



St Andrew's Church Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 2

Week Commencing 5th May 2025



Notes for the week: 5th May 2025

Monday
Bank Holiday

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

Wednesday
PE Magpie Class 4M
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

It's been a lovely week at St Andrew's! Year 6 have really enjoyed coming together for some friendly competition and fresh air while playing rounders. Year 3 have been full of energy and curiosity as they dive into their new topic on the Romans. In Year 5, the children are thoroughly engaged in their writing, planning creative stories inspired by Cloud Tea Monkeys. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been exploring the layers of the rainforest and immersing themselves in this vibrant and fascinating environment.

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend and enjoy the Bank Holiday. Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th May.

PE

Next week, our talented cross country runners will be heading to Yeovil to compete in the Somerset County Finals. This is a tough event where the best runners from across the county compete, with Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 running together in their respective races. We are very proud of our representatives – Lucas, Ezra, Theo, Codie, Parker, Lucas S, and Isla.

We're also hoping to take part in the upcoming Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at Chilton Trinity on Tuesday 21st May, from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. As this falls around school pick-up time, we are unable to provide transport to the event. If your child would like to be considered, they must be able to swim 50 metres confidently. Please email the school office FAO Miss Sylvester if your child is interested.

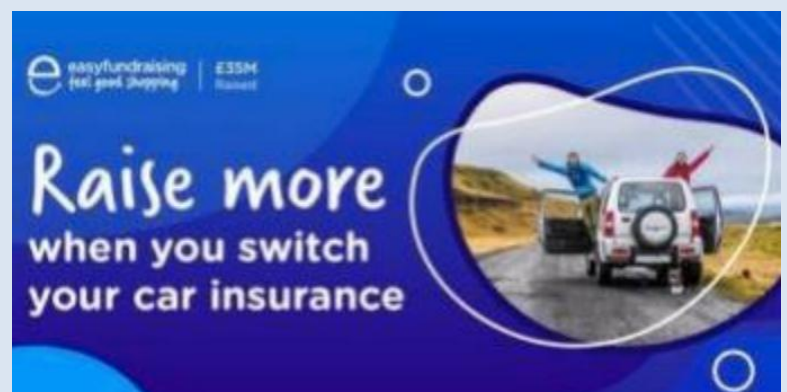
SASA

You can save and raise a donation of up to £37.50 for St Andrew's Burnham when you use #easyfundraising to switch your car insurance.

More Than, AA, MoneySupermarket, Direct Line and many more are offering big donations when you switch!

Visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewsburnham/?searchSessionId=92694da9-6c73-470c-be7a-6761929a6261>



Colouring donations

Our wonderful Well Being Pupil Champions are keen to set up a colouring station for children to access at breaktime. They would really welcome any donations of colouring pencils, pens, paper, colouring books/sheets etc. If you are able to donate anything used or new please drop off at the office and say they are for Mrs Ratcliffe and the Wellbeing Champions.



Burnham Community Centre – Somerset Day

To celebrate Somerset Day on Sunday the 11th of May Burnham Community Centre will be hosting a special open day, based on Burnham on Sea Past and Present to which all are invited!
For more information see flyer below:



School Photographs

This week we had our whole class school photographs, the company taking the photos were full of praise for our children for how well behaved they were. Emails have been sent out today with how to order.

Community Council

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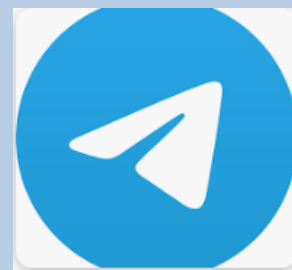
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Together, we can make a real impact!

**Telegram – new
'Sharing App'**

Police have informed us of a new app called Telegram that's very popular with teenagers. See logo



Police say that the app is advertising 'safety' as they will not share information with Police, allowing users to post what they like without fear of this repercussion.

One of the biggest concerns with Telegram is the presence of inappropriate content; because the platform focuses so much on 'privacy', it's easy to share harmful material. It includes messaging capabilities but is also popular for creating large groups and channels for broadcasting information to large audiences; some of our students are on these to buy or sell vapes and potentially other things. It is also similar to Snapchat where posts and messages will disappear.

Please be vigilant if you hear your child mention this app

**Term Dates and
INSET Days**

Just a reminder of the term dates for 2025-26 including the INSET days which was communicated earlier this term.

