



# ST. ANDREW'S CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Promoting excellence within a caring, Christian community

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're all doing well as the new school year begins!

## A Big Thank You

Well, what a week it's been! As I finish my first week as your new Executive Headteacher, I just wanted to write and say a huge thank you for making me feel so welcome. From the friendly chats at the school gates to the encouraging words from so many of you - it's been absolutely lovely and has made starting here such a joy.

## What I've Loved Seeing

I have really enjoyed visiting both schools, leading worships and meeting pupils, staff and parents. Our pupils really are living out our school vision every day - they're **confident** in their learning, **aspiring** to do their best, and showing such **respect** for each other and the staff. The **inclusive** and **nurturing** feel around school is something special, and the **generous** spirit I've witnessed from everyone - pupils, parents, and staff alike - has been heartwarming.

It's clear that our pupils truly understand what "Love each other as I have loved you" means, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of this wonderful, caring Christian community.

## Moving Forwards Together

I'm really excited about working with you all as we support your children through this year. We've got such strong foundations here at St Andrew's, and with all of us pulling together, I know we can help every child flourish - not just academically, but in every way.

I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you over the coming weeks and months - whether that's at school events, parents' evenings, or just having a quick chat when you're dropping off or picking up. Your support makes all the difference.

## My Door's Always Open

Please don't hesitate to pop in if you've got any questions, concerns, or even just want to share something lovely about how your child's getting on. Just give the office a ring and we'll sort out a time that works for you.

Thanks again for such a warm welcome into the St Andrew's family. I feel incredibly lucky to be here and can't wait to see what we achieve together!

Kind regards

Mrs Palmer

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