



# ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY

**BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2025**



# UNIFORM

We encourage the wearing of uniform.

white shirt/ polo shirt

St Andrew's tartan tie

black trousers/ shorts/ skirt / pinafore OR

tartan trousers/ shorts / pinafore /skirt

black jumper/cardigan

Uniform items are available with the school badge

You may be entitled to a clothing grant-

**[Free School Meals and Clothing Grant | Argyll and Bute Council](#)**



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Your child's class have physical education on the following days-

P1/2- Wednesday & Thursday

P3/4- Tuesday & Thursday

P4/5- Tuesday & Friday

P6/7- Monday & Thursday

On these days we ask that children bring a PE kit to change into:  
t-shirt, shorts / leggings, training shoes.

We advise that children don't wear earrings on PE days. At parent's discretion, small plain studs can be worn. No dangly earrings, please.



# THE SCHOOL DAY

8.30AM BREAKFAST CLUB

8.45AM PLAYGROUND SUPERVISED BY SCHOOL STAFF

9.00AM CHILDREN ENTER THE BUILDING TO START THE SCHOOL DAY

10.30AM – 10.45AM BREAK TIME

12.15PM – 1PM LUNCH TIME

3.00PM CHILDREN'S SCHOOL DAY ENDS –

CHILDREN ARE ESCORTED TO THE PLAYGROUND BY STAFF



# SCHOOL MEALS

3 WEEKLY LUNCH MENUS (CHECK E-MAILS FOR COPIES)

YOU CAN VIEW THESE ONLINE AND ORDER IN ADVANCE FROM HOME

FREE MEALS P1 – P5

EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS IN P1 – 5, IF ELIGIBLE WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS & CLOTHING GRANT-

**[FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND CLOTHING GRANT | ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL](#)**

CASHLESS CATERING – WE USE IPAYIMPACT

# SNACKS / WATER



A SNACK SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL FOR PLAYTIME

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A **NUT-FREE** SCHOOL – CHECK LABELS  
ENSURE PRODUCTS DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS



YOUR CHILD MAY BRING A WATER BOTTLE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED WHILE IN  
CLASS – DRINKING WATER IS ENCOURAGED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.



# OUR SCHOOL VALUES



HONESTY  
RESPECT  
RESPONSIBILITY  
AMBITION  
KINDNESS



We have weekly assemblies to celebrate successes in school and from out of school.  
Please inform us of any outside of school achievements.

# MEDICATION

INFORM US OF ANY HEALTH NEEDS

A MEDICATION FORM CAN BE  
OBTAINED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE





# MOBILE PHONES

MOBILE PHONES/ DEVICES WITH SMART FEATURES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED IN SCHOOL.

IF YOUR CHILD MUST BRING A PHONE TO SCHOOL, IT SHOULD BE SWITCHED OFF DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.



# TOYS

Please keep toys and valuables safe at home!  
Toys or valuables should not come into school.

# ATTENDANCE & TIME-KEEPING

Regular attendance enables your child to:

- Develop important life skills
- Form and maintain relationships with peers and adults in school
- Feel connected to their school community
- Develop positive health and wellbeing
- Learn through a wide and varied curriculum
- Fulfil their potential
- Prepare for adult life and the world of work

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE ASAP TO INFORM US WHEN  
YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE IN SCHOOL**

How to support attendance:

- ☐ Ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time
- ☐ Maintain good morning and bedtime routines – sleep is very important
- ☐ Talk with your child about the importance and benefits of good attendance
- ☐ Be involved with your child's education – talk to them about how they are getting on at school
- ☐ Arrange non-urgent appointments outside of school hours
- ☐ Avoid family holidays during the school term
- ☐ Discuss any problems or difficulties with school – we are here to help

# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

## OUR PARENT COUNCIL:

- Organise events for pupils
- Fundraise towards school events/ resources
- Voice of the parent forum

Parent Council Chair: Emma Macqueen

They are always keen for more parents to get involved – get in touch! 😊

[HTTPS://EDUCATION.GOV.SCOT/PARENTZONE](https://education.gov.scot/parentzone)

## Our Communication with Parents includes:

- Parent-teacher meetings
- Written reports
- School events
- E-mails
- Newsletters





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

P6 and P7 pupils commence swimming lessons

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

P6 and P7 pupils will take part in the **Smoke Free Me** event with pupils from all of the island's primary schools at Rothesay Joint Campus

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Fluoride Varnishing taking place in school

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

School closes for October holiday