



St Andrew's Church Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 1

Week Commencing 28th April 2025



Notes for the week: 28th April 2025

Monday

Year 5 swimming starts
28.04.25

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 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

Welcome back to all our families after the Easter holidays! I hope you enjoyed a wonderful and restful break, soaking up the sunshine and making special memories with your loved ones.

As we begin the Summer term, there's so much to look forward to. Our teachers have been busy preparing a rich and engaging curriculum filled with exciting lessons and meaningful activities designed to spark curiosity and inspire learning.

It's been a lovely first week back—helped, no doubt, by the occasional burst of sunshine and a taste of warmer days to come. It's been a real joy to see our children return with such energy, enthusiasm, and readiness to embrace new challenges and opportunities.

Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

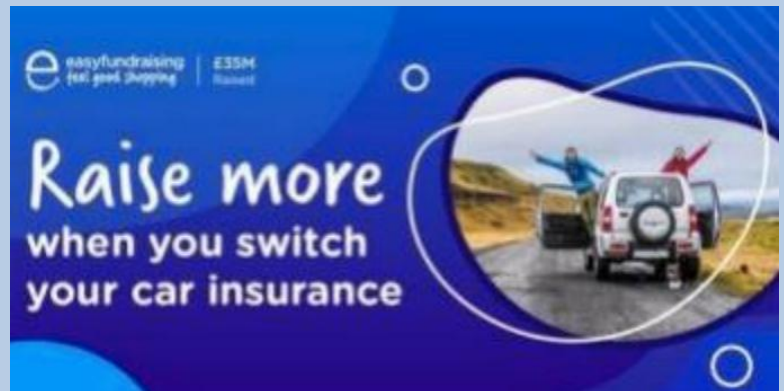
SASA

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>



Year 5 Swimming

Swimming for year 5 will begin on Monday 28th April. Please ensure your child has their kit ready for Monday. They are able to wear their school PE kit on this day. Please also ensure that you have given consent through Parent Pay or your child will not be allowed to swim.

Class Photos

On Tuesday 29th May, Tempest Photography will be visiting to take class photographs. Although children are currently wearing their summer uniforms, we kindly ask that all children wear their school ties on this day so they look extra smart for the photos.

	<p>Thank you for your support in helping us capture a great memory of the school year.</p>
Summer uniform	<p>As we move into the Summer term, students are now welcome to wear their Summer uniform. This includes blue checked Summer dresses and dark grey tailored shorts. Ties are not required with the Summer uniform.</p> <p>Year 6 pupils may also begin wearing their leavers' hoodies, including on PE days. However, please ensure that full school uniform is still available and worn when appropriate.</p> <p>Thank you for helping us keep everyone looking smart and feeling comfortable as the weather warms up!</p>
Parking	<p>As you may be aware, the roads outside the school near the Dunstan Road entrance are permit-only parking zones. These areas are regularly patrolled by Parking Wardens, and fines may be issued to those parking without a permit. Please ensure you park considerately and outside of these restricted areas to avoid a costly penalty.</p> <p>We also ask all parents and carers to drive with extra care and consideration at drop-off and pick-up times. These are particularly busy periods, with many children and families moving around the area. Your caution helps us to keep everyone safe and prevent accidents.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.</p>
Term Dates and INSET Days	<p>Just a reminder of the term dates for 2025-26 including the INSET days which was communicated earlier this term.</p> <p>Term Dates 2025-26</p> <p>Term 1 Start: Monday 1st September 2025 (INSET Day – children return Tuesday 2nd September) End: Friday 24th October 2025</p> <p>Term 2 Start: Monday 3rd November 2025 (INSET Day – children return Tuesday 4th November) End: Friday 19th December 2025</p> <p>Term 3 Start: Monday 5th January 2026 (INSET Day – children return Tuesday 6th January) End: Friday 13th February 2026</p> <p>Term 4 Start: Monday 23rd February 2026 (INSET Day – children return Tuesday 24th February) End: Thursday 2nd April 2026</p> <p>Term 5 Start: Monday 20th April 2026 End: Friday 22nd May 2026</p> <p>Term 6 Start: Monday 1st June 2026 (INSET Day – children return Tuesday 2nd June) End: Tuesday 21st July 2026</p> <p>INSET Days 2025-26: Monday 1st September 2025 Monday 3rd November 2025 Monday 5th January 2026</p>

	<p>Monday 23rd February 2026 Monday 1st June 2026</p> <p>Click on link to term dates on school website term-dates-2526-insets.pdf</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 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. Please activate your account as soon as possible, as consent for trips and payments is through this platform. 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. 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. Year 5 Swimming is available for consent to be given and payments to be made. 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>

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.

