



# Andreas School

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## Head of School

I am delighted to announce that Miss Kate McHugh has been appointed as Head of School for the rest of this academic year whilst Mrs Hawkins is working in our Reception class. Miss McHugh is currently the Deputy Head Teacher at Ballaugh Primary school and will be joining us after the half term holiday full time. She is looking forward to meeting everyone very soon and I am sure that she will quickly settle into our community.

## New Reception Children

Our new Reception children have settled very well into school and are quickly becoming an established part of our community. The ease at which they have settled in, is in part due to the warm, caring welcome that all the other children in our school gave them. One of the nicest aspects about being a small village school is the way that all the children look out for each other and our older children especially should be very proud of the way that they have looked out for and welcomed the youngest members of our school.



Y5/6 Root Show Art Work

## Kirk Andreas Produce Show

The Kirk Andreas Produce Show, or 'The Root Show' took place last weekend and all of our children took part in this traditional village event. It was lovely to see all of the children's work from school on display, along with many entries that they had also made without the support of school. Well done to everyone for their achievements in this event.

## House Captains and Vice House Captains

We recently held elections for this year's Vice House Captains, with last years Vice Captains being promoted to the new House Captains. All children in Year 5 who wished to stand were asked to make a speech to their House, explaining why they should vote for them. Every child in their House then voted for their choice. Making this speech is not an easy task and everyone who took part should be very proud of themselves for simply giving it a go. The results are below.

	House Captain	Vice Captain
Blue	Joney Radcliffe	Ayla Lund
Red	Alice Clague	Georgie White
Yellow	Ella Smith	Noah Dorans
Green	Emily Gawne Ffinlo Brew	Arthur Hunter



This year's House Captains and Vice Captains

## Allergies – IMPORTANT

Thanks to all the parents who have labelled lunch boxes with a sticker to let us know if they contain nuts and/or dairy. As stated previously, we have been asked not to ban any items from lunches or snacks as this can lead to a dangerous complacency. Letting us know what your child is eating is really helpful so please do continue to label lunch/snack boxes. Thank you.

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place this year on **THURSDAY, 23rd October** at 2.00pm in Kirk Andreas Church. All members of our Community are welcome to join us. Please note that this is two days later than was previously advised.

Any donations of Harvest Produce are most welcome and these will be made up into Harvest boxes and distributed around our village. We do not keep a list from year to year as to who would appreciate a Harvest Box, so if you know of somebody who would appreciate one, please let us know, as only these people will receive one.

Donations of produce should be brought in to school on Tuesday, 21st or Wednesday, 22nd October.

We would be most grateful for assistance with making up the boxes on Wednesday, 22nd October at 9.15am. If anyone is able to help with this please can you let Mrs Robinson know.

We also need shoe box sized boxes to form the base of the boxes. If anyone has any that they can donate, we would be most grateful. These can be sent in at any time before Wednesday, 22nd October.

Finally, we will all be walking up to the Church on Wednesday, 22nd and Thursday, 23rd October regardless of the weather. Please can you make sure that your child has a coat and footwear suitable for walking up the muddy lane to the church in school on both these days. (If your child has wellies already in school for playing on the field they can use these to walk to the church as well)



## Parent Governor

I wrote to you three weeks ago advising that we need a new Parent Governor. Nominations closed last Friday and unfortunately we didn't receive any response.

The Governing body meet between four and six times a year on average, with each meeting lasting between sixty and ninety minutes on average.

If you think that you would be willing to take on this role, please can you return the nomination form to the School Office by Monday 13th October. If you would like a new nomination form, please ask Mrs Robinson for one.

## School Dinner/Milk monies Autumn Term 2025/26

**Dinners @ £2.55 per day**  
2nd half term (35 days) £89.25

**Milk @ 26p per day**  
2nd half term (35 days) £ 9.10  
Please ensure you pay in advance of each half/full term if your child requires milk. Next half term's milk should be paid before the 24th October '25.

Payment for both of these should be made via Parent Pay.  
Thank you



Y2's Pirate themed role play area

## 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale

We have a large stock of 2nd hand uniform which is available to be purchased at very low cost. We will put this out on display on Monday, 13th October for the week. This is the same week as Parent's Evening, so will be an ideal opportunity to pick up any items that you need. If you find yourself in need of uniform at any other time please just speak to Mrs Robinson who will do her best to help you.



## General Reminders



**Water bottles** - please make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Ideally they should take them home every night for a wash. Water bottles that are left in school are not washed by us.

**PE kits** – please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. This includes pumps or trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. Children's feet do grow during the year, so please check with your child that their shoes still fit them from time to time. All kits should be taken home and washed at half term.

**Forest School** - a change of clothes for Forest School is important. These should be older clothes that can get dirty and muddy and should cover arms and legs. Children with long hair should also ensure that they have a bobble that they can use to tie their hair back.

**Shoes** - Children need different footwear to what they wear inside school if they wish to play on the field.

**Un-named items** - Please, please, please make sure that everything your child brings to school has their name on it. Overtime names tend to become faint and hard to read, so please double check now and again that the name is still visible. This helps us to make sure that lost property can be returned to its owner.

## Advanced Notice

**Christmas Jumpers** - From Monday 1st December all children may wear a Christmas jumper if they wish instead of their normal school sweatshirt. In advance of this FAnS will be organising a second hand Christmas jumper sale from Monday, 24th November. Further information about this will be sent out soon.



### Future Dates

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Cycle Training all week for Y5  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening

**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Harvest Festival at 2.00pm N.B. This is a change of date.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Non uniform Day and Last Day of the Half Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Charity Day

Monday 1st December - Start of Christmas Jumpers

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert at 2.00pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert at 6.00pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Non uniform Day and Last Day of Term