

Federation of Antrobus St Mark's and Great Budworth Primary Schools
Summer B Newsletter 2026



Antrobus St Mark's CE Primary School



'Love one another, as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable two-week break with your families. I can hardly believe we are already beginning the final seven weeks of the academic year and, for our 14 Year 6 pupils, the last half term of their primary school journey. It is always a busy, exciting and emotional time in school as we celebrate achievements, prepare for transitions and make the most of every opportunity together before the summer holidays.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Johnson to our wrap around care team. In addition, Miss St-Mart will be taking over the school cleaning role from this half term, replacing Florrie. I know they will both receive a very warm welcome from pupils, staff and families alike.

Our school community continues to grow and flourish and we are pleased to share that pupil numbers have now reached 109, with three-year groups currently full. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping make our school such a special place to learn and grow. Here is to another enjoyable and engaging half term here at Antrobus St Mark's.



Celebrating Last Half Term

Last half term was filled with many wonderful opportunities and memorable experiences for our pupils. We were incredibly proud to take part in the Northwich Sings event, where our children represented the school beautifully with their enthusiasm and confidence. It was also fantastic to welcome so many families into school for the Class 1 and Class 2 BTales and sharing assemblies, where pupils thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their learning and achievements. Other highlights included our Smile for a Mile initiative, which encouraged everyone to keep active and healthy, the ever-popular Easter disco which brought lots of fun and laughter, and the calming and engaging Happy Kids Yoga sessions enjoyed across school. These are just a few of the many exciting experiences our pupils took part in and we are incredibly grateful to our staff, families and wider community for their continued support in making these opportunities possible.

PTA & 100 Club

A huge thank you must also go to our wonderful PTA for all of their hard work and continued support last half term. The Easter Disco was a fantastic success and thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children, whilst the relaxing Sound Bath sessions provided a lovely opportunity for calm and wellbeing across school. The popular hot chocolate and ice lolly Thursdays also continued to bring lots of smiles to pupils each week and are always greatly appreciated.

There is already so much planned in the diary for this half term and we are looking forward to many exciting events together as a school community. Our annual Sports Day will once again be followed by a PTA BBQ and, new for this year, we are excited to be adding a whole family colour event afterwards which promises to be lots of fun for everyone involved. The PTA have also planned for pupils to come into school in 'World Cup' themed attire and kindly ask families to donate a bottle for the Sports Day tombola stand if they are able to do so.

There are also some very exciting plans being organised for the very end of the school year, with a special focus on celebrating our wonderful Year 6 leavers as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.



Our Christian Value this half term is **Truthfulness**.

We will be discussing this in our daily collective worship slot at 9am. We will share examples from the Bible and daily life as a means of teaching our Christian values, and we will celebrate successes on Fridays where 'Good Samaritan' awards will be presented.

On Tuesdays we will have a class-based worship with the focus of No Outsiders.

Our Christian Value focus last half term was **Service**, and we were delighted to award the Christian Value Trophy to our wonderful site manager John. John truly is one of the silent superstars of our school community, always quietly working behind the scenes to fix problems, support staff and ensure our school environment is safe, welcoming and cared for each and every day.

During the interim period without a school cleaner, John has also stepped in to take on this additional workload without hesitation and we wanted to publicly thank him for everything he continues to do for our school family.

To celebrate John and all of his hard work, we managed to trick him into attending our whole school worship where he was completely surprised with his trophy presentation. As John entered the hall, he was greeted with a huge round of applause from pupils and staff and several children had prepared some lovely words and messages to share with both John and the school community. It was a truly special and heart-warming moment for us all to experience together and one that was thoroughly deserved.

Well done, John, and thank you for everything you do for Antrobus St Mark's.

PE kit

We will be continuing to come to school in our PE kits on the day's classes have PE lessons.

Please make a note of the days below;

Class 1- Nursery and Reception- PE kit to be worn on Mondays

Class 2- Years 1 and 2- PE kit to be worn on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Class 3- Years 3 and 4- PE kit to be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please note that we have fixed this for the summer term for consistency now so it will remain Wednesday and Fridays.

Class 4- Years 5 and 6- PE kit to be worn on Mondays and Thursdays

Please make sure the correct PE kit is worn. Mrs Almond will be monitoring and sending letters home with pupils who are not dressed correctly.

Yellow polo, green shorts or plain black leggings or joggers, trainers, school cardigan, jumper, hoody.



Forest School Update

For Summer B Classes 2,3 and 4 will have Forest School sessions on Tuesday's with Mrs Curran in our woodland area.



Please ensure they are dressed appropriately and have hats and sun cream on hot and sunny days. Long sleeved tops are needed all year around in forest school due to nettles and the equipment being used so please make sure there are no short-sleeved t shirts or tops. School jumper, cardigan or hoodie are expected so there is still a uniform element to the clothing.

Key Diary dates

Please find below some key diary dates for event. We endeavour to give you as much prior warning as possible but please to be mindful that these may change and more may be added as the weeks go on. We will try to send reminders out but please do save these dates to your diaries.

