



St Andrew's Church Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 5

Week Commencing 2nd June 2025

'Shining Light on a World of Possibilities'



Notes for the week:

2nd 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

As we head into the half-term break, it's been another busy and exciting week at school. Year 6 have begun preparing for their end-of-term performance, and we're already looking forward to seeing what they create. Year 5 are also in full voice as they rehearse for their upcoming singing performance at King Alfred's. Year 4 have produced some wonderful work exploring rainforests in Geography, and Year 3 have been thoroughly engaged in learning about Boudicca as part of their History topic.

As we approach the break, I hope you all enjoy a restful and refreshing time off—and that the lovely weather continues! We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday, 2nd June.

Wishing you a fantastic half term!

PE

Year 6 Sports Update

Year 6 had a fantastic morning at TKASA on Wednesday, where they took part in a variety of sports activities led by newly trained KS3 Sports Leaders. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning and practising new skills. With the walk to and from TKASA, followed by Sports Day practice in the afternoon, they were understandably worn out by the end of the day!

Sports Day – Wednesday 4th June

We are looking forward to Sports Day on Wednesday 4th June, with a prompt start at 12:45pm. Please ensure all children come to school in their full, correct school PE kit on the day.

Sports Week – 9th–13th June

Sports Week will take place the following week, from 9th to 13th June. Children will be taking part in a range of sporting events throughout the week. To ensure they are ready for the activities, children may come to school in appropriate PE kit every day during this week.

Extra-Curricular Opportunity

Keep an eye on our Reach More Parents page and Facebook for the chance to sign up for an additional paid After-School Cheer Session, run by BDC.

SASA

SASA SPONSORED EVENT

Our main fund-raising event this year will be Sponsored Circuits, using the playground markings. This will be during the week beginning 9th June.

	<p>How many circuits can they complete?</p> <p>Our Sponsored events have proved to be tremendous fundraisers in the past and we hope you will be able to support us once again with this venture.</p> <p>Many thanks, Katie Haines</p> <p>SASA Chairperson</p>
<p>Sports Day</p>	<p>We are excited to announce that our annual Sports Afternoon will be held this year on Wednesday 4th June at 12.45 PM. This early start will mean we can fit all the events in, finishing in time for the end of day and allowing plenty of time to allow for sibling collection at the Infants. Parents are invited to arrive from 12.35pm via the Dunstan Road main entrance. Please bring something to sit on (chairs, blankets etc). We ask parents to sit on the school side of the track. The event should finish by 3.00pm where children will return to their classes and leave in the normal way. Let's keep everything crossed for good weather. 😊</p> <p>School PE kit MUST be worn for Sports Day even if the children are not taking part in any events.</p>
<p>Sports Week</p>	<p>After half term, we'll be celebrating Sports Week from Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June. Throughout the week, children may come to school wearing clothing suitable for sports activities—for example, t-shirts, shorts, joggers and trainers.</p> <p>Please note: this is not a non-uniform week. Clothing should be practical and appropriate for physical activity. Football kits are not allowed.</p> <p>On Sports Day – Wednesday 4th June – all children must wear their full school PE kit, even if they are not taking part in events. This helps us keep the day organised and ensures everyone feels part of the celebration.</p>
<p>Jewellery in School</p>	<p>A gentle reminder that, for safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery to school. The only exception is small, plain stud earrings. These must be removed or covered for PE and sports activities. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and focused on learning.</p>
<p>Camp meeting</p>	<p>Thank you to all those who attended our Year 6 camp meeting this week. We are really excited about the upcoming stay. Please can I ask that all forms, medical and consent are completed on ParentPay by 9th June and any medicines are in school by 11th July. Please, also make all relevant payments by the deadlines.</p>
<p>Road Safety</p>	<p>As we strive to ensure the well-being of our students both inside and outside the school premises, it's crucial to emphasize the importance of road safety. With the warmer weather beckoning more outdoor activities, it's timely to refresh our awareness about crossing roads safely, especially with our younger pedestrians.</p> <p>We understand that the hustle and bustle of drop-off and pick-up times can sometimes make us overlook the essential safety measures. However, it's imperative that we instil in our children the habit of using pedestrian crossings provided, no matter how rushed we may feel.</p> <p>Here are a few key points to reinforce:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Designated Crosswalks: Encourage your children to utilize designated pedestrian crossings. These are specifically designed to ensure visibility and safety for pedestrians. • Look Both Ways: Remind your children to stop, look, and listen before crossing the road. Even if the pedestrian signal indicates it's safe to cross, it's essential to double-check for any oncoming vehicles. • Stay Visible: Dress your children in brightly coloured clothing, especially during darker hours, to enhance their visibility to drivers. • Lead by Example: Children often emulate the behaviour of adults. By consistently demonstrating safe road-crossing habits, you're instilling a lifelong lesson in them. • Educate about Traffic Signals: Teach your children about traffic signals and what each colour means. Ensure they understand the significance of waiting for the green signal before crossing. • Hold Hands with Younger Children: For younger children, holding hands while crossing the road reinforces safety and provides an added layer of security. <p>Remember, road safety is a shared responsibility, and together, we can create a safer environment for our children. Let's prioritize their safety by reinforcing these simple yet critical practices.</p>
<p>Reach More Parents</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>App-Overview-for-Parents App-Walkthrough-for-Parents</p>
<p>Parent Pay</p>	<p>ParentPay 'Live'</p> <p>Please activate your child/ren account as we still have 100 pupils that have not been activated. 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 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> 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>

Please note you need to have credit on your account before you can book any sessions. 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.