Term Dates 2025-26

Term 1

Start: Monday 1st September 2025 (**INSET Day – children return Tuesday 2nd September**)

End: Friday 24th October 2025

Term 2

Start: Monday 3rd November 2025 (**INSET Day – children return Tuesday 4th November**)

End: Friday 19th December 2025

Term 3

Start: Monday 5th January 2026 (**INSET Day – children return Tuesday 6th January**)

End: Friday 13th February 2026

Term 4

Start: Monday 23rd February 2026 (**INSET Day – children return Tuesday 24th February**)

End: Thursday 2nd April 2026

Term 5

Start: Monday 20th April 2026

End: Friday 22nd May 2026

Term 6

Start: Monday 1st June 2026 (**INSET Day – children return Tuesday 2nd June**)

End: Tuesday 21st July 2026

INSET Days 2025-26:

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Click on link to term dates on school website
[term-dates-2526-insets.pdf](#)

**Reach More
Parents**

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for Reach more Parents. Currently we have 67% of our pupils with at least

	<p>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 142 pupils that have not been activated. This platform is used for communication 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>Childcare Vouchers 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>Year 5 Swimming is available for consent to be given and payments to be made.</p> <p>Year 6 Camp has been set up. Payments made through Scopay have been credited to accounts. Please complete the permissions required and make any further instalments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next instalment by 30th April 2025 • Following instalment by 31st May 2025 • Full amount to be paid by 30th June 2025
<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>

Rewarding Reading**Star Quizzers** – Passing AR Quizzes

This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates:

Dominic Shapter
Rosie Whitcombe
Lilly Porteus
Isla West
Joshua Channon
Jack Crafts
Natalia Ager
Henry Eyre
Gabrielle Gray
Codie Karmakar
Balla Agar
Oliver Waterfield
Theo Payne
Derya Ozdogan
Nithin Calvin
Teddy Picton

Reading Champions

Massive well done to **Betsy Plant, Rory Martin, Finley Matthews, Erin Hawkes, Alen Vargheese and Eliza French** for becoming a Reading Half Millionaires and also to **Jaxon Moon** for becoming a Reading Millionaire .

Weekly Value Award

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.

This week's winner is:
Heidi Galley

**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 – Colton Mayne
 Wren Class – Emily Smith
 Dandelion Class – Peter Dyer
 Magpie Class – Lavinia Lupu
 Kingfisher Class – Esme Record
 Weasel Class – Harla Vickery
 Willow Class – Alexis Vokins
 Bramble Class – Cerys White
 Raven Class – Tristan Johnson
 Otter Class – Jasper Druce
 Newt Class – Morgana Cameron
 Heron Class – Evan Siviter

TT Rock Stars**Results from this week's tournament:**

Year 6 Tournament

1	Mabel-Rose	Piper Bogert	6GK Heron	2059
2	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	1972
3	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	1961
4	Mya	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	1886
5	Nithin	Frank Palmer	6G Newt	1831
6	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	1470
7	Evie	Eve Briggs	6GK Heron	1398

8	Noah	Zaviera McDonald	6G Newt	943
9	Reece	Johnny Steele	6H Otter	917
10	Maria	Pearl Delp	6G Newt	852

Year 5 Tournament

1	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	3000
2	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	2151
3	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1841
4	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	1491
5	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	1370
6	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	1259
7	Flo	Ray Hopkins	5D Willow	1070
8	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	964
9	Rory	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	895
10	Matt	Charnai Rockpaperscissors	5D Willow	888

Year 4 Tournament

1	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	4043
2	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	2785
3	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	1821
4	Yusuf	Beau Ramirez	4B Kingfisher	1748
5	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	1272
6	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1213
7	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	1176
8	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	1006
9	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	944
10	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	878

Year 3 Tournament

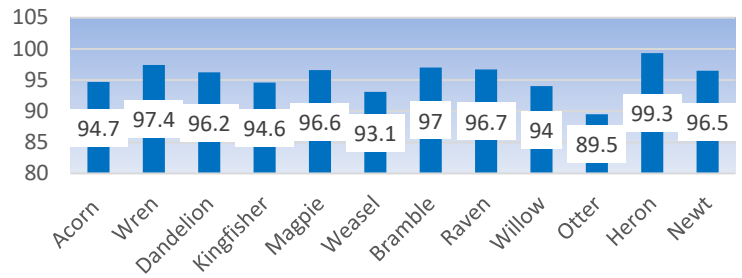
1	Ezra	Axle Telle	3N Wren	3059
2	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	3027
3	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	1791
4	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	1450
5	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	1158
6	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	697
7	Molly	Christy Kay	3DG Acorn	695
8	Mia	Taylor Fox	3N Wren	664
9	Eleanor	Lachi Berry	3N Wren	540
10	Beatrice	Peyton Free	3N Wren	509

