



# St Andrew's Church Junior School

## St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 7

Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February



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

As we conclude the first half of the spring term, it's amazing to reflect on the numerous activities and achievements our children have experienced. From engaging lessons to exciting extracurriculars, it's been a whirlwind of learning and growth.

With the half-term break just around the corner, I'm sure our young scholars are eagerly anticipating some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Whether it's a family getaway, cosy days at home, or exploring new hobbies, I hope this break provides ample opportunities for rejuvenation and joy.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, February 24th, as we dive back into the excitement of learning and exploration. Until then, I wish you all a safe, happy, and memorable half-term break.

#### PE and Sports

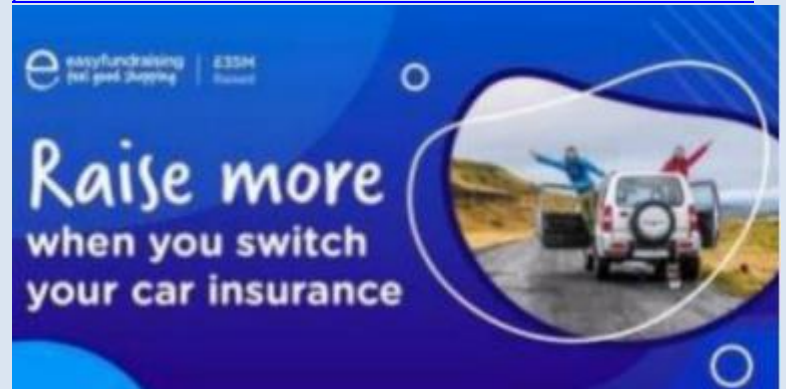
Reminder for all PE days, including swimming.

Please can earrings be removed or taped up and hair be tied back.

#### 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>



#### Head Lice


As we head into the half term, it is a good opportunity to check your child for head lice.

What are head lice? Head lice and nits are very common in children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head to head contact.

How to treat head lice: Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Wet combing

	<p>Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wash hair with ordinary shampoo</li> <li>• apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do) comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends</li> </ul> <p>It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.</p> <p>Medicated lotions and sprays Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice. They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments. Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• products containing permethrin</li> <li>• head lice "repellents"</li> <li>• electric combs for head lice</li> <li>• tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies</li> </ul> <p>Prevention is always better than cure so please can we remind you to check your child's hair regularly. <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/</a></p>
<b>World Book Day</b>	<p>On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having a dress up day when children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. More details for this will follow</p>
<b>Parents Evening</b>	<p>We will be holding our Spring term Parents' Evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>I am pleased to announce that this week we interviewed for the new lunchtime supervisor to replace Mrs Baynham as she retired. We had some really great applicants and have appointed Abbey Church. She will hopefully be joining our school team in the next few weeks subject to all the necessary checks being completed. I'm sure you will be joining me in welcoming her to the St Andrews family.</p>

<b>Price and Buckland – School Uniform</b>	<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><a href="https://youtu.be/-wg3-jEqOPg">https://youtu.be/-wg3-jEqOPg</a></p>	
<b>Reporting Absence</b>	<p>At St Andrews, parents and carers are requested to contact the school office as soon as possible – 01278 783558 or <a href="mailto:office@standrewsjuniors.co.uk">office@standrewsjuniors.co.uk</a> , by 9:00am at the latest, on every morning of absence. Details of all absences and lateness are recorded. If you do not contact the school it is likely that you may have a doorstep welfare check.</p>	
<b>Chicken Pox</b>	<p>We have had some reported cases of chickenpox in school. As we approach the holidays, please be mindful if you are visiting relatives, particularly those who may be more vulnerable to infections, such as babies, pregnant women, or those with weakened immune systems.</p>	
<b>FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES at WELLS CATHEDRAL</b>	<p><b>MEDIEVAL MASTERPIECES</b>  Discover highlights of Wells Cathedral and make souvenirs to take home!  <b>Monday 17th</b> – Wonderful Windows  Take inspiration from the beautiful Cathedral windows to make your own artwork.  <b>Tuesday 18th</b> – Cosmic Clock  Experience the wonders of our Astronomical Clock and make a souvenir of your visit.  <b>Wednesday 19th</b> – Creations in Clay  Explore the Cathedral carvings in wood and stone, then make a clay boss to take home.  FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day!  (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.)  Sessions take place in the Cathedral or Education Room from 10:30am – 3:30pm.  Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.</p>	
<b>PFSA resources and Support</b>	<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><a href="https://www.berrowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Family+Support+%28PFSA%29&amp;pid=91">https://www.berrowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Family+Support+%28PFSA%29&amp;pid=91</a></p>	

