



# St Andrew's Church Junior School



## St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 8

Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

*'Shining Light on a World of Possibilities'*

### Notes for the week:

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

#### Monday

Year 5 swimming  
PE Dandelion Class 3P  
PE Acorn Class 3GD  
PE Heron Class 6GK  
PE Magpie Class 4M

#### Tuesday

PE Otter Class 6H  
PE Wren Class 3N  
PE Willow Class 5D  
PE Kingfisher Class 4B

#### Wednesday

PE Magpie Class 4M  
PE Kingfisher Class 4B  
PE Heron Class 6GK  
PE Wren Class 3N  
PE Otter Class, 6H

#### Thursday

PE Weasel Class 4S  
PE Newt Class 6G  
PE Bramble Class 5L  
PE Raven Class 5K

#### Friday

PE Dandelion Class 3P  
PE Acorn Class 3GD  
PE Weasel Class 4S  
PE Newt Class 6G

#### Headteacher Information

The term is flying by astonishingly fast, and with just four and a half weeks remaining, there's still a wealth of exciting events ahead. This week has been particularly delightful, especially as we welcomed new families during our New Parents' Evening on Thursday. It was a joy to meet them, and I look forward to them joining the St Andrew's community in September.

As part of our focus on the school value of Respect, we've been reflecting on the importance of Trust—especially in how we support and care for one another. Building trust is essential to creating a kind, inclusive and respectful school environment, and it's heartening to see this lived out in our classrooms and playgrounds every day.

#### PE

Following an incredibly successful Sports Week last week, we were thrilled to continue the momentum with a fantastic Sports Afternoon. Congratulations to McMillan House, who emerged as the overall winners this year!



It was a closely fought competition throughout the first half of the afternoon, with plenty of excitement and strong performances from all teams. In the second half, the tension rose as it came down to two teams battling it out — with the final race proving to be the deciding moment!

A big thank you to all the pupils for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and to the staff and families who came along to support.

As for the sponsored event that took place last week, most of the sponsorship money has now been received. If there are any outstanding contributions, we kindly ask that these be sent in as soon as possible.

#### Uniform Orders


**1ST AUGUST\***  
**CUT OFF DATE FOR ONLINE ORDERS**

FOR DELIVERY BEFORE THE START OF TERM  
 \*SCOTTISH SCHOOLS PLEASE ORDER BEFORE 14TH JULY

As we approach the end of the academic year, we'd like to remind you about the upcoming into-school delivery deadlines. To ensure delivery before the summer break: Orders must be placed by **Saturday, 6th July**

	<p>These orders will be delivered to school week commencing 16th July.</p> <p>Please note that into-school delivery will be paused after this date over the summer holidays.</p> <p>The next available into-school delivery will be:  Order deadline: Saturday, 24th August  Delivery: Week commencing 10th September, once schools have reopened</p> <p>However, you can still have deliveries to your home but this will come at a cost.</p> <p><a href="#">Link for Uniform Orders</a></p>
<b>New Parent's Evening</b>	<p>It was lovely to meet our new families – and to see some familiar faces too – at our New Parents' Evening on Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome everyone to our school community and to share a little insight into life at St Andrew's. We're excited to have you with us and look forward to the journey ahead!</p>
<b>Sex and Relationships Education</b>	<p>Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> June, the children will be having their main RSE (relationship and sex education) lessons. If you would like more information, please see the RSE Information page on our website <a href="#">relationship-and-sex-education information</a> or contact us if you would like to discuss anything further.</p>
<b>Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations – Monday 21st July</b>	<p>This year, we are making a small change to our usual format for the Year 6 Leavers' events. On the morning of Monday 21st July, we will begin with a special service at 9:15am in the church, led by Rev Cheryl. This reflective service will include readings, prayers, and a blessing to mark the end of the children's time at St Andrew's.</p> <p>In the afternoon at 2:00pm, we will hold a special Leavers' Assembly in school. Some of the children will share their memories of their time at St Andrew's, there will be songs, and we'll present the Values Awards. We'll finish the assembly with a viewing of the Leavers' Video, which each child will receive on a special memory stick to take home.</p> <p>Parents are warmly invited to attend both the morning service and the afternoon assembly. After the assembly, you are welcome to collect your child and take them home to continue the celebrations.</p>
<b>School Awards Celebration</b>	<p>On Friday 18th July at 9.15 we will be holding our end of year awards assembly where children will receive Headteachers Commendations, a selection of cups and trophies for academic success as well as certificates and other acknowledgements of success. Nearer the time parents of children who will be receiving awards will be invited to attend. As this will be held in our school hall this will be invite only due to the lack of space available.</p>
<b>Class Move up day</b>	<p>On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June we will be having our move up day. This is the day when the children spend time with their new teachers and get to familiarise themselves with their new classroom. Arrangements are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children arrive as normal and register in their current classroom</li> <li>• From there, they will move to and spend the day in their new classroom.</li> <li>• At the end of the day, a change from the norm, the children will be sent home from their new classroom where they can leave in their normal way.</li> <li>• Children will be shown where the new classroom is</li> </ul>

