



St Andrew's Church Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 12

Week Commencing 31st March 2025



Notes for the week: 31st March 2025

Monday

Year 4 Sport Enrichment – all children to wear PE kit

PE Heron Class 6GK

PE Magpie Class 4M

Tuesday

Year 3 Sport Enrichment – all children to wear PE kit

PE Otter Class 6H

PE Bramble Class 5L

PE Willow Class 5D

PE Kingfisher Class 4B

Wednesday

PE Heron Class 6GK

PE Raven Class 5K

PE Wren Class 3N

Forest School – Otter Class, 6H

Thursday

PE Newt Class 6G

PE Willow Class 5D

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

I can't quite believe we are already in the final week of the spring term! As always, this is a great moment to reflect on everything we've achieved over the past few months. It has certainly been a busy and enriching term, filled with wonderful learning experiences, opportunities for growth, and plenty of memorable moments. Most importantly, the children have made fantastic progress, and it has been a joy to see their confidence and enthusiasm flourish.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had an amazing time during their sports enrichment days on Monday and Tuesday, embracing new challenges and showing great teamwork. I know that Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to their turn next week, and I have no doubt they will have just as much fun!

PE and Sports

We have received the list of children who have qualified to represent Sedgemoor at the Area Cross Country Finals in Yeovil on Wednesday, 7th May.

Congratulations!

Year 3/4 Boys: Ezra, Lucas R, Theo, and Codie.

Year 5/6 Girls: Isla W.

Year 5/6 Boys: Parker and Lucas S.

We are very proud of you and look forward to hearing how you get on!

Additionally, two of the Year 5 classes attended a skills session at TKASA yesterday. This session was run by TKASA sports students and organized by SASP. The Year 5 children had a fantastic time! Gymnastics Team Trials

Please remember that the Year 5/6 gymnastics team trials will be held after school on Monday (3:15 PM – 4:15 PM) in the school hall. Pick-up will be outside the small office.




If your child is selected, they will be competing on Wednesday during school time. Children will receive a letter confirming their selection on Tuesday.

SASA

SASA Creative Arts Competition

Thank you for all your entries so far (see some of them below), they are amazing. We have decided to extend the competition date to Wednesday 2nd April.

This is to allow more time for all you artists and writers a chance to get creating.

	  
Sports Enrichment day	<p>As mentioned above, next week the children will be taking part in a Sports Enrichment Day. On their designated day, they should come to school in their full outdoor PE kit, as they will be outside for most of the day (weather permitting).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 31st March – Year 4 Tuesday 1st April – Year 3 <p>With the warmer weather expected to continue, please ensure that your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies sun cream before coming to school Brings a cap or sun hat for sun protection Brings a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated
SATs Parent Information Evening	<p>Thank you to everyone who attended it was good to see so many people. As discussed on the night, all the resources, the Easter revision and the PowerPoint can be found on the school website class pages – see link below</p> <p>Year 6 SATs Class Page maths-revision-guides english-revision-guides</p>
Reach More Parents	<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>
Parent Pay	<p>ParentPay - our new online payment service</p> <p>We are now in the final stages of having ParentPay set up and parents will then be able to access this Platform through the link on Reach More Parents with a Single Sign On (SSO). As soon as this is 'Live', we will let you know.</p> <p>It is hoped that Extended School Provision, Year 5 swimming and trips will be able to be paid through ParentPay for the start of the Summer Term.</p> <p>Thank you for your understanding.</p>
Sunflower Growing Competition	<p>Each child at St Andrew's has been given a sunflower seed to take part in our exciting sunflower growing competition! As part of developing their all-round science knowledge, children will learn about the life cycle of a plant, what it needs to grow, and how to care for it. We encourage them to research the best ways to help their sunflower thrive. Once their sunflowers are fully grown, we invite all children to bring them into school on</p>

Monday, 7th July 2025, for a special showcase. We will then teach them how to remove the seeds from their sunflowers so we can run this fun competition again next year! Happy growing!

Easter Service

On Friday 4th April we will be having our Easter Service at St Andrew's Church at 9.30am. During the service some of the children will be delivering some readings about the meaning of Easter. We will also be awarding the Headteacher's commendations. We will be inviting parents of children who are receiving Headteacher's commendations and for those who are delivering readings. As capacity is limited we will not have space for any additional parents at this time.

