



St Andrew's Church Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 8

Week Commencing 3rd March 2025



Notes for the week: 3rd 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 you all had a wonderful Spring half-term break, filled with relaxation, fun, and quality time with loved ones. As we return to school, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all our children and families.

It's always a pleasure to see the smiling faces of our children after a break, and it's great to see them returning refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead. We have lots to look forward to, and I'm sure the weeks ahead will be filled with fantastic learning, creativity, and new opportunities.

PE and Sports

We've had a quiet start to this half term in sports, but there's plenty to look forward to! As we approach the end of the term, all year groups will be taking part in the gymnastics competition. We're also eagerly awaiting the results to see which students have qualified for the area finals in cross country—good luck to everyone involved!

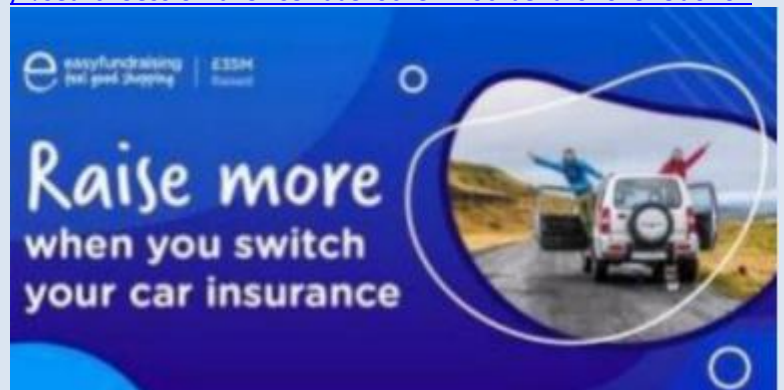
The weather this week has been wonderful, with most classes taking advantage of the early spring sunshine by enjoying their PE lessons outdoors. Let's hope the sunshine continues!


Please ensure that if your child has long hair that it is tied up for their PE or swimming lessons, or they have the means to do this. We have gone through a substantial amount of hair bands this school year with children borrowing and not returning them. Earrings also need to be taped or removed for PE and swimming lessons as these are a health and safety requirement as they can get caught on clothes or hair and could be ripped out.

SASA

You can save and raise a donation of up to £886.37 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>



World Book Day	On Thursday 6 th March it is World Book Day. To promote this day, we are planning to have a week of thinking about reading and books. In addition to this, on Thursday 6 th March, we will be having a dress up day when children can come to school dressed as their favourite character or bring a prop linked to a book they enjoy. We will also be having a book swap on the day.
Parents Evening	We will be holding our Spring term Parents' Evening on Wednesday 19 th and Thursday 20 th 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
Book Fair	<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>
SATs Parent Information Evening	We will be holding a SATs information meeting for parent on Monday 24 th 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.
Penalties for term time Holidays	<p>For your children to be successful in school, it is crucial they are here every day as children only spend around 14% of the total year learning in school!</p> <p>Children spend around 6 hours per 24 hour day learning in school = 25%</p> <p>Take out 13 weeks holiday, 52 weekends and 5 Inset days = 14%</p> <p>There is no automatic entitlement in law, to time off in school time to go on holiday. Amendments to the Education Regulations 2006 came into force in September 2024 and make it clear that headteachers may NOT grant leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>If your request for leave is unauthorised and you still choose to take your child out of school for a holiday or another reason, you may be issued with a fixed penalty of £80 per child per parent, rising to £160 per child per parent if not paid within 21 days.</p>
Price and Buckland – School Uniform	<p>Price and Buckland are excited to share this fantastic new video resource with everyone! It's a useful tool to help parents navigate the new website. The video explains everything they need to know in a simple and engaging way. Click on the link below to start exploring.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/-wg3-jEq0Pg</p> 

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:
Benjamin Mears
Braxton Lench
Oliver Whiting
Reading Champions
Massive well done to **Arbarnitha Nimalraj** and **Millie Sanders** 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:
Grace Birt



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:
Dandelion Class – Kyron Sage
Kingfisher Class – Harry Miles
Weasel Class – Harry Maunders
Magpie – Jacob Durrant
Willow Class – Daisy Matthews
Bramble Class – Harrison Johnstone
Raven Class – Lily Parr
Heron Class – Oscar Hedley
Otter Class – Orla Bridgewater
Newt Class – Mason West

TT Rock Stars

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	4423
2	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	3803
3	Mollie	Grace Dederer	6H Otter	3165
4	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	2294
5	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	2271
6	Noah	Zaviera McDonald	6G Newt	1693
7	Sophie	Pearl Volkman	6GK Heron	1492
8	Mabel-Rose	Piper Bogert	6GK Heron	1265
9	Evie	Eve Briggs	6GK Heron	1167
10	Mya	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	1148