	<p>situated on Monday or Tuesday so they can communicate the location to anyone collecting on the Wednesday.</p> <p>We will also be visited by our new children from the Infants for the day. On this day there will be no PE so all children will need to come to school in school uniform.</p>
<p><b>Year 6 Transition</b></p>	<p>This year our Year 6 children will spend 3 days at King Alfred School Academy – Tuesday 24th June, Wednesday 25th June and Thursday 26th June. Year 6 parents should all have received this letter directly from the school.</p>
<p><b>Top Secret Magic of Science: HIGH VOLTAGE at The Princess Theatre</b></p>	<p>Note from Princess Theatre</p> <p>We are super excited to be welcoming back Top Secret Magic of Science at The Princess Theatre this summer! Back with their brand new 2025 show, HIGH VOLTAGE. Tickets priced at Adults £16 and Under 16s £13, the perfect way to keep the children entertained during the summer holidays.</p>  <p>Fusing the mystery of magic with wondrous and miraculous feats of science. Hang onto your seats and experience a non-stop, action packed interactive magical science show with experiments and magic that will capture the imagination.</p>
<p><b>Reach More Parents</b></p>	<p>Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for Reach more Parents. Currently we have 67% of our pupils with at least one active Parent/carer using the app. Below, you will find a couple of video guides to help parents with navigating the platform.</p> <p><a href="#">App-Overview-for-Parents</a>  <a href="#">App-Walkthrough-for-Parents</a></p>
<p><b>Parent Pay</b></p>	<p>ParentPay 'Live'</p> <p><b>Please activate your child/ren account as we still have 65 pupils that have not been activated.</b> This platform is used for communication including trips as well as payments.</p> <p>We are pleased to let you know that ParentPay is now 'Live'. ParentPay Activation Codes have been sent out by email, from Platform@ParentPay.com.</p> <p>Please activate your account as soon as possible, as consent for trips and payments is through this platform.</p> <p>You can log in to parentpay.com directly. We have been advised that a Single Sign On (SSO) link on Reach More Parents will be available soon.</p> <p>Extended School Provision</p> <p>Sunrise and Sunset sessions can now be booked through ParentPay. Please note that sessions need to be booked at least 10 days in advance. As places are limited to 14 for Sunrise Club and 16 for Sunset Club. We ask that you make 'block' bookings where possible.</p> <p><u>Childcare Vouchers</u></p> <p>Gov.UK Childcare Vouchers can be used to pay for Extended School Provision. Please register using our new URN number 150953 TA81ER and email the reference number for your child to the school office.</p>

	<p>Please note you need to have credit on your account before you can book any sessions.</p> <p>Therefore, when you make a payment please notify the office of the amount, date and voucher number of your payment so that it can be identified and allocated to your account.</p>
<p><b>Community Council</b></p>	<p><b>JOIN OUR NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL!</b></p> <p>Are you interested in how your child's school works? Do you want to make a difference in your child's education? As part of the Priory Learning Trust, we have a fantastic opportunity to establish a brand-new Community Council – and we'd love for you to be part of it!</p> <p><b>Why Get Involved?</b> Share your ideas and help shape the future of our school Work alongside school leaders to drive real improvements Be part of something new and exciting for our school community Things Have Changed – Let's Make a Difference Together!</p> <p><b>Want to know more?</b> Join us for an informal, no-obligation chat with Wayne Higgins (Headteacher) to find out how you can get involved. Get in touch: <a href="mailto:office@saja.theplt.org.uk">office@saja.theplt.org.uk</a> Together, we can make a real impact!</p> 
<p><b>PFSA resources and Support</b></p>	<p>We're pleased to share that our local Parent Family Support Advisor, Chloe Steventon, has created a dedicated webpage for the PFSA service. This new resource provides valuable information about the support available to families and how Chloe can assist with any challenges you may be facing.</p> <p>We encourage you to take a look at the webpage to explore the range of support on offer. It's a great way to stay informed and access the help you need.</p> <p><a href="https://www.berrowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Family+Support+%28PFSA%29&amp;pid=91">https://www.berrowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Family+Support+%28PFSA%29&amp;pid=91</a></p>
<p><b>Rewarding Reading</b></p>	<p><b>Star Quizzers</b> – Passing AR Quizzes This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates: <b>Alexander Ost</b> <b>Abarnitha Nimalraj</b> This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates: <b>Charlie Miles</b></p> <p><b>Reading Champions</b> Massive well done to and <b>Oscar Whiting, Nancy Hallett and Teddy Picton</b> for becoming a Reading Half Millionaires.</p>
<p><b>Weekly Value Award</b></p>	<p>This award is given by the Senior Leadership Team and the office staff for a child who has demonstrated one or more of the</p>

school values during the week.

