

**ST ANDREW'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Life in all its fullness



# Welcome from Mike Boddington

## CEO, Enlighten Learning Trust



Welcome to St Andrew's Primary School and thank you for taking an interest in such a vibrant school. The school is a member of the Enlighten Learning Trust (ELT) so it is part of a group of schools that work together to improve the learning for the benefit of the children in our care.

- We value every child equally, and recognise that they have one, unique opportunity to learn, develop and mature in our care.
- Every child can succeed and contribute positively to their community, both now and in the future, regardless of their background.
- We work together with integrity and trust, sharing the experiences we have and learning from each other for the good of the children in our care.
- We will proactively develop staff potential across all schools in the Trust, investing in colleagues and supporting a common journey of improvement.
- In each school we will provide an aspirational environment that is vibrant and creative where we foster curiosity, guide excellence, grow children of good character and nurture a love of life.

We are delighted that St Andrew's is part of ELT and we do all we can to enable the school to serve its children and their parents well.

I hope that you find the information here useful and will join this successful community.

Best wishes



**Mike Boddington**, CEO Enlighten Learning Trust

### **In March 2020, Ofsted rated St Andrew's as 'Good' commenting:**

*"Pupils are very proud of their happy and welcoming school community. They enjoy how the diversity of pupils and adults means that they have so many opportunities to learn from one another". "Pupils are rising to (the) challenge knowing that all staff want the very best for them. This can be seen in many examples such as their good behaviour, the descriptive writing in their books and the artwork on display".*

*"Pupils feel safe here because they know adults always take such good care of them".*





STINA WITKOWSKI

# Welcome from the Headteacher

Stina Witkowski

We have amazing grounds. Pupils play and take part in a wide range of competitive and non-competitive sports across our 10 acres of space, with three playgrounds, space for six football pitches, an outdoor learning space, a pond and playing fields with plenty of space. At playtimes pupils develop their resilience, creativity, collaborative skills and imagination through the OPAL scheme. We are a Forest School and pupils enjoy accessing our music, cookery and art rooms.

We are a community school enjoying close links and opening our doors to our local church, Reed's, ACS and other groups. St Andrew's is part of the Enlighten Learning Trust which has enabled us to develop purposeful and mutually supportive links with other schools.

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the biggest decisions a parent can make. Please read on for a flavour of what we have to offer your child, or better still, come and see the school in action.

I am pleased to extend to you a warm welcome to St Andrew's Church of England Primary school. Our school is a very special place to be. We are a family where our pupils thrive, love learning and develop the skills to be able to enjoy "Life in all its fullness".

We are very proud of our inspiring and ambitious curriculum. This is enhanced by our broad range of trips, visits, enrichment opportunities and our after-school clubs.

Our pupils thrive and benefit from great teaching across the school. We have a happy, welcoming team of staff who are all committed to be the best they can be.

Our 6 core values create a culture and ethos of high expectations and standards. We believe that all of our pupils can achieve great things and we ensure that we prepare them for every stage of their school life.

Our pupils are at the heart of all that we do. We have a commitment to know each child and their family, working in partnership to achieve the best for each pupil. We have a dedicated team of professionals who support the pastoral and well-being needs of our pupils.

Best wishes

*Stina Witkowski*

**Stina Witkowski**, Headteacher





# Our School Values

St Andrew's is an inspiring Church School where the care and nurture for all pupils, both socially and academically, is evident throughout the school.

We pride ourselves on this balanced ethos, one that strives for academic excellence, allowing our pupils to flourish in all aspects of life; how we make that journey a happy and rewarding experience for each pupil is what sets us apart.

We have a strong commitment to six core values which are embedded across all aspects of our school community. Our staff members provide excellent role models by demonstrating care for the pupils and for each other.



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**Respect:** Our school is built on a foundation of mutual respect, where we celebrate our similarities and our differences. We present a platform for pupils to express their valued opinions. All communication is respectful no matter if the feedback is positive or developmental.

**Achieve:** We are committed to ensuring that all pupils achieve to the best of their ability, both academically and across the wider learning we offer. We celebrate success and encourage one another to do well.

**Aspire:** We have high expectations and encourage pupils to challenge themselves and others. We set no limits and we promote growth mind set. At St Andrew's we present a learning environment that stretches imagination and encourages pupils to believe in themselves.

**Contribute:** We expect everyone 'to do their bit'. Co-operation and communication are key to the way we work. We listen and expect to be listened to. We encourage everyone to get involved in something that interests them – it could be joining in with clubs, contributing to the parent association or simply sharing views.