<https://www.berrowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Family+Support+%28PFSA%29&pid=91>

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:
Freddie Pope



Celebration and Praise

There was no Celebration Worship this week, but we look forward to its return next Friday, 2nd May. We can't wait to come together again to celebrate our children's achievements!

TT Rock Stars

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Mya	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	2938
2	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	2251
3	Noah	Zaviera McDonald	6G Newt	719
4	Eniolami	Musa DaRosa	6H Otter	525
5	Nell	SJ Sally	6H Otter	334
6	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	324
7	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	222
8	Kenzie	Blaire Stitch	6G Newt	216
9	Demi-Lee	Hope Mabbitt	6H Otter	207
10	Morgana	Jessy Von Rock	6G Newt	178

Year 5 Tournament

1	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	2077
2	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	1867
3	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	1387
4	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	1273
5	Flo	Ray Hopkins	5D Willow	1173
6	Lexi	Aimee O'Rock	5D Willow	1111
7	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	973
8	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	958
9	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	860
10	Emily	Lauren Wagler	5L Bramble	649

Year 4 Tournament

1	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	1907
2	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	1885
3	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	1459
4	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1119
5	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	1102
6	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	965
7	Rosie	Coral Gaines	4B Kingfisher	783
8	Elijah	Nick Preciado	4B Kingfisher	731
9	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	700

10	Pippa	Fruity Summers	4B Kingfisher	637
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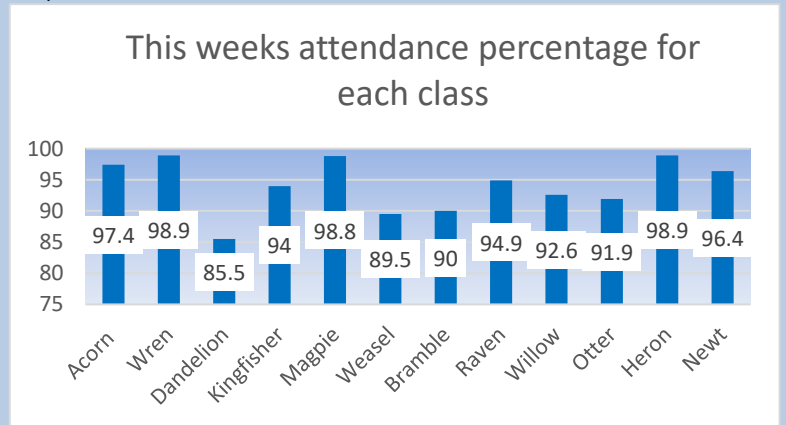
Year 3 Tournament

1	Ezra	Axle Telle	3N Wren	1930
2	Ronni	Zara Bridwell	3DG Acorn	1519
3	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1185
4	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	1101
5	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	961
6	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	952
7	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	771
8	Mia	Loreena Stewart	3N Wren	704
9	Charlie	Sugar Twig	3DG Acorn	595
10	Eleanor	Lachi Berry	3N Wren	549

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 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 22/04/25	W/C 31/03/25
Blackwell	5	8
Foley	4	4
Macmillan	9	5
Reed	10	7
Total	28	24

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 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

We can access new music and movies in seconds. We can get products delivered to our door the very next day. We can chat or play games with people on the other side of the planet. For all of the remarkable benefits the digital age has brought us, however, it's also presented us with a whole new raft of pressures and anxieties that, in truth, we're all still learning to cope with. From continual notifications inflaming a fear of missing out to the risk of public embarrassment or slanging matches on social media, today's children and young people have stresses to manage that previous generations simply never encountered. This week's guide examines these uniquely modern worries, highlighting ways to reduce the anxiety that digital devices can bring.

[helping-children-and-young-people-with-managing-device-stress-and-anxiety-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

ACADEMY SWIM TEAM



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

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FREE Trial



**Fully Funded
School
Support
Course**

**Available
in Levels
1, 2 & 3**

*Please go to our website
for more detailed
information.

**6 Week
Course
Mon - Fri**

**Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

www.studysmartuk.online

Available In the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
	CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
	CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
Level 2:	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
Level 3:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.



ChatHealth

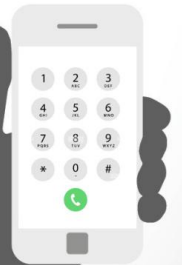


**is your child
5-19 and are you**
looking for confidential
help and support?

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	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	6	13	20	27	Su	3	10	17	24	
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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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