This week's winner is:

**Lily-Yve McDonnell**



### Celebration and Praise

We held our Celebration and Praise Assembly this week to award children who have worked hard this week.

Well done to this week's winners:

Acorn Class – Poppy Gadd

Wren Class – Mia Lloyd

Dandelion Class – Lucas Reason

Weasel Class – Gwennie Hicks

Magpie Class – Ezra Duff

Kingfisher Class – Nathan Phillips

Bramble Class – Aria Meyrick

Raven Class – Leah Lloyd

Otter Class – Mollie Close & Cameron Leatherby

Newt Class – Maria Sobin

Heron Class – Hallie Love & Reuben Hayward

### TT Rock Stars

#### Results from this week's tournament:

##### Year 6 Tournament

1	Mabel-Rose	Piper Bogert	6GK Heron	2946
2	Mya	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	2345
3	Vinnie	Sky Strong	6H Otter	1671
4	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	1511
5	Leo	Omeo Colton	6GK Heron	1273
6	Cameron	Erol Pehrson	6H Otter	1164
7	Tyran	Monk Talley	6H Otter	1026
8	Noah	Zaviera McDonald	6G Newt	972
9	Evie	Eve Briggs	6GK Heron	967
10	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	818

##### Year 5 Tournament

1	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	3320
2	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	2788
3	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	2300
4	Rory	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	2213
5	Cain	Ryan Bottum	5L Bramble	2197
6	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	1569
7	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	1430
8	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	1283
9	Lexi	Aimee O'Rock	5D Willow	960
10	Flo	Ray Hopkins	5D Willow	844

##### Year 4 Tournament

1	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	5161
2	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	3469
3	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	2280
4	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	2275
5	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	1745
6	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	1242
7	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	1188

8	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	807
9	Yusuf	Beau Ramirez	4B Kingfisher	782
10	Cooper	K.C. Threepwood	4M Magpie	721

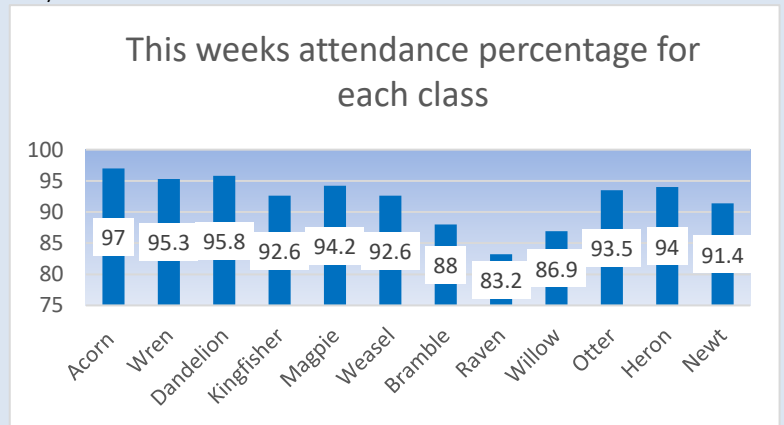
#### Year 3 Tournament

1	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	1638
2	Ezra	Axle Telle	3N Wren	1547
3	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	1457
4	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	1358
5	Maisie	Musa Farner	3P Dandelion	1332
6	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	917
7	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	854
8	Charlie	Sugar Twig	3DG Acorn	684
9	Ronni	Zara Bridwell	3DG Acorn	622
10	Eleanor	Lachi Berry	3N Wren	569

### Promoting Attendance at St. Andrew's School

#### Current Attendance Overview:

To keep you informed, we have included a chart below, displaying our overall attendance percentage and a breakdown by class. This transparency allows us to collectively work towards our attendance target and celebrate our successes along the way.



### Lateness

We've noticed another increase in lateness this week, particularly for Reed. A calm and punctual start to the day helps children feel settled and ready to learn, so we'd really appreciate your support in getting back on track next week. Remember school gates open at 08.35 and registration is 08.45. Thank you for helping us make the most of every minute in school!

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 16/06/25	W/C 09/06/25
Blackwell	8	14
Foley	9	14
Macmillan	14	7
Reed	19	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>

Please

remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day

- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss in learning time:

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

### Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Wayne Higgins and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Tamsin Thomson, Chrissie Collett. Our safeguarding governor is Kerry Andrews

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL;  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

<https://getsetsomerset.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you have concerns about your child at home or school, see the office to book an appointment. Alternatively, if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk) or the police. You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999. If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours please phone the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 123 23 27.