### Rewarding Reading

Star Quizzers – Passing AR Quizzes

This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates:

**Finley Cooper**

**Annabelle Boyer**

**Charlie Miles**

**Lucia Halliday**

**Mia Lloyd**

**Rosie Pomeroy**

**Kyron Sage**

Reading Champions

Massive well done to **Oliver Waterfield, Nithin Calvin, Lily Mae Harvey, Georgia Stuart** 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:

**Eliza Osgood**



### 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 – Lilly Moore

Wren Class – George Cox

Kingfisher Class – Imogen Shepherd

Weasel Class – Sophie Ballard

Magpie Class – Gracelyn Aston

Willow Class – Matt Zurawski

Bramble Class – Olivia Hutchinson

Raven Class – Jayden Whiting

Heron Class – Leo Kidd

Otter Class – Betsy Plant

Newt Class – Jasmine Dodd

### TT Rock Stars

#### Results from this week's tournament:

##### Year 6 Tournament

1	Nithin	Frank Palmer	6G Newt	5137
2	Mason	Irock Night	6G Newt	4840
3	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	4455
4	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	3202
5	Isla	Nuno Rose	6G Newt	3200
6	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	3052
7	Theo	Count Bowie	6G Newt	2773
8	Reece	Johnny Steele	6H Otter	2690
9	Noah	Zaviera McDonald	6G Newt	2405
10	Sophie	Pearl Volkman	6GK Heron	2312

##### Year 5 Tournament

1	Lucas	Jed Boy	5L Bramble	4023
2	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	3964
3	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	3337
4	Lexi	Aimee O'Rock	5D Willow	2094
5	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	1666
6	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	1353

7	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	1300
8	Flo	Ray Hopkins	5D Willow	1137
9	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1023
10	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	870

#### Year 4 Tournament

1	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	3496
2	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	2912
3	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	2872
4	Charlie	Mason Tyner	4M Magpie	1799
5	Yusuf	Beau Ramirez	4B Kingfisher	1469
6	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	1461
7	Codie	Toryn McKeon	4S Weasel	1456
8	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	1165
9	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	1150
10	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1123

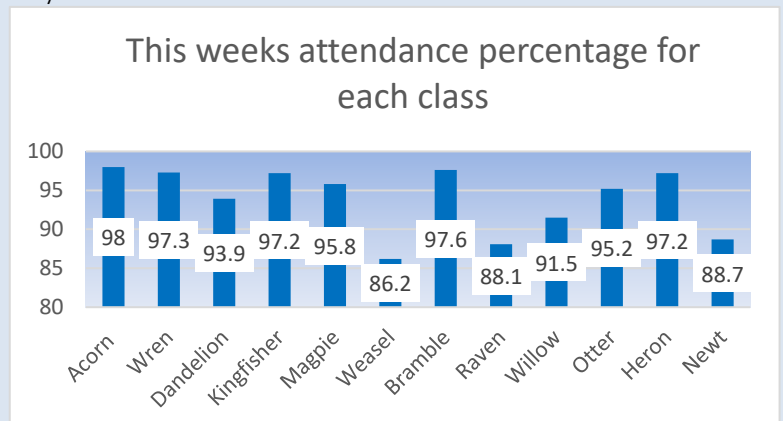
#### Year 3 Tournament

1	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1762
2	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	921
3	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	895
4	Ava	Mindy DiFulvio	3N Wren	856
5	Lucas	Chuck Manga	3P Dandelion	818
6	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	725
7	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	645
8	Mia	Taylor Fox	3N Wren	636
9	Colton	Ashton Urmston	3DG Acorn	627
10	Freya	Jimi Sweet	3P Dandelion	572

### 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 this week—thank you for your efforts in supporting punctuality. Let's keep this momentum going and aim for even better after half term!