**We want our community to get involved in the life of our school.**



**Integrity:** We believe that everyone in our community should behave in a way that illustrates they are mindful of others. We teach our pupils to be truthful even when it is difficult, and we expect everyone to model the good values and morals of our school.

**Resilience:** It is important our pupils learn to overcome failure and to see learning as a journey. We teach them to accept feedback as a positive experience that allows them to build on their own experiences. We expect our pupils to support one another along the way and celebrate new improvements.

## Testimonials

*Pupils and adults flourish at St Andrew's because the entire school community is 'relentlessly bothered' about living out the clear and distinctive Christian vision of the school. This means that there is no obstacle that the leaders and teachers will not tackle to support a pupil and their family.*

*The confident and curious pupils of St Andrews are a testament to the way in which the adults inspire and nurture them to live 'life it all its fullness.'*

*St Andrew's has been great for my daughter, helping her develop and grow in confidence. Our daughter is very happy at St Andrew's. She particularly loved learning to bake bread and muffins in the home economics room and raves about all the outside space!*  
Year 3 intake Parents





# Our School Setting

St Andrew's is set in the most extensive primary school grounds in Surrey, with almost ten acres of greenfield and playground space for our pupils to enjoy for sports, recreation and outdoor learning. The school boasts a number of football pitches and two netball courts, with the added provision of an excellent athletics track. We have a fantastic outdoor learning zone, where pupils have the opportunity to grow plants from seed in our polytunnel and raised beds area, all adjacent to our landscaped pond.

Our lower school classrooms are specifically laid out to allow our younger pupils to thrive and develop early learning skills and attitudes. Their rooms have enclosed outdoor spaces where pupils can explore hands-on, play-based learning.

Our upper school classrooms are equally well-equipped and include two additional learning zones – the upper school library and kitchen classroom. The school has two large school halls, which enable a multitude of activities to be hosted in excellent surroundings.

**We are a Forest School.** *Every pupil has access to this, with the aim of supporting and developing confidence and independence whilst also fostering a respectful and resourceful attitude towards our environment.*





# The School Journey

The welcome starts before Reception or Year 3: The smoothest of transitions is ensured at St Andrew's as a result of our extensive induction process. We go the extra mile to welcome every child and every family into the St Andrew's community. Our Reception home visits and induction afternoons enable us to get to know every child before term starts. This approach enables all the pupils' needs and interests to be acknowledged before their first day at school. We work very closely with all parents, establishing a rapport that develops through all the school years.

We have strong links with all the local nurseries, visiting as many of them as possible and building on the pupil profiles they provide for us. Parents are invited to contribute to our record-keeping and assessment of their children's progress; each child's growth and development at school and at home is carefully monitored and shared with their parents.

As pupils move through the school years, they continue to be nurtured through the transitions to new year groups. Our pastoral team support individual pupils with any additional needs.

We are proud of this exceptional provision.

Pupils who start at St Andrew's in other year groups are also welcomed warmly. Our 'Moving Up' day supports those joining at Year 3 to become familiar with the school environment. Every new pupil is allocated a 'buddy' to assist with the settling in process. We work hard to ensure this welcome is extended daily; each child becomes secure in the knowledge that they are valued as an individual and encouraged to grow with their unique personalities.





# Teaching and Learning

We aim for all our pupils to become powerful learners. To this end, we plan first-hand learning experiences that are relevant and challenging, with aspects of the curriculum linked to enable pupils to practice skills for life and to gain real depth of understanding.

## Our Aims:

Teaching and learning are at the core of everything we do at St Andrew's and our aims for all our pupils are broad, ambitious and clear:

- A sustained focus through the school on development and progress in the core subjects of Maths and English.
- The development of outstanding attitudes to learning, skills and knowledge across the whole curriculum.
- Helping pupils develop into responsible, mature students, wholly prepared for their future lives

## Testimonial

*Pupils and staff are cherished at St Andrews as they 'become everything God intended them to be'.*





# English

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

**Reading:** An integral part of the school curriculum that impacts on all learning. We want to empower our pupils through the development of a love for reading.

We develop their reading skills using a structured system of reading books for emerging readers, guided reading sessions with the class teacher, the use of high-quality text during English lessons and the availability of a wide range of high quality, genre-classified books for enjoyment.

**Phonics:** Delivered to all pupils

in Reception class through to Year 2 and beyond if needed. These regular sessions improve and consolidate reading and spelling strategies. We follow the 'Read, Write Inc' scheme, which systematically enables pupils to work at differentiated levels; challenging our learners whilst practising the quick recall of phonics.