EASTER EXCITEMENT: FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES at Wells Cathedral

Join us on 7th, 9th and 11th April when we'll be offering Easter trails and crafts to make and take home. Children of all ages and their families or carers are very welcome.



Mon 7th Cross Creations

Collect beads on our Easter crosses trail and make a necklace or keyring

Weds 9th Glorious Gardens

Discover the Easter story as you follow our Cathedral map, then make an Easter garden

Fri 11th Card Crafts

Follow our Easter story trail and make a card or decoration
These activities are FREE with adult entry and there's no need to book – simply drop in on the day between 10:30 and 3:30.

Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.

<https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/visit/families>

Easter Holiday Camps

Get ready for a fun-filled Easter break with Inspired Schools' Holiday Camps!

Whether your child is a fan of football, basketball, or just loves staying active, our camp offers a variety of exciting activities to keep them moving and entertained.

We are delighted to let you know that we have free spaces available for children eligible for benefit-related free school meals! Booking for these spots opens at 10:00am on Monday 17th March, so be sure to have your code ready and secure your spot early to avoid missing out.



Give your child the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends, and have a fantastic time this holiday. Hurry, spaces are limited!

PFSA resources and Support

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.

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>

Rewarding Reading

Star Quizzers – Passing AR Quizzes
This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates:
Evie Bartlett
Maria Sobin

Reading Champions
Massive well done to **Jasmine Dodd and Jack Shipway** for becoming a Reading Half Millionaires and also to **Jorgie Fardon** 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:
Morayo Pickard



Celebration and Praise

We held our Celebration and Praise Assembly this week to award children who have worked hard this week.
Well done to the winners:
Acorn Class – Koby Hoff
Wren Class – Harrison Green
Dandelion Class – Jack Crafts
Kingfisher Class – Rosie Horwood
Weasel Class – Kian Meek
Magpie Class – Max Janes
Willow Class – Jack Bowerman
Bramble Class – Finley Turner
Raven Class – Lucas Sherriff
Heron Class – Chloe Linthorne
Otter Class – Vinnie Salter
Newt Class – Will Dean

TT Rock Stars

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	4890
2	Evie	Eve Briggs	6GK Heron	4193
3	Vinnie	Sky Strong	6H Otter	3590
4	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	3580
5	Riley	Russell Ballard	6GK Heron	3232
6	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	2823
7	Mabel-Rose	Piper Bogert	6GK Heron	2510
8	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	2061
9	Leo	Omeo Colton	6GK Heron	1814
10	Isla	Nuno Rose	6G Newt	1578

Year 5 Tournament

1	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	5996
2	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	2525
3	Lucas	Jed Boy	5L Bramble	2416
4	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1654
5	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	1389
6	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	1354
7	Flo	Ray Hopkins	5D Willow	1075
8	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	1011
9	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	945
10	Cain	Ryan Bottum	5L Bramble	827

Year 4 Tournament

1	Charlie	Mason Tyner	4M Magpie	4854
2	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	4773
3	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	4259
4	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	2195
5	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	1606
6	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	1271
7	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	1156
8	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	1143
9	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	1117
10	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	1063

Year 3 Tournament

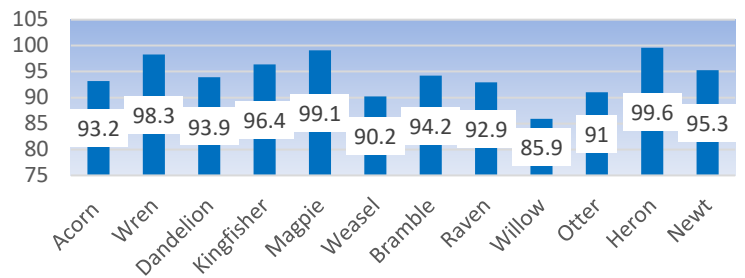
1	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	4045
2	Ezra	Axle Telle	3N Wren	3794
3	Maisie	Musa Farner	3P Dandelion	1792
4	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1574
5	Colton	Ashton Urmston	3DG Acorn	1170
6	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	1135
7	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	1105
8	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	838
9	Benjamin	The Starfoot	3P Dandelion	769
10	Eleanor	Lachi Berry	3N Wren	525

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

Lateness has remained the same this week, and we need your support to improve this. Arriving on time helps children start their day smoothly and get the most out of their learning. Please ensure your child is in school by 8:45 AM. Thank you for your support!

