



St Andrew's Church Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 10

Week Commencing 17th March 2025



Notes for the week: 17th 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

What a wonderful week it's been at St Andrew's! Our children have been busy exploring fascinating ideas during Science Week, where they learned all about change and adaptation. From discovering how animals evolve to survive in their environments to investigating how materials transform under different conditions, the children have engaged with curiosity and enthusiasm.

We're also incredibly proud of our Year 4 children, who represented us beautifully at the Highbridge Festival, performing poetry with confidence and flair. Additionally, some of our talented Year 5 and 6 pupils delivered stunning performances that truly wowed the audience. A huge well done to all involved — you've made us incredibly proud!

PE and Sports

It has been a quiet week for sports fixtures and PE lessons due to assessments taking place across the school. However, when the weather has been dry, teachers have been making the most of it by taking their classes outside.

A reminder that the gymnastics trial will take place after school on Monday in the school hall. The session will finish at 4:15 pm, with pick-up at the front office. Your child will receive a letter on Tuesday informing them if they have been selected to compete on Wednesday at St. Joseph's School, Bridgwater. With over 20 children trying out for just 8 spaces, we wish all participants the best of luck!

Swimming lessons are now in week 8, with only two weeks remaining. Children will be assessed during their next swimming lesson to track their progress.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

SASA CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

Are you someone who enjoys drawing, writing or being creative...
Create an Easter themed

CREATIVITY

piece of art, poetry or short story
Bring into school by Friday 28th March 2025
£1 per entry
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each year group
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Parent Pay

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay.

Dogs on Site	<p>We kindly remind all parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on the school site. While we understand that many families have friendly pets, some children can find dogs frightening, and we want to ensure our school remains a safe and comfortable environment for everyone.</p> <p>Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a positive atmosphere for all our whole school community.</p>
Red Nose day	<p>Wear Something Red – Friday 21st March! On Friday 21st March, we're inviting all students and staff to wear something red and bring a £1 donation to support a great cause. Let's come together, have some fun, and make a difference! Thank you for your support!</p>
Parents Evening	<p>Next week we will be holding our Spring term Parents' Evening on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March from 3.30 onwards. As we did in the Autumn Term, these meetings will take place in the hall and parents will be able to view their children's work in Magpie Yr 3/4 and Heron Class Yr 5/6. If you haven't booked your place yet please contact you child's class teacher or the school office.</p>
Year 4 performance at Highbridge Festival	<p>We are incredibly proud of our talented Year 4 students who recently took part in the Highbridge Festival, showcasing their impressive poetry performances. The children worked with dedication and enthusiasm to perfect their recitations, and their hard work truly paid off.</p> <p>On stage, they delivered their poems with confidence, expression, and poise, impressing the judges and audience alike. It was wonderful to see their creativity and passion shine through, and they should be extremely proud of what they have achieved.</p> <p>A huge thank you to the staff who supported the children in their preparation and to the families who encouraged and cheered them on. This experience has not only allowed our students to develop their performance skills but also their confidence and teamwork.</p> <p>Well done, Year 4 — you have made St Andrew's School very proud!</p> <div data-bbox="753 1469 1522 1948"> </div>

Highbridge Festival

A huge well done to all our Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the Spoken Verse competition at the Highbridge Festival. You did yourselves—and St Andrew's—proud with your fantastic performances, showing resilience and confidence in the face of nerves.



A special congratulations to Oscar, who won the Year 6 category, and to Freya, who secured second place and also Emily from Year 5 finished in 3rd place. What an achievement!



We are incredibly proud of you all. Keep shining!

Book Fair

Friday 21st and Monday 24th March 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.

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

SATs Parent Information Evening

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.

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.

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Monday 7th - Thursday 10th
April

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https://inspiredschools.co.uk/bookings/


Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

Register for our community now
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	<p>Give your child the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends, and have a fantastic time this holiday. Hurry, spaces are limited!</p>																				
<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:</p> <p>Harrison Green Sophie Rodd Molly Bowman Ezmae Wynn-Oaten Colton Mayne Charlie Peach Alen Vargheese</p> <p>Reading Champions Massive well done to Caitlin Strange for becoming a Reading Half Millionaire and also to Eniolami Pickard, Morayo Pickard and Kenzie Morris for becoming a reading Millionaire.</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: Noah Porteous</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.</p> <p>Well done to the winners:</p> <p>Acorn Class – Charlie Peach Wren Class – Evie Bartlett Dandelion Class – Finley Cooper Kingfisher Class – Eliza Osgood Weasel Class – Oliver Whiting Magpie Class – Charlie Ballard Willow Class – Parker Hicks Bramble Class – Bonnie Strickland Raven Class – Phoebe Keates-Wells Heron Class – Millie Sanders Otter Class – Eniolami Pickard Newt Class – Zack Cotton</p>																				
<p>TT Rock Stars</p>	<p>Results from this week's tournament: Year 6 Tournament</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="769 1966 1533 2130"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Oliver</td> <td>Nika Lightspeed</td> <td>6GK Heron</td> <td>4484</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Harley</td> <td>Mark Been</td> <td>6H Otter</td> <td>3680</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Hadley</td> <td>Velda Rocket</td> <td>6H Otter</td> <td>3029</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Reece</td> <td>Johnny Steele</td> <td>6H Otter</td> <td>2399</td> </tr> </table>	1	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	4484	2	Harley	Mark Been	6H Otter	3680	3	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	3029	4	Reece	Johnny Steele	6H Otter	2399
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5	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	1954
6	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	1754
7	Mya	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	1707
8	Mabel-Rose	Piper Bogert	6GK Heron	1696
9	Leo	Omeo Colton	6GK Heron	1645
10	Abarnitha	Kludia Gardner	6G Newt	1554

