



St Andrew's Church Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 9

Week Commencing 10th March 2025



Notes for the week: 10th 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

I hope this message finds you well. As we move through another exciting week at St Andrew's, it's wonderful to see our school community buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. From engaging lessons to special events, our children continue to inspire us with their curiosity, kindness, and love of learning.

A big thank you for your ongoing support—it makes a difference in creating a nurturing and vibrant environment for our pupils. As always, if there's anything we can do to support you or your child, please don't hesitate to reach out.

PE and Sports

Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students are thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons! It's wonderful to see so many children making outstanding progress, with noticeable improvements in their skills. The confidence they have gained in the water is fantastic, and we are so proud of their efforts. Keep up the great work!

Gymnastics Trial

The gymnastics trial for the upcoming competition will take place on Monday, 17th March, straight after school in the hall until 4:15 PM. During the trial, children will perform the routine they have learned for a chance to secure one of the eight places on the team. Best of luck to all participants!

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

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, school trips, extended school provision and swimming. Using a secure website called ParentPay. Information will follow.

What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

	<p>What are the benefits to our school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services •Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school •Improves school security •Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises
<p>World Book Day</p>	<p>We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day at St Andrew's! The school was filled with amazing costumes, as children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see everyone's creativity and enthusiasm! Throughout the day, pupils took part in exciting activities linked to reading, including a book swap, class reading sessions, and story-sharing between different year groups. It was a joy to see children sharing their love of books with one another, fostering a true sense of connection and a passion for reading. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day so special! 📖 ✨</p>
<p>Reach More Parents</p>	<p>We're always looking for ways to keep our parents better informed and engaged in their child's learning journey. That's why we're excited to introduce Reach More Parents by Weduc—a digital communication platform designed to make it easier for us to share important updates with you and for you to stay connected with school news.</p> <p>Yesterday, we sent an email with login details and instructions on how to access the platform. If you haven't already, please download the app and log in using the information provided. For now, we will continue using our current communication channels, including the school app and emails from the school office, while we transition to the new platform. We'll keep you updated on when the full switch will take place.</p> <p>Thank you for your support as we work to enhance communication between home and school!</p>
<p>Parents Evening</p>	<p>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. Details on how to book your child's appointment will be sent out nearer the time</p>
<p>Highbridge Festival</p>	<p>Wishing the very best of luck to our children who will be performing at the Highbridge Festival this week! Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring. A huge thank you to all the staff and parents for your support and encouragement—it makes all the difference. Enjoy the experience and shine on stage!</p>
<p>Book Fair</p>	<p>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.</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>

<p>SATs Parent Information Evening</p>	<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>
<p>World Book Day – Book Token</p>	<p>As mentioned above we had a lovely World Book Day celebration. Each child was given a book token. The £1 book tokens can be swapped for one of the exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2. The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers, who fully fund the cost of the £1 book token redemptions. Please note that the token cannot be redeemed online.</p>
<p>Jewellery in school</p>	<p>As a gentle reminder, we kindly ask that children refrain from wearing any form of jewellery such as bracelets, necklaces, or earrings to school. However, in the case of pierced ears, small studs are permitted.</p> <p>This precaution is essential to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. Jewellery, especially items like necklaces, piercings, and hoop earrings, pose a potential risk of injury if caught or tangled during physical activities.</p>
<p>Easter Holiday Camps</p>	<p>Get ready for a fun-filled Easter break with Inspired Schools' Holiday Camps!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <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>

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
01494 375999
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE places
Register for our community now
Booking goes live at 10:00am on Monday 17th March

<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:
Ava Barbu

Reading Champions
Massive well done to **Evie Channon-Reader** and **Evan Siviter** for becoming a Reading Half Millionaire and also to **Anastasia Barbu** for becoming a reading Multi-millionaire with 2 million words!

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:
Codie Karmakar



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 – Ronni Glaysher
Wren Class – Justin Hartnoll
Dandelion Class – Annabelle Boyer
Kingfisher Class – Elijah Kulpa
Weasel Class – April French
Magpie Class – Priya Dodd
Willow Class – Emily Huxtable
Bramble Class – Adeline Child
Raven Class – Nancy Hallett
Heron Class – Caitlin Strange
Otter Class – Riley Phillips
Newt Class – Alfie Holley

TT Rock Stars

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Nithin	Frank Palmer	6G Newt	4560
2	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	3736
3	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	3023
4	Evie	Eve Briggs	6GK Heron	3017
5	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	2804
6	Harley	Mark Been	6H Otter	2185
7	Theo	Count Bowie	6G Newt	1948
8	Noah	Zaviera McDonald	6G Newt	1872
9	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	1867
10	Jake	Jon Santana	6H Otter	1838