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral: An Anthology of Animals!

27th, 28th & 29th May 10:30 – 3:30

View a colourful Cathedral exhibition; go hunting for a menagerie of animals hidden in the Cathedral stone, glass and wood; have a go at haiku and try fun, animal themed crafts!
With different creatures to craft each day, come to all three events to make your own menagerie!

A family trail, based on the book and exhibition 'A Walk Around Wells Cathedral' by local artist Caroline Byrne, will be available throughout the holiday – and on Tuesday 27th, Caroline will be on hand to advise on art and help with haiku! Sessions are FREE with adult entry. (Your ticket gives re-entry for 12 months from the date of purchase.) No need to book, just turn up on the day!
NB: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult; only assistance dogs are permitted at our family activities.



Extended School Provision

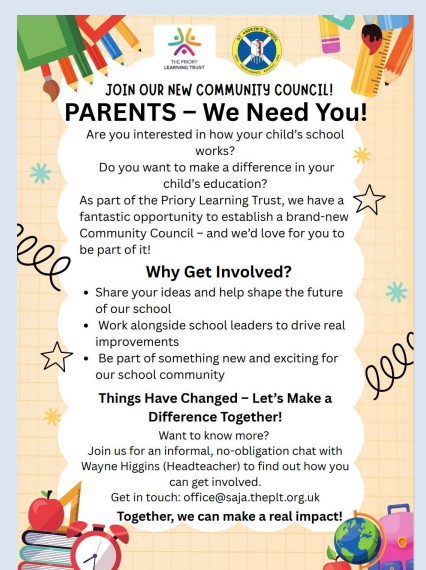
We're making it even easier to access our Extended School sessions, as we are changing over to taking the register for sessions online. As long as there is credit on your accounts, you will no longer have to book sessions 10 days in advance, bookings can be made last minute as the system is 'live'.
If you have any questions or need help checking your account balance, please contact the school office.


Community Council

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Work alongside school leaders to drive real improvements
Be part of something new and exciting for our school community
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<p>PFSA resources and Support</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>https://www.berrowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Family+Support+%28PFSA%29&pid=91</p>					
<p>Rewarding Reading</p>	<p>Star Quizzers – Passing AR Quizzes This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates: Sophie Ross Theo McManus Maisie Stevens Grace Holley-Dodds Finley Nguyen</p> <p>Reading Champions Massive well done to Hugo Reed, Lois Choopani and Lily Porteus for becoming a Reading Half Millionaires and also to Samuel Tennent and Evie Channon-Reader for becoming Reading Millionaires.</p>					
<p>Weekly Value Award</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 school values during the week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This week's winner is: Beatrice Jones</p> 					
<p>Celebration and Praise</p>	<p>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 – Lucas Adames, Dima Tomida Wren Class – Braxton Lench Dandelion Class – Ollie Dee Magpie Class – Zachary Quantrill Weasel Class – Jessica O'Neill Kingfisher Class – George Day Willow Class – Jesse Birch Bramble Class – Ayla Clark Raven Class – Olivia Roberts Otter Class – Grace Holley-Dodds Newt Class – Callie Butcher-Adams Heron Class – Mabel-Rose Warrilow</p>					
<p>TT Rock Stars</p>	<p>Results from this week's tournament: Year 6 Tournament</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="769 2056 1535 2130"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Mabel-Rose</td> <td>Piper Bogert</td> <td>6GK Heron</td> <td>2151</td> </tr> </table>	1	Mabel-Rose	Piper Bogert	6GK Heron	2151
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2	Mya	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	1768
3	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	1722
4	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	1353
5	Leo	Omeo Colton	6GK Heron	1237
6	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	1235
7	Vinnie	Sky Strong	6H Otter	959
8	Evie	Eve Briggs	6GK Heron	912
9	Eniolami	Musa DaRosa	6H Otter	912
10	Reece	Johnny Steele	6H Otter	888

Year 5 Tournament

1	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	2741
2	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	2393
3	Parker	Miami Fleming	5D Willow	2380
4	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	2376
5	Cain	Ryan Bottum	5L Bramble	2191
6	Rory	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	1921
7	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	1887
8	Lexi	Aimee O'Rock	5D Willow	1619
9	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	1374
10	Flo	Ray Hopkins	5D Willow	1364