Year 5 Tournament

1	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	6010
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2	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	2966
3	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	2464
4	Lexi	Aimee O'Rock	5D Willow	2207
5	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1356
6	Rory	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	1149
7	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	1017
8	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	990
9	Emily	Lauren Wagler	5L Bramble	979
10	Lucas	Jed Boy	5L Bramble	755

Year 4 Tournament

1	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	2852
2	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	2215
3	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	2175
4	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	1568
5	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1405
6	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	1260
7	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	963
8	Megan	Jess Messina	4B Kingfisher	898
9	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	739
10	Yusuf	Beau Ramirez	4B Kingfisher	658

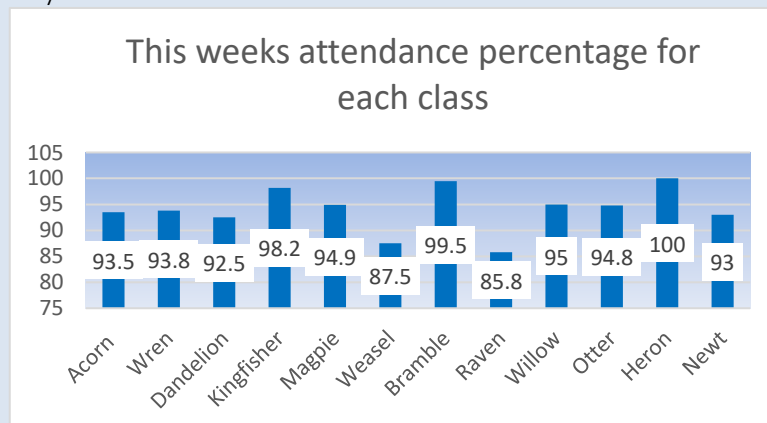
Year 3 Tournament

1	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1470
2	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	1344
3	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	1027
4	Colton	Ashton Urmston	3DG Acorn	988
5	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	887
6	Mia	Loreena Stewart	3N Wren	757
7	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	696
8	Maisie	Musa Farner	3P Dandelion	689
9	Braxton	Wilf Patton	3N Wren	627
10	Mia	Taylor Fox	3N Wren	574

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

Another increase in lateness among students recently, and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that all children arrive at school on time. Being punctual is not just about avoiding missed lessons—it helps set students up for a successful day, fosters responsibility, and minimizes disruptions for the entire class. We understand that mornings can be busy, but establishing good routines now will benefit students in the long run. Your efforts make a real difference in fostering a respectful and effective learning environment for all.

House	Nos of Lates	Nos of Lates
	W/C 24/02/25	W/C 10/02/25
Blackwell	11	6
Foley	6	8
Macmillan	13	12
Reed	14	11
Total	44	37

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/>

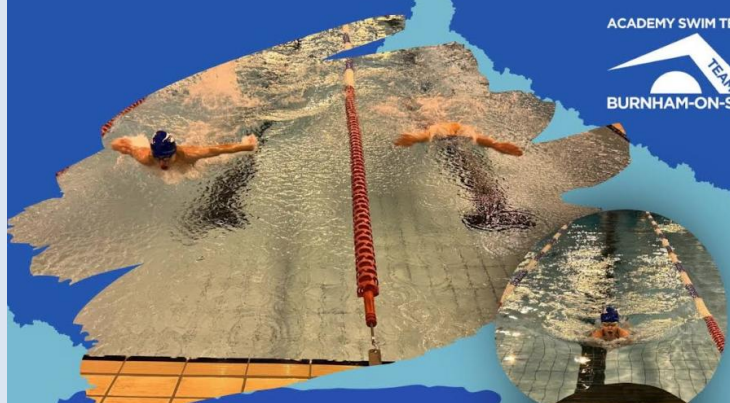
<https://getsetsomerset.org.uk/>

<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	<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>
Online safety	<p>With around 60,000 songs added to its online library every day, Spotify is a vast treasure trove of audio dating from some 19th century recordings through to giants of the download age like The Weekend and Ed Sheeran. Factor podcasts, audiobooks and videos into the mix, and the Swedish-based streaming platform quite literally offers something for everyone. Not everything in Spotify's depths is universally suitable, however. The sheer mass of music and content on the platform mean that, naturally, not all of it is intended for younger listeners. With an audio chat service available and media reports of predatory activity, click on the link below for a guide that highlights other aspects of Spotify which trusted adults ought to be in the loop about. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate lyrics, an audio chat function and recent reports of predatory activity.</p> <p>what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-spotify-parents-guide.pdf</p>
SEND Newsletter	<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>
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

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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



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

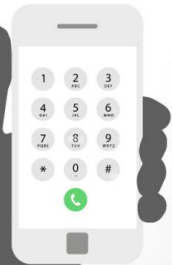
Emotional health

**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	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