

The Parish of St Andrew's, Reading Street

Prayer Diary

August 2026

Prayer lies at the heart of the Christian life.

God promises to hear us and to respond when we pray.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." – Proverbs 22:6

Tue 25th Pray for new members of school staff.

Help them settle quickly, build good relationships and enjoy serving their school communities.

Wed 26th Pray for Christian pupils and staff.

Give them courage to live out their faith with humility, kindness and love.

Thu 27th Pray for wisdom as schools prepare to reopen.

May every detail be completed smoothly and every member of staff know your peace.

Fri 28th Pray for our local school communities by name.

Lift before God each local school, asking him to bless every pupil, member of staff and family connected with them.

Sat 29th Pray for children who find learning difficult.

Give them perseverance, confidence and teachers who encourage them to do their best.

Sun 30th Pray for the new school year.

May it be a year of learning, kindness, growth and opportunity for every child and every member of staff.

Mon 31st Pray for God's blessing on all our schools.

Heavenly Father, we commit every pupil, every teacher, every member of staff and every family to your loving care. May our schools be places where children flourish, where wisdom is valued, where compassion is shown and where hope grows. Guide, protect and bless them throughout the coming year, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you for reading and using our prayer diary, we hope you found it helpful. We would welcome your feedback. If there is any topic you would like included in a future diary, please telephone the Church Office on 609513, or call in between 10 -12 noon Monday to Friday.

Sat 1st Pray for all children and young people.

Lord, bless every child in our community. Keep them safe, happy and surrounded by your love throughout the summer holidays.

Sun 2nd Pray for teachers.

Father, thank you for the dedication of teachers. Refresh them during the holidays and prepare them for the new school year.

Mon 3rd Pray for teaching assistants and classroom support staff.

Lord, encourage those who quietly support pupils every day. Renew their strength and joy.

Tue 4th Pray for headteachers and school leaders.

Give them wisdom, courage and compassion as they prepare for the term ahead.

Wed 5th Pray for school office staff, caretakers, cleaners and catering teams.

Bless those whose work often goes unseen but is essential to every school community.

Thu 6th Pray for children starting school this September.

Calm their fears, fill them with excitement and help them settle happily into school life.

Fri 7th Pray for parents and carers.

Give them patience, wisdom and strength as they guide and encourage their children.

Sat 8th Pray for children moving to secondary school.

Help them to make new friends, grow in confidence and settle quickly into their new schools.

Sun 9th Pray for students preparing for exam results.

Give them peace instead of anxiety and remind them that their worth is found in you, not in grades.

Mon 10th Pray for pupils who struggle with anxiety.

May they know your comfort and find people who will listen, support and encourage them.

Tue 11th Pray for children with additional educational needs.

Bless them with understanding, opportunity and loving support.

Wed 12th Pray for children who feel lonely.

Help them to find true friendship and to know that they are deeply loved by you.

Thu 13th Pray for children facing hardship at home.

Lord, be their refuge and provide caring adults who will protect and encourage them.

Fri 14th Pray for school governors and trustees.

Grant them wisdom as they make decisions that affect pupils, families and staff.

Sat 15th Pray for school chaplains and Christian workers.

Strengthen them as they share your love and care within schools.

Sun 16th Pray for local churches serving schools.

Help us to be faithful partners, offering prayer, encouragement and practical support.

Mon 17th Pray for friendships.

Lord, help children and young people to build friendships that are kind, honest and

life-giving.

Tue 18th Pray against bullying.

May every school be a place where kindness overcomes cruelty and every child feels safe and valued.

Wed 19th Pray for wisdom in the use of technology.

Guide young people to use phones, computers and social media wisely and safely.

Thu 20th Pray for children's mental health.

Bring hope where there is sadness, peace where there is worry, and healing where there is hurt.

Fri 21st Pray for families facing financial pressures.

Provide for their needs and surround them with your care through the love of others.

Sat 22nd Pray for children in care and foster families.

May they know security, acceptance and the faithful love of God.

Sun 23rd Pray for children with long-term illnesses or disabilities.

Give them courage, strength and hope, and bless those who care for them.

Mon 24th Pray for school transport.

Keep pupils, parents and staff safe as they travel each day.