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 a slight increase in lateness this week. We understand that mornings can be a juggle, but arriving on time really does make a positive difference to your child's day — helping them settle quickly and start learning alongside their classmates. Let's work together to keep lateness to a minimum this term. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the best start to the school day for all our children!

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 28/04/25	W/C 22/04/25
Blackwell	10	5
Foley	9	4
Macmillan	5	9
Reed	11	10
Total	35	28

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>Wearable tech is increasingly big business. More than 170 million smartwatches were sold globally in 2022, for example, with Apple biting off the largest chunk of the market (26% - some distance ahead of Samsung, in second with 9%). That's partly because they have more than 21,000 apps available for their devices, allowing users to customise their smartwatch experience.</p> <p>Both Apple and Samsung’s products, of course, lean towards the higher spec end of the market – usually with price tags to match. Sourcing a less expensive alternative, however, often also means inferior safety features to protect young wearers. That’s just one of the potential hazards highlighted in this week’s guide to smartwatches. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.</p> <p>10-top-tips-for-safely-using-smartwatches-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>	

Somerset Day



www.burnhamonseacommunitycentre.co.uk

Somerset Day

11 May 2025
10-4

To celebrate Somerset Day on Sunday the 11th of May Burnham Community Centre will be hosting a special open day, based on *Burnham on Sea Past and Present* to which all are invited!

There will be lots to see and explore!

The Centre will be opening the *Winston and Bob Thomas History Archive* which contains a large collection of local history including documents, photos and slides!

There will be an exhibition on the life of Ken Hindle who for 60 years worked tirelessly for the Burnham Community.

Burnham and District Model Railway Club who are based at the Centre will be running 2 of their working displays; Clement Street Yard O gauge and Stonehaven OO gauge

The Escape Committee Wargames Club will be re-enacting in miniature a Viking v Saxon battle at the Isle of Frogs.(Brent Knoll)

The North Sedgemoor Local History Society will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary with exhibitions of photographs, papers, and artefacts from:

Holts Brewery; Apex Brick Works; Portishead Radio Station; John Gunter of Tregunter House; the local schools in the town.

Including images and souvenirs from the towns during both World Wars

The Winston and Bob Thomas archives ... including historic images of the streets.

Local historic maps, newspapers, photo albums; continuous slide shows and talks.

Other local groups will be represented on the day including **Burnham uSa**

The event will be opened by the Mayor of Burnham and the Town Crier . 10 a.m.

Refreshments will be available.



**BURNHAM ON SEA
COMMUNITY CENTRE**



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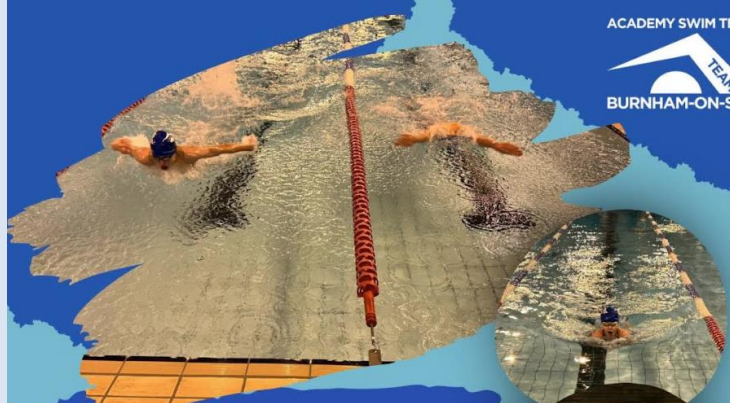
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SPACES AVAILABLE

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

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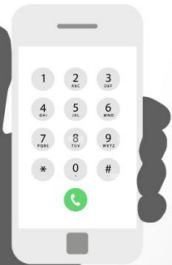
Emotional health

**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	
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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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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