St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy

AUTUMN TERM 2026-27 NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2 FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming along to our Meet The Teacher sessions held in school this week. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending and showing such positive support in wanting to know about the learning, activities through the year and routines which are in place in each class. There were many questions about home learning and how best to support children with this. Teachers were able to offer support with Magma Maths, our online spelling programme 'Emile' (for older children) and how to support with reading and phonics in Reception onwards.

Please make sure that you have signed up to Google Classroom for your child's class. The QR code is on each classroom window for you to follow.

We are very excited that next week we are having a new shed installed for storing our PE equipment. We have a fantastic range of PE equipment and now it can be stored safely in a lovely new home.

I am sure you will have heard about the latest addition to our school – our new pet fish! The children have come up with a range of fantastic names for them and next week we shall hold a democratic vote across the whole school to name them. We have been fascinated that one of them seems extremely shy whilst one of them is somewhat of a show off! I shall update you on the names after our vote.

We invite you to join us for our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 7th October at 2pm in school. All friends and family members are welcome to join us and this will be followed by refreshments for adults attending the service. Please can any donations of dried food, tinned food and toiletries be sent into school from Monday 5th October. Please give items to class teachers so that they can be added to our harvest table prior to the service. Donations will be given to the Axminster Food Bank, where we know they are always so gratefully received.

On Friday 9th October, our new School Council and Wellbeing Ambassadors will be running an awareness day and fundraiser for the national charity, Hello Yellow. Children will be invited to wear something yellow (or non-uniform) for a suggested donation of £1. There will be a guess the name of the cuddly toy dog for 50p a turn and there will be a cake sale at the end of the school day with cakes on sale for 50p or £1 each. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations of cakes to support our fundraising. Please can cakes be placed on the table in the school hall on the morning of the sale. May I remind you that we are a nut free school so please ensure that cakes have no nuts or products containing nuts in them.

With best wishes,

Donna Butler (Head of School)

Our Core Value this half term is:

Friendship

Autumn 1 Clubs –

Monday – Singing Club (Years 1-6) Mrs Butler

Wednesday – Darch Martial Arts (Y2-Y6)

Thursday – Football Skills Club (Y2-Y6) Mr Evans

Thursday – Art Club (Y2-6) Mrs Morgan

After school childcare is also available Monday – Thursday 3.30-5.30pm

Thought for the Week:



Attendance – last week

Whole School – 96.88%

Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6