**Writing:** All year groups follow a 'Learning Journey' process for writing that progresses from exploration, vocabulary generation and role play into sentence level and grammar techniques and opportunities for different pieces of writing. Teachers model writing strategies and guided writing sessions are used to target specific needs.



# Maths

We believe that Maths matters. We offer a strong Mathematics curriculum using the White Rose Maths scheme of work. We believe that through exploration, play, games, outdoor Maths and access to a wide variety of Maths equipment that the pupils can manipulate and move, they can be supported to become fluent and well-reasoned mathematicians. Through daily Maths lessons and Maths meetings, we provide access to fluency, reasoning and problem-solving opportunities for all our learners in the context of real life.

**Cornerstones Curriculum:** Our foundation subjects are taught through the Cornerstones Curriculum. This is a rich and diverse project based approach. It is rooted in the principle that every child deserves a fun, engaging and broad learning experience. The curriculum nurtures engagement, curiosity and innovation, brings learning to life in meaningful ways, and really makes an impact.

**Computing:** Computing is taught in both our ICT suite and in classrooms on laptops using Purple Mash. This is an online tool that enables pupils to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way.

**Religious Education:** Pupils engage in a variety of activities that are structured to allow opportunity for reflection, exploration of beliefs and values, questioning and enquiry, investigation and personal response. Materials are taught through context as much as content in RE. Themes of the unit are explored with relevance to the pupils' everyday life.

## **PSHE/ Health and Well-Being:** At St

Andrew's, we are proud to teach Jigsaw PSHE. Jigsaw is a mindful and child-centred approach to PSHE and Well-Being. It is an original and comprehensive scheme of learning which integrates personal, social, health and economic education with emphasis on emotional literacy, mental health and SMSC, especially spiritual development. Jigsaw aims to help children know and value who they really are and how they relate to other people in this ever-changing world.







## Testimonial

"Teaching methods foster a curiosity which is at the heart of the vision, and which inspires pupils to want to know more. They delight in sharing their understanding and they are keen to explain their ideas."





# Enrichment Activities



Whilst we continue to be properly focused on our core responsibility of developing the academic potential of every child, we are equally mindful of the need to extend every boy and girl with the widest possible range of opportunities beyond the classroom. With this in mind, we run an exciting extended curriculum programme. This allows pupils to take part in activities that will benefit and enhance their learning and enjoyment at school.

## House Competitions

Each half term our pupils come together in their Houses and take part in a range of competitive sporting and non-sporting activities.

## Competitive Sport

We aim to build on the success of our competitive sports. We offer lunch time and after school training sessions for team and individual sports.

## After School Clubs

We are running 20+ after schools clubs each term, which cater for a broad range of interests. The clubs will be run by teachers, learning support assistants and outside providers.

## Testimonial

*Academically we have been very pleased with our boys' achievements and this is down to the excellent teaching and wonderful staff. Physically and creatively they have thrived thanks to the extensive grounds with space for sports and play and, the wonderful stage for the yearly summer and Xmas productions!*







# The Enlighten Learning Trust

The Enlighten Learning Trust comprises a group of schools who share a common ethos and that work together to improve the quality of experience for all our pupils. Our schools feel part of a strong family that cares about and strives to deliver an exciting curriculum through strong teaching and learning techniques.

We want children to feel excited about coming to school, knowing that they have a dedicated team who are there to support them. It is important to our Trust, that each school illustrates a real commitment to its community and to supporting and developing others. Our schools are located in a tight geographical area, which makes sharing good practice, joint education projects and continued professional development easy to arrange.

Our aim is to ensure that Headteachers in each of our Trust schools can focus on their core purpose of improving the quality of teaching and developing a true love of learning.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions relating to the work of the Trust:

[www.enlightenlt.education](http://www.enlightenlt.education)



## Testimonial

*The extra curricular activities have been very extensive over the years from athletics clubs, street dance and cooking in the full sized kitchen! The staff at St Andrew's really do make the most of the amazing space and facilities to the children's benefit.*



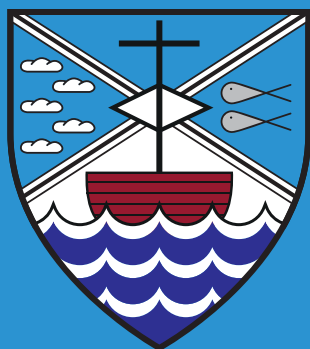


## Testimonial

We have been so happy with St Andrew's for the past 9 years, our 2 boys have grown into well-rounded, confident and social individuals who have loved going to school everyday.







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