Year 4 Tournament

1	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	4932
2	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	2627
3	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	2530
4	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	2100
5	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1845
6	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	1465
7	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	1411
8	Charlie	Mason Tyner	4M Magpie	1327
9	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	782
10	Morayo	Pearl Comstock	4S Weasel	592

Year 3 Tournament

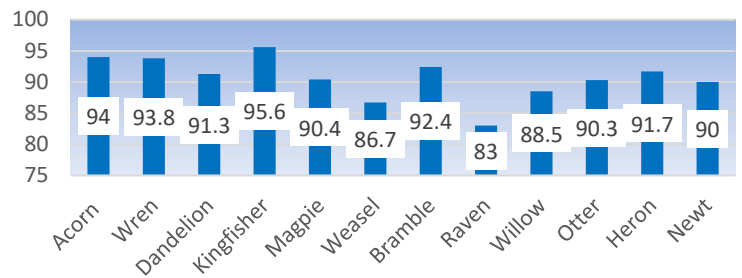
1	Ezra	Axle Telle	3N Wren	2800
2	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1755
3	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	1503
4	Maisie	Musa Farner	3P Dandelion	1105
5	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	1077
6	Charlie	Sugar Twig	3DG Acorn	841
7	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	799
8	Colton	Ashton Urmston	3DG Acorn	727
9	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	696
10	Chloe	Darren Bowie	3DG Acorn	633

**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.

This weeks attendance percentage for each class



Lateness

We've noticed that lateness has started to creep back up this week. Let's work together to make a fresh start in Term 6 and get back into good routines. Arriving on time helps your child settle calmly into the day and ensures they don't miss any valuable learning. Thank you for your support!

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 19/05/25	W/C 12/05/25
Blackwell	12	10
Foley	5	0
Macmillan	12	8
Reed	10	3
Total	39	21

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/>

	<p>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 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.</p>
<p>Change of Numbers and email addresses</p>	<p>**Important**</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Online safety</p>	<p>Not only is an “influencer” an increasingly powerful role in the digital age, but it’s also become a desirable career goal for many young people – an enjoyable way to gain international fame and a gateway to financial success. A survey of Instagram influencers, for instance, found that those with over a million followers make an average of £12,000 (around \$15,000) per month. Much of this wealth, of course, is unlocked by entering into partnerships with various brands – which then raises all manner of questions about some influencers’ authenticity. Is their praise for certain products genuine, or simply because they’ve been paid for their endorsement? This week’s guide peels back the filters for a closer look at influencers.</p> <p>what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-influencers-parents-guide.pdf</p>
<p>SEND Newsletter</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Please click on the link below to find out more about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Somerset.</p> <p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p>
<p>For your Information</p>	

SPORTS CAMP



HUDSON
SPORTS COACHING
& EVENTS

AT PURITON PRIMARY SCHOOL

9AM - 3PM

**27TH, 28TH AND
29TH OF MAY**

**£20 PER DAY
OR 3 DAYS FOR £50**

**RECEPTION THROUGH
TO YEAR 6**

Fun-filled days of sports
games and activities! Come along,
make friends and enjoy the experience.

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at Wells Cathedral

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Sessions from 10.30am to 3.30pm

An adult ticket includes re-entry for 12 months giving access to a whole year of family holiday activities as well as other seasonal events and exhibitions. NB: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult; only assistance dogs are permitted at our family activities.



EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Magic James

presents his

MAGIC SHOW

New
Show for
2025

BURNHAM-ON-SEA

Infant School Hall

Friday 6th June

6.00 - 7.00pm

Admission: **Children £5.00**

Adults £5.00 each at the door

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY



THE SHOW IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE



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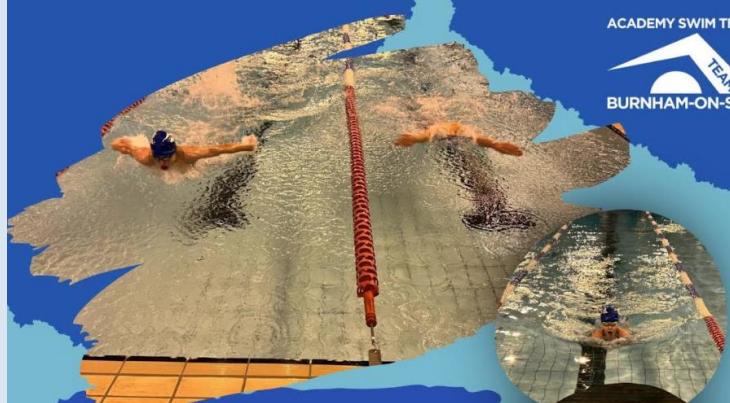
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Together, we can make a real impact!





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



**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	
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December 2024					January 2025					February 2025						
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Key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Staff Training Day
	Term Time

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