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 31/03/25	W/C 17/03/25
Blackwell	5	14
Foley	16	7
Macmillan	10	8
Reed	8	11
Total	42	40

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

	<p>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>According to a Google survey, more than half of us (52%, to be exact) routinely re-use the same passwords, with around one in ten employing a single password across all of their online accounts. What that means, of course, is that any hacker successfully cracking our password would find themselves with access to not simply one of our online accounts, but several (at least).</p> <p>That, along with the fact that many people's favoured passwords aren't exactly impenetrable, makes it easier to see why some sources put the number of online accounts being broken into at around 100 per second. Yes, you read that right: 100 per second. To help give you some extra peace of mind about your digital data, the guide below has some tips on setting more secure passwords.</p> <p>In the guide you'll find a number of top tips on setting stronger passwords such as how to get creative, what to avoid, and the value of multi-factor authentication.</p> <p>ten-top-tips-for-stronger-passwords-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>

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Easter Excitement

7, 9, and 11 April 2025

Get ready to celebrate the joy of Easter with our seasonal trail, and crafts to make and take home!

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Collect beads on our Easter crosses trail and make a necklace or keyring

Wednesday 9: Glorious Gardens

Discover the Easter story as you follow our Cathedral map, then make an Easter garden

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Follow our Easter story trail and make a card or decoration

FREE with adult entry.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!



Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

10.30am–3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.



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17TH APRIL 2025

09.30 - 11.30

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STANDARD DAY:
£20 (PER CHILD)

TIMES:
8:30AM - 3:30PM

2025 Dates:

- Monday 7th April
- Tuesday 8th April
- Wednesday 9th April
- Thursday 10th April

CHURCHFIELDS CHURCH SCHOOL

BURNHAM ROAD
HIGHBRIDGE
TA9 3JF

Booking Link:

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/04/07/churchfield-church-school-easter-camp-2025>

More Information: James@primary-sports.co.uk/07415293798



Easter Holiday Camps



Berrow Primary School
Monday 7th- Thursday 10th
April

BASC ground, Burnham
Monday 14th- Thursday 17th
April



£20 Per day
10% Whole week discount
15% Sibling discount

Inspired Schools
07494175299
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>



For paid places

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

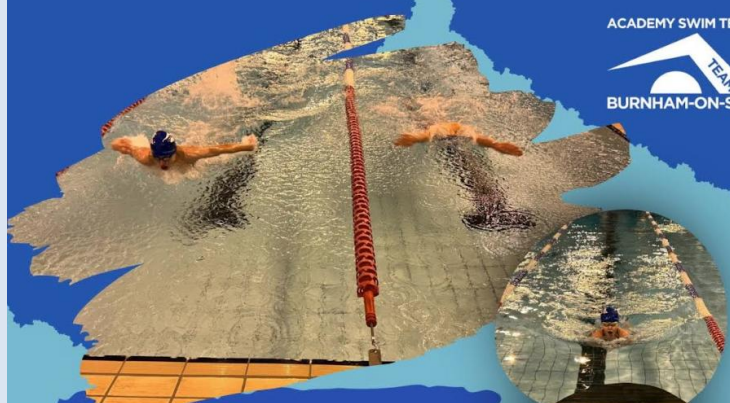
- Register for our community now
- Booking goes live at 10.00am on Monday 17th March



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BURNHAM-ON-SEA



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	CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
	CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
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	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	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	31
December 2024					January 2025					February 2025						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25	
W	4	11	18	25	W	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26	
Th	5	12	19	26	Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27	
F	6	13	20	27	F	3	10	17	24	31	F	7	14	21	28	
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30
March 2025					April 2025					May 2025						
M	3	10	17	24	31	M	7	14	21	28	M	5	12	19	26	
Tu	4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	6	13	20	27	
W	5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	W	7	14	21	28	
Th	6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24	Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F	7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25	F	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	3	10	17	24	31
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27	Su	4	11	18	25	31
June 2025					July 2025					August 2025						
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

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