### Change of Numbers and email addresses

**\*\*Important\*\***

If you have changed your telephone number or email address can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.

### Online safety

Artificial intelligence is probably the hot topic in technology circle right now, with questions being raised worldwide about how AI might conceivably affect the very future of the human race. In the short term, however – definitely as far as its impact on young people is concerned – the clearest risk is almost certainly the AI powered 'virtual friends' which are springing up all over the internet. There's Replika and Kuki, for instance, while Snapchat has recently got in on the act with My AI – and search engines like Bing and Google have developed their own versions. Are these machine intelligences suitable online companions for young people? What are their limitations and weak spots? The guide this week profiles the emergence of AI 'virtual friends' [ai-virtual-friends-parents-guide.pdf](#)

### SEND Newsletter

This week's SEND weekly newsletter is now available – please click on the link below or the following [SEND News](#) to read the latest stories.

Please click on the link below to find out more about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Somerset.  
[Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

For your  
Information



**PRIMARY**  
SPORTS & EDUCATION

**CHURCHFIELDS  
ULTIMATE  
ACTIVITY  
CAMP**

SCAN TO BOOK!



5-12 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, LASER TAG, ARTS & CRAFTS, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS,  
DODGEBALL, CRICKET, FOOTBALL, CIRCUS/MAGIC SKILLS, DANCE & MORE!



**PRICES:**  
STANDARD DAY - £22 (PER CHILD)

**TIMES:**  
STANDARD - 8:30AM - 3:30PM

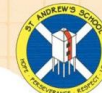
**2025 Dates:**  
WEEK 1 - 25<sup>th</sup> July  
WEEK 2 - 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July  
WEEK 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August  
WEEK 4 - 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August

**CHURCHFIELDS CHURCH SCHOOL**  
BURNHAM ROAD  
TA9 3JF

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/07/25/churchfield-church-school-summer-camp-2025>

More Information: [james@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:james@primary-sports.co.uk) / 07415293798





## JOIN OUR NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL! **PARENTS – We Need You!**

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Do you want to make a difference in your child's education?

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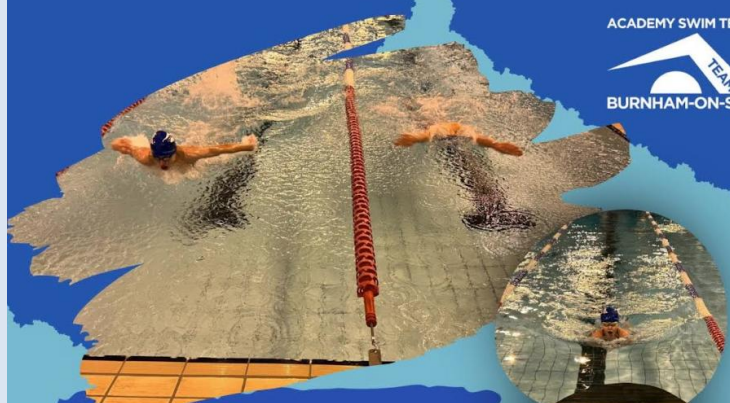
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**Together, we can make a real impact!**





# SPACES AVAILABLE

We currently have spaces  
available for all squads  
Whether you want to  
Compete or Swim for fitness  
we'd love to welcome new  
members to the club

**JOIN NOW**

Contact Us for a  
**FREE Trial**





ChatHealth



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

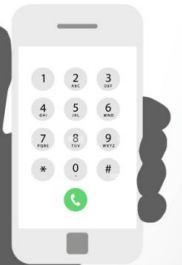
Emotional health

**is your child  
5-19 and are you**  
looking for confidential  
help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact  
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text

**07480 635 515**



Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

Improving  
LIVES

Term Dates for  
2024-25

Please see below our term dates for 2024-25 including our school INSET days.



September 2024					October 2024					November 2024						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25	
Tu	3	10	17	24	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25	W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26	Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27	F	4	11	18	25	F	1	8	15	22	29	
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	6	13	20	27	Su	3	10	17	24	31
December 2024					January 2025					February 2025						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	
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March 2025					April 2025					May 2025						
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June 2025					July 2025					August 2025						
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Term Date Summary	
Term 1:	2 September 2024 – 18 October 2024
Term 2:	4 November 2024 – 20 December 2024
Term 3:	6 January 2025 – 14 February 2025
Term 4:	24 February 2025 – 4 April 2025
Term 5:	22 April 2025 – 23 May 2025
Term 6:	2 June 2025 – 22 July 2025

Bank Holidays and public Holiday 2024-2025			
Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2024	May Day Bank Holiday	5 May 2025
New Year's Day Holiday	1 January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025