



# St Andrew's Church Junior School

## St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 11

Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### Notes for the week: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### Monday

Year 3 Swimming from  
**13.01.25 – 24.03.25**  
PE Heron Class 6GK  
PE Magpie Class 4M

#### Tuesday

PE Otter Class 6H  
PE Bramble Class 5L  
PE Willow Class 5D  
PE Kingfisher Class 4B

#### Wednesday

Year 4 Swimming from  
**15.01.25 – 26.03.25**  
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

It was a pleasure to connect with so many of you at the Parents' Evenings this week. Seeing such strong attendance was truly heartening, and I hope you are as proud of your children as we are. Your support and involvement in their education make a meaningful difference, and we are grateful for this partnership. Parents' Evening is always a great opportunity to reflect on the enriching experiences and impressive progress our students have made. From academic achievements to personal growth, there is much to celebrate.

Looking ahead, we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the coming term with optimism and enthusiasm. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a thriving, nurturing community for all.

#### PE and Sports

Gymnastics Success!

A huge well done to our Year 3/4 gymnastics team who achieved an impressive 3rd place at the recent gymnastics competition held at St Joseph's, Bridgwater. The team represented our school fantastically and were a pleasure to take. Congratulations to Morayo, Poppy, Pippa, Sofia, Megan, Molly, Mia, and Lucia for their hard work and dedication.

A special shout-out to everyone who tried out for the team on Monday night—your enthusiasm and effort were truly wonderful, and we wish we could have taken you all to the competition.

Year 5/6 Gymnastics Trials

The Year 5/6 gymnastics team trials will take place on Monday, 31st March after school from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM in the school hall. Pick-up will be outside the main office. Participants can either learn the set routine (outlined in the letter) or create their own routine following the provided rules. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You!

We would like to say a big thank you to our work-experience students, Maddie and Evie, for their fantastic help in PE lessons across the school and during the gymnastics competition. Your support has been greatly appreciated!

Field in Use

This week, the school field has been open for both PE lessons and breaktimes/lunchtimes. It has been wonderful to see students enjoying the outdoor space and making the most of the fresh air.

Bramble Class and SASP Collaboration

Bramble Class had their second session working with Alex from SASP, who is part of the Burnham and Highbridge LCN CYP working group. They are trying to find out what young people need in Burnham and Highbridge regarding sporting activities. It has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to share their thoughts and contribute to shaping local sports opportunities.



### SASA

This year's SASA Easter Event, will be a creative art competition. We are looking for any budding artists, poets or story writers. £1.00 per entry - Children can enter as many times as they like. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each year group. Please send your entry by Friday 28th March, with the child's name, class and money.

Be as creative as your imagination will allow, see poster below.

### Parent Pay

#### **ParentPay - our new online payment service**

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.

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.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Easter Service

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Nut-Aware School Reminder

At St Andrew's School, we are committed to providing a safe environment for all students. As a nut-aware school, we kindly remind families to avoid sending food items that contain nuts, including certain chocolate spreads such as Nutella. Nut allergies can be life-threatening, and even trace amounts can cause severe reactions for some students. By being mindful of the snacks and lunches we pack, we help keep our school community safe and inclusive for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and support in making St Andrew's a safe place for all!

<b>Comic Relief</b>	<p>Thank you for your incredible support and generosity during our recent fundraising efforts for Comic Relief - Red Nose Day.</p> <p>Thanks to your contributions, we are thrilled to announce that together, we have raised an outstanding total of £256.00. This achievement truly showcases the collective impact we can make when we come together for a meaningful cause.</p> <p>Your willingness to participate and donate not only demonstrates your commitment to supporting those in need but also serves as a wonderful example for our students. Your kindness and compassion are inspiring, and we are incredibly grateful to have such a caring community.</p> <p>The funds raised will go a long way in making a positive difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate, both locally and globally.</p>
<b>Sports Enrichment day</b>	<p>Over the next two weeks the children will be taking part in a sports enrichment day. On the day they will need to come in full outdoor school PE kit. They will be outside most of the day (weather dependent).</p> <p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6  Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5  Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Year 4  Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Year 3</p>
<b>School Choir performance at Highbridge Festival</b>	<p>On Thursday 20th March, St Andrew’s choir took part in the Highbridge Festival. The children were fantastic representatives of the school and sang brilliantly, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Thank you to all the children for their hard work and commitment to choir this term. Well done everyone!</p>
<b>Book Fair</b>	<p><b>Friday 21st and Monday 24th March</b> we shall be holding a Book Fair straight after school. Children can use their book vouchers that they will receive on World Book Day to purchase a book that they enjoy.</p> <p>Please note that this will be cashless, and therefore to make payment you will need your name, address, email and mobile phone. Once you have chosen your book, a member of staff will be available to help you to scan a QR code that will take you to a site to make payment</p>
<b>SATs Parent Information Evening</b>	<p>We will be holding a SATs information meeting for parent on Monday 24th March at 6p.m. This is to inform you about how we prepare your children for the upcoming SATs and how you can also help them to achieve their best in the coming weeks and during SATs week. We hope you can make it as Year 6 is an important year as they transition from primary to secondary school. It may also help you to understand how your children may be feeling throughout this period.</p>

## 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:  
**Lily-Yve McDonell**  
**Willow Grant**  
**Lilly Moore**  
**Justin Hartnoll**  
**Eleanor Doble**  
**Poppy-Mae Cann**  
**Mason West**

Reading Champions  
 Massive well done to **Rory Martin** for becoming a Reading Half 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:  
**Lily Porteous**