Year 5 Tournament

1	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	2645
2	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	2444
3	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	1849
4	Lexi	Aimee O'Rock	5D Willow	1519
5	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1474
6	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	1441
7	Rory	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	1302
8	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	1178
9	Tristan	Anthony Cash	5K Raven	1107
10	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	1054

Year 4 Tournament

1	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	3785
2	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	3410
3	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	2161
4	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	1541
5	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	1378
6	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1211
7	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	1174
8	Alen	Don The Rock	4S Weasel	956
9	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	923
10	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	829

Year 3 Tournament

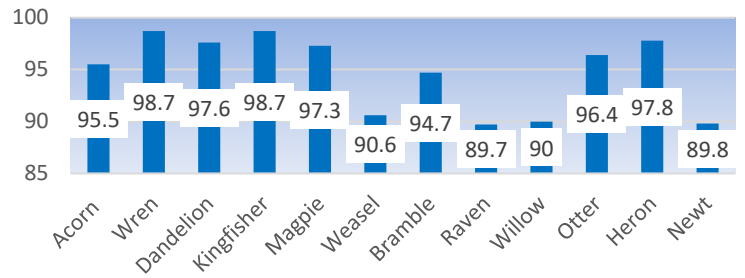
1	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	2491
2	Ezra	Axle Telle	3N Wren	2277
3	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	2022
4	Maisie	Musa Farner	3P Dandelion	1520
5	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	1271
6	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1005
7	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	960
8	Matilda	Otis Starfoot	3N Wren	883
9	Mia	Loreena Stewart	3N Wren	841
10	Colton	Ashton Urmston	3DG Acorn	837

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're pleased to share that lateness has reduced again this week! A huge thank you to students, parents, and staff for your continued efforts in making timely arrivals a priority. Let's keep up the great work and start each day strong!!

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 10/03/25	W/C 03/03/25
Blackwell	6	11
Foley	4	12
Macmillan	9	9
Reed	13	10
Total	32	42

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://getset Somerset.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

	<p>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>Whilst they can be a great way for friends to socialise, online games like Roblox that allow multiplayer game play with strangers are always fraught with a variety of dangers that can expose children to inappropriate or harmful content. Roblox enables people to play anonymously, which can often be something that attracts people to misuse the game and potentially put young people at risk of harm.</p> <p>In addition to interacting with random strangers across the world, other factors such as in-game purchases and potential scams can also pose a financial risk. It's important that parents and educators remain aware of the risks associated with this popular title and how it can be used safely. This free guide – also available in podcast format – offers parents and educators expert advice on what can be done to ensure that young people have a safe and enjoyable experience with Roblox.</p> <p>Parents guide roblox-2025.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>	



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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

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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



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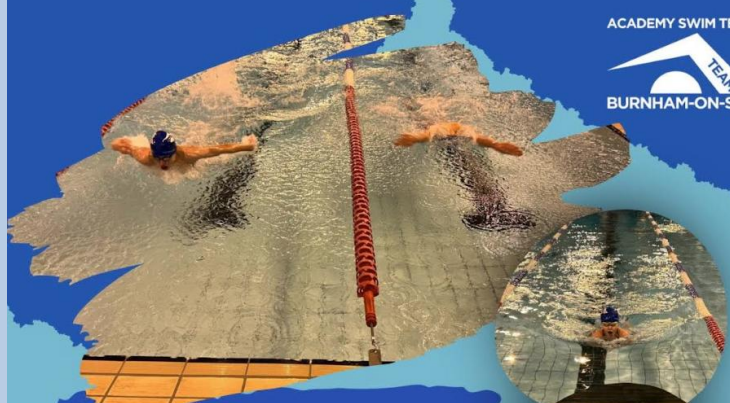
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SPACES AVAILABLE

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



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Contact Us for a
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**Fully Funded
School
Support
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**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

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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.



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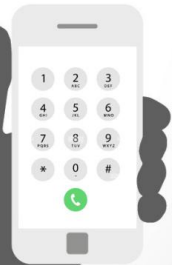


**is your child
5-19 and are you**
looking for confidential
help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text

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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	
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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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December 2024					January 2025					February 2025						
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March 2025					April 2025					May 2025						
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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