

NEWSLETTER

Monday 14th September 2026



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Trust
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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester



Worship Theme

Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our families, and especially to our new parents who have joined us this September. The start of a new year is always exciting, and we thank everyone for their hard work over the summer holiday, particularly our Site Manager, Mr Banks.

However, it is the children who bring our school to life, and we are so happy to see them back, ready for the opportunities and experiences the new school year will bring.

We welcome Miss Adshead and Miss Maguire to our wonderful teaching team.

It's been a super start to the first term!

In faith and partnership,

All at St. Andrew's

Prayer

As we open our doors to a new school year, we ask for your blessing upon our entire school community.
Grant our pupils curiosity, confidence and joy in their learning.
Fill our staff with wisdom and enthusiasm as they guide and inspire. Bless our families with peace and partnership as we take this journey together.
Help us to build a welcoming community rooted in kindness and respect, where every child feels valued and supported to flourish.

Amen

Diary Dates

September

Monday 14th September

Year 6 Residential at Robinwood
Reception Parents invited in for lunch

Tuesday 15th September

Year 5 Parent class worship
Reception Parents invited in for lunch

Wednesday 16th September

Reception Parents invited in for lunch

Friday 18th September

Year 6 reasoning club

Saturday 19th September

D6 Wardle Hub starts – learning program for children in Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 22nd September

Year 6 Parent class worship

Thursday 24th September

Year 5 Magpie Class Watersports at Hollingworth Lake

Open Evening at Wardle Academy 4.30–7.30pm

Friday 25th September

Year 5 Owl Class Watersports at Hollingworth Lake

Watergrove Trust Wellbeing Summit at St Andrew's

Tuesday 29th September

Year 2 Fox Class visit Fireground Museum
Harvest Celebration Nursey-Year 3 in school, Year 4–6 at St Andrew's Church

Wednesday 30th September

Year 2 Badger Class visit Fireground Museum

D6 is back for another year!

This is a Saturday morning learning program and the first session starts on Saturday 19th September. Whether your child is looking to build confidence or stretch their skills, these Saturday sessions are designed to set them up for success. [If your child is in Year 5 or 6 follow the link to sign them up today!](#)



Jesus said "I have come that you might have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

School Uniform

We would like to remind parents of our school uniform expectations. Children are expected to come to school wearing their full school uniform, including black school shoes or plain all black trainers. Children from Year 2 upwards are asked to wear a white shirt and tie with white polo shirts for Reception and Year 1 and yellow polo shirts for Nursery.

Children in Early Years are to bring a waterproof coat and wellies that they leave in school.

From Reception onwards, only St Andrew's book bags are permitted in school. Unfortunately, we have limited storage space, so we are unable to accommodate other types of bags.

PE Days

Monday – Year 5
Tuesday – Year 3 and Year 6
Wednesday – Year 4 and Year 2
Thursday – Year 1
Friday – Reception



Open Event

Thursday 5th November

Session One - 9:15am - 11:15am Session Two - 1:30pm - 3:15pm

For children starting reception or nursery in September 2027.
Priority admission to Wardle Academy.



Open Day

Our Annual Open Day is on Thursday 5th November 2026.

Morning session
9.15am to 11.15am

or

Afternoon session
1.30pm to 3.15pm.

The children really enjoy the opportunity of welcoming visitors to school and we hope to see as many parents, friends and relatives as possible.

Food for Thought

Once a term year 5 and 6 children will have the opportunity to attend a Food for Thought buffet in school to discuss their choice of big questions with staff, faith leaders and peers.

The event will be voluntary and an opportunity to enrich the children's critical thinking.

Diary Dates Continued

October

Monday 5th October

Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Tuesday 6th October

Year 4 Parent class worship

Wednesday 7th October

Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Friday 9th October

Annual Trust Conference (school closed)

Tuesday 13th October

Year 3 Parent class worship

Wednesday 14th October

Flu Vaccinations Nursery – Year 6

Thursday 15th October

SEND Parent workshop

Watergrove Trust Food for Thought

Summit at St Andrew's

Wednesday 21st October

Year 2 Parent class worship

Thursday 22nd October

Photographer in school for Individual Photographs (Please complete the google form)

Friday 23rd October

School finishes at 3.30pm for half term

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November

School starts at 8.55am

Wednesday 4th November

Year 1 Parent class worship

Thursday 5th November

St Andrew's Open Day



Please continue to be mindful when parking and collecting children from school. It is really important we respect our community and neighbours when parking around the school site.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening meetings, will take place on Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th October, giving you the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress and expectations for the coming year.

Subsequent meetings, later in the year, will give you the opportunity to see some of your child's work.

Please book your appointment through your Arbor account when sign up opens.

As always, we will contact parents on an individual basis should we feel it necessary.

Parents are always welcome to make an appointment to see a member of staff if they have a concern.



Wardle ACADEMY
The Wardle Way

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 24th September 2026 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Watergrove Trust

Tax-Free Childcare

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For every **£8** you add into your childcare account, the government adds in **£2**

Do you have a Tax Free Childcare account?

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme that can help eligible families with their childcare costs, including any fees charged alongside funded childcare hours.

Check your eligibility and apply through the GOV.UK website: [Tax-Free Childcare – GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

Class Worship



Parents are invited in to your child's class worship. A google form will be sent out in advance of the sessions. Please complete the form if you would like to attend. Worship is a very quiet and special time for us it includes a hymn, reflection, prayer and is a spiritual time for all.



St. Andrew's
C.E. Primary School
& Nursery

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Includes Nursery to Year 6 children

- A calm and nurturing start to the school day
- Starts at 8am Monday to Friday
- We offer a friendly and familiar environment for children

Until 5pm Monday to Thursday



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2026/27 Term Dates – click for the link

Training Days:

9 October 2026
18 December 2026
22 February 2027



St. Andrew's CE
Primary School & Nursery