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's happening</u>
Monday 8 th June	School Opens for the new half term After school clubs start back this week. Forest School on Tuesdays this half term for Classes 2,3 and 4
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 4 Poetry workshop at the Story House Chester (2 pupils have been selected to take part in this event to represent the school)
Tuesday 9 th June	Orienteering at Hartford High School with selected KS2 pupils
Thursday 11 th June	Maths workshop for parents 3:15-4:15 We invite parents to school to learn all about white rose and how we deliver it here at school. What methodology is used as we move up the school and the importance of times tables. Each teacher will have a set up in their classrooms which you will be able to move freely between if you have more than one child in our school.
Friday 12 th June	Wear world cup themed clothing and bring a bottle for sports day to support our tombola stall in return.
Monday 15 th June	Golf festival at Vale Royal Abbey with selected KS2 pupils.
Wednesday 17 th June	BTales Science week themed whole school theatre show during the morning. (Parental contribution on Parent pay for this enrichment day.) Tennis festival in the afternoon for selected KS2 pupils
Thursday 18 th June	Father's Day secret room in school for those who have booked via the PTA book when portal
Thursday 18 th June	KS2 residential meeting and drop in- 3pm An opportunity for parents to come into school to hear more about the residential and ask any key questions that you may have.
Friday 19 th June	Yoga with Jen from Happy Kids Yoga Father's Day secret room continued
Monday 22 nd June	S4YC World Cup themed whole school enrichment day to launch healthy week Pupils to come to school in PE kit all week
Tuesday 23 rd June	KS2 Residential to Gulliver's World Tuesday- Thursday
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day, BBQ and Colour Run Doors will open at 1:15 and races will start at 1:30pm. Please bring along a camping chair or blanket to sit on. BBQ and colour run can be ordered via the PTA book when page. This is a highlight of the school year for all involved.

Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 Pizza Express Leavers Reward.
Wednesday 1 st July	New Reception starters transition visit 9-12 Whole School Photograph- PM
Monday 6 th and Wednesday 8 th July	Bikeability- Year 6
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 Chester Leaving Trip Leavers service at Chester Cathedral followed by, picnic, river cruise and walking the city walls
Thursday 9 th July	New Reception Transition 9-12
Thursday 9 th July	Class 3 sharing assembly for parents- 9am
Monday 13 th July	New Reception Starters Parents Meeting 9:15am
Tuesday 14 th July	Dress Rehearsal for the leavers play
Wednesday 15 th July	5:30pm Leavers Play- Rapunzel Tickets available soon on parent pay
Wednesday 22nd July	New Reception transition visit- Teddy bears picnic 12-3
Wednesday 23 rd July	Transition afternoon- Pupils moving into their new classes for the afternoon
Friday 24 th July	Leavers Service at St Mark's Church 9:15am School Closes at 2pm- no wrap around care Have a wonderful summer and all our love to our fabulous Year 6's as they move onto to their next chapters at High School

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled and the correct uniform is worn by each pupil.

Our preloved uniform is available, and we have samples in the school entrance hall. Please ensure you cover over any existing names on preloved uniform and replace them with your child's name. This will help staff identify the owners of missing items. We also have iron/ sew on badges which you can purchase from the school office.

Gentle reminders

Nail varnish is not to be worn in school and all earrings must be a simple stud which can be removed in PE lessons or covered with tape.

All hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied up at all times please.

Please note that children should not bring toys into school unless this has been agreed in advance with the class teachers. Recently, an increasing number of toys have been coming into school, which has led to unnecessary distractions in lessons and occasional friendship difficulties. To help maintain a focused, happy learning environment for everyone, we kindly ask that all personal toys are kept at home unless permission has been given. Thank you for your support.

Smart watches which track steps are permitted, but any smart watch with the ability to take a photograph or play games are not to be worn in school following our safeguarding protocol.

Pupil mobile phones are not permitted onto school property.



Attendance Matters

School tries to make sure that all our children attend every day. However, we cannot do this alone and need your help as parents to ensure your child has the best possible attendance they can have. Please note that I am unable to authorise absences for holidays taken outside of school holiday dates and fines will be administered for holidays of 5 or more consecutive days.

Whole School Attendance currently sits at- 95.8% This is an increase from last half term so thank you all for your continued support

Statutory update

Please note that the school gate opens at 8:45am. This gives a 15 minute window until the register is closed and late marks allocated.

From 9:15am the school registers will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Please endeavour to be on time to school each day. If you need any support please contact the school office or speak to me. Staff will close the gate promptly as we will be having daily collective worship at 9am in the school hall.

Mrs Hughes is our attendance champion across the Federation and will be completing regular register checks and phone calls/ letter with families dropping below 95% attendance.

After School Clubs

Our enrichment curriculum for this half term is as follows:

Tuesday Athletics & Art Club

Wednesday - Tennis

Thursday – Multi skills

Friday R-Yr6 wellbeing and mindfulness

***Please note these clubs will only run if a minimum number is reached to make them viable. If we do not reach that number clubs will unfortunately be cancelled.**

Wrap around care with Mrs Johnson runs daily- Book in via parent pay.