Year 5 Tournament

1	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	3779
2	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	2816
3	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	1807
4	Lexi	Aimee O'Rock	5D Willow	1401
5	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1371
6	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	1367

7	Tristan	Anthony Cash	5K Raven	962
8	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	921
9	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	914
10	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	818

Year 4 Tournament

1	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	4320
2	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	3601
3	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	3000
4	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1885
5	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	1531
6	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	1361
7	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	1361
8	Morayo	Pearl Comstock	4S Weasel	1302
9	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	1110
10	Frankie	Chad Riley	4M Magpie	1048

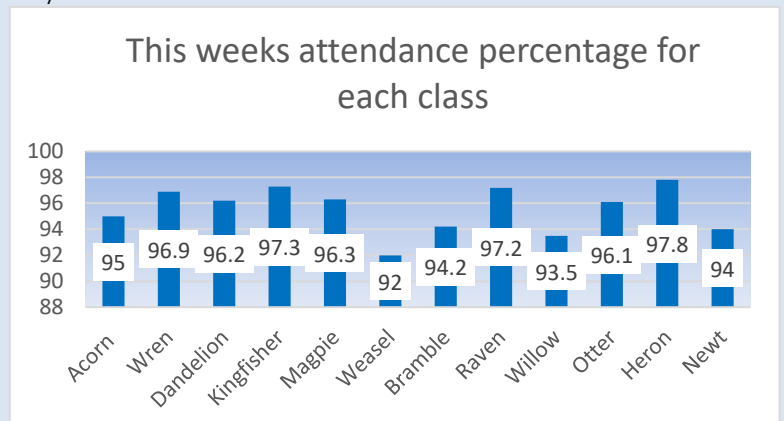
Year 3 Tournament

1	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	2205
2	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	2205
3	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	835
4	Ezra	Axle Telle	3N Wren	824
5	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	800
6	Chloe	Darren Bowie	3DG Acorn	738
7	Lucas	Chuck Manga	3P Dandelion	701
8	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	680
9	Colton	Ashton Urmston	3DG Acorn	639
10	Lilly	Tatiana Bishop	3DG Acorn	587

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 seen a slight reduction in lateness—well done to everyone making the effort to be on time! With four weeks left in the term, let's keep this positive trend going. Every minute counts, and arriving on time sets the tone for a great day of learning. Keep it up!

House	Nos of Lates	Nos of Lates
	W/C 03/03/25	W/C 24/02/25
Blackwell	11	11
Foley	12	6
Macmillan	9	13
Reed	10	14
Total	42	44

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

It hasn't quite made the sociocultural splash of the Mac or the iPhone, but Apple's iPad has undeniably been a colossal critical and commercial success for the American tech giants. The device truly changed the game: before the iPad, comparatively few

tablets existed – and they certainly weren't adaptable enough to find a niche in the home as well as the workplace. In the intervening 15 years, Apple's sleek tablet has become a familiar sight in homes around the world – with children being wholehearted fans of having a portable, easy-to-use gateway to learning and entertainment on tap. Are iPads completely safe for young users, however? And if not, what do trusted adults need to be aware of? Click on the link below to access the guide for more details

[what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-ipads-parent-guide.pdf](https://www.inspiredschools.co.uk/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-ipads-parent-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 \(SEND\)](#)

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For paid places

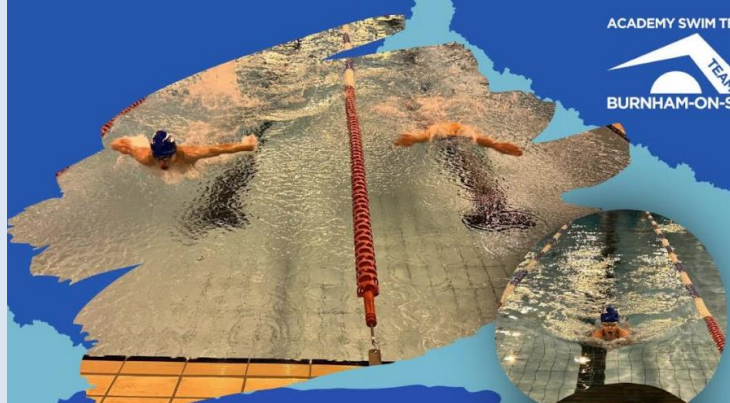
Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

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

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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

Contact Us for a
FREE Trial



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

***Please go to our website
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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.



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