**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 – Grace Birt

Wren Class – Miya Redstone

Dandelion Class – Melisa Akar

Weasel Class – Konnie Kingston

Magpie Class – Maddie Davies

Willow Class – Amelia Bond

Bramble Class – Tommy Churchill

Raven Class – Kieran Facey

Heron Class – Finley Matthews

Otter Class – Jake Vicary

Newt Class – Rosie Whitcombe

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

## Year 6 Tournament

1	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	5217
2	Mark Been	6H Otter	3515
3	Sky Strong	6H Otter	3140
4	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	3123
5	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	3113
6	Aiden Bauer	6GK Heron	3043
7	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	2728
8	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	2129
9	Klaudia Gardner	6G Newt	1766
10	Piper Bogert	6GK Heron	1751

## Year 5 Tournament

1	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	2729
2	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1564
3	Angelo White	5K Raven	1562
4	Michael Manson	5D Willow	1419
5	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	1369
6	Aimee O'Rock	5D Willow	1199
7	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	1011
8	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	781
9	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	660
10	Bluebell Flowers	5L Bramble	602

## Year 4 Tournament

1	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	4415
2	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	4187
3	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	1659
4	Mason Tyner	4M Magpie	1180
5	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	1118
6	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1092
7	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	1047
8	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	1027
9	Amelia Baird	4S Weasel	933
10	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	797

## Year 3 Tournament

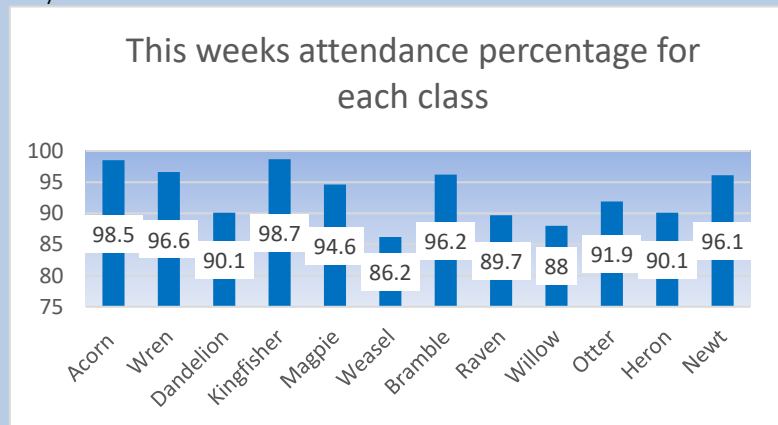
1	Axle Telle	3N Wren	3356
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2	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1931
3	Musa Farner	3P Dandelion	1815
4	V V Cox	3N Wren	1389
5	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	1266
6	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	1080
7	Ashton Urmston	3DG Acorn	873
8	Taylor Fox	3N Wren	748
9	Bella Sally	3N Wren	708
10	Thomas Berry	3DG Acorn	632

**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**

An increase in lateness this week. Can I kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives on time. Punctuality helps children settle into learning and minimises disruptions. A consistent morning routine and planning for possible delays can make a big difference. Thank you for helping us foster a culture of responsibility and respect for learning.

House	Nos of Lates	Nos of Lates
	W/C 17/03/25	W/C 10/03/25
Blackwell	14	6
Foley	7	4
Macmillan	8	9
Reed	11	13
Total	40	32

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

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).

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.

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.

[ten-top-tips-for-stronger-passwords-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 \(SEND\)](#)



## SASA CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

Are you someone who enjoys drawing, writing  
or being creative...

Create an Easter themed



piece of art, poetry or short story

Bring into school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

£1 per entry

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each year group

Be as creative as your imagination will let you



## FAMILY EASTER FUN

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AND CRAFTS

17TH APRIL 2025

09.30 - 11.30

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
BURNHAM ON SEA





SCAN TO BOOK!



# CHURCHFIELDS ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

5-12 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL, LASER TAG  
FOOTBALL, ARTS & CRAFTS, MAGIC, DISCO, TENNIS & MORE!



PRICES:  
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](mailto: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>



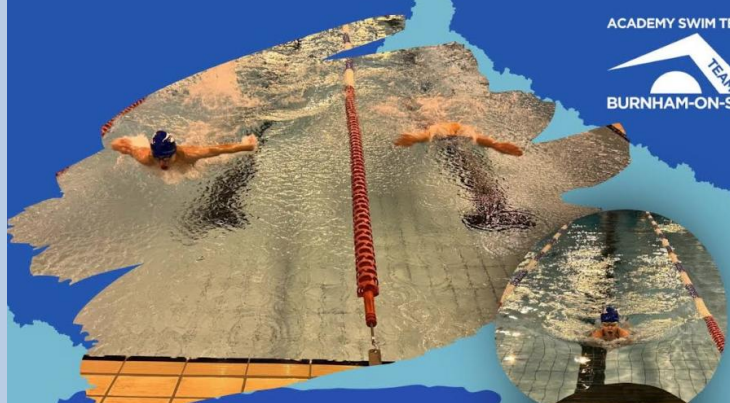
For paid places

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





# 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**



**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](http://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 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
	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



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

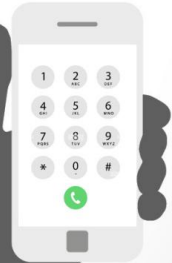
Emotional health

**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	
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		
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	
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	
June 2025					July 2025					August 2025						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25	
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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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Key:	
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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