lines. Below this, 'AGM' is written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters, and 'Meeting' is written in a large, pink cursive font. To the right of 'AGM' is a small gold heart. Further right is a dark blue circular badge with a gold icon of three people and the text 'YOUR PTA, Your Voice, OUR COMMUNITY' in white and pink. Below the main title, the text 'YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR, SHARE AND HELP SHAPE THE YEAR AHEAD!' is written in dark blue, with 'SHAPE THE YEAR AHEAD!' in pink. Below this, three icons (calendar, clock, and location pin) are shown next to the details: 'DATE: Thursday 8th October', 'TIME: 6 - 8 pm', and 'VENUE: Lyndon Pub Function Room'. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains a pink heart icon, the text 'EVERYONE WELCOME!' in white, and 'TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE' in gold, followed by a small pink heart.

You're Invited to Our

AGM

Meeting

YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR, SHARE
AND HELP **SHAPE THE YEAR AHEAD!**

DATE: *Thursday 8th October*

TIME: *6 - 8 pm*

VENUE: *Lyndon Pub Function Room*

EVERYONE WELCOME!
TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE

TRY new sports
DISCOVER what you love
PLAY and develop your skills



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We are offering *free taster sessions* at our venue at Tudor Grange Academy Solihull, allowing children and parents to experience our full sessions outside of school.

All sessions are delivered by experienced, qualified coaches and focus on fun, participation, and confidence-building.

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