House	Nos of Lates	Nos of Lates
	W/C 10/02/25	W/C 03/02/25
Blackwell	6	8
Foley	8	11
Macmillan	12	13
Reed	11	12
Total	37	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](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

Gaming, of course, is phenomenally popular with children and young people. In 2021, for instance, more than three-quarters of teenagers played online games, with almost 70% of primary school aged children doing likewise. If

enjoyed in moderation and supported by a healthy routine (staying hydrated, good sleep habits, taking breaks and so on), gaming can actually benefit a person's mental health. As long as we stay alert for potential risks, games can be much more than what we see on the surface: they can be a way to socialise, an avenue for creativity and a route to solving problems. Our top ten tips outline how gaming online can sometimes work to your child's advantage. In the guide (click on link below) you'll find a number of potential benefits including a sense of achievement, learning about teamwork and encouraging creativity [10-ways-gaming-can-support-positive-outcomes-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 \(SEND\)](#)

#### For your Information



April 19th  
East Huntspill Village Hall

# EASTER CRAFT MARKET

10AM-3PM

# EASTER EGG HUNT

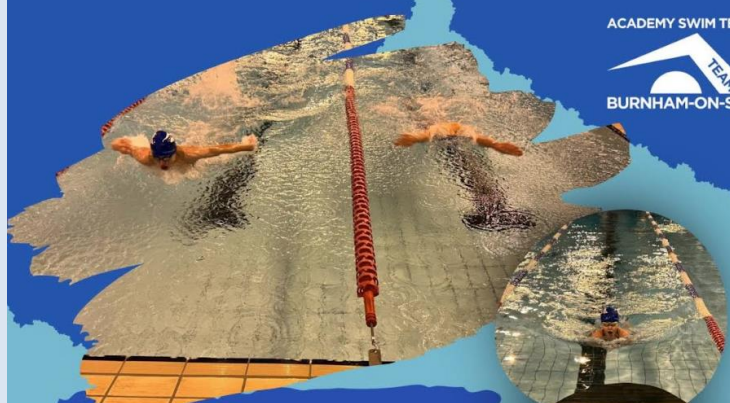
11AM & 1PM

Face painting  
Glitter Tattoos  
Hair Tinsel

Refreshments,  
Raffle,  
Free Kids activities!

\*Weather dependant\*

The poster features a pink-to-orange gradient background with several colorful Easter eggs scattered around. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a wicker basket filled with Easter eggs and tied with a pink ribbon.



# 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**



PLACES ARE LIMITED  
SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY



# February H/T Holiday Tennis Camps 2025



## Avenue Tennis Club - Burnham on Sea

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February

9.30 - 12.30pm (4 - 9 Years)

1.30 - 4.30pm (10 - 16 Years)



## Lympsham Tennis Club

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February

9.30 - 12.30pm (4 - 12 Years)



## Bridgwater Tennis Club

Thursday 20th February

1.30 - 4.30pm (4 - 12 Years)



Fees: £36.00 - 2 Days / £18.00 - 1 Day

Online booking and payment available at

[www.tennis-extreme.com](http://www.tennis-extreme.com)

For further details please contact Tim Seymour on 07887 723554 or e-mail [tennisextreuk@gmail.com](mailto:tennisextreuk@gmail.com)



# Activity Calendar

Community Inclusion  
and Activity Team

February Half term  
Monday 17 - 21 Feb 2025



For ALL children and young people in Somerset with a disability or additional needs  
\*You DO NOT have to be referred to any service to access these activities, unless otherwise stated.



**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.



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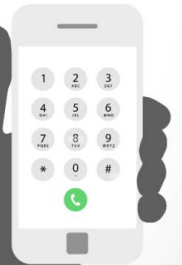


**is your child  
5-19 and are you**  
looking for confidential  
help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact  
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text

**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.



The Priory Learning Trust  
Academic Year 2024-2025



September 2024					October 2024					November 2024						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	1	8	15	22	29	M	4	11	18	25
Tu	3	10	17	24	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25	W	3	10	17	24	31	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	7	14	21	28		
F	6	13	20	27	F	5	12	19	26	F	8	15	22	29		
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	9	16	23	30		
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su						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	
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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	
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Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	3	10	17	24	
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		
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	2	9	16	23		
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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