



St Andrew's Church of England Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost



Issue 12

Week Commencing 9th December 2024

Notes for the week: 9th December 2024

Monday

PE Dandelion Class 3P
PE Wren Class 3N
PE Magpie Class 4M
PE Acorn Class 3GD

Tuesday

PE Bramble Class 5L
PE Willow Class 5D
PE Kingfisher Class 4B
PE Weasels Class 4S

Wednesday

PE Kingfisher Class 4B
PE Magpie Class 4M
PE Raven Class 5K
PE Otter Class 6H
PE Heron Class 6GK
Forest School – Newt Class, 6G

Thursday

PE Wren Class 3N
PE Willow Class 5D
PE Bramble Class 5L
PE Raven Class 5K

Friday

PE Weasel Class 4S
PE Dandelion Class 3P
PE Acorn Class 3GD
PE Heron Class 6GK
PE Otter Class 6H
PE Newt Class 6G

Headteacher Information

I can hardly believe we only have two weeks left of the autumn term! Here at St. Andrew's, the countdown to Christmas is well underway. With so many exciting events coming up in the next fortnight, it's going to be a busy time, and we certainly won't be short of Christmas spirit.

Thank you for your continued support as we make the final preparations for a festive and memorable end to the term.

PE and Sports

We've had a busy week of PE lessons with the children taking part in their regular PE lessons, mostly outside. The children all enjoyed experiencing tag rugby.

Next week we have cross country for all year groups across the 2 days. Please make sure you turn up at the right venue.

Bridgwater College Academy, Parkway, this is the school not College. The races will start promptly at 3.30pm due to the fading light at this time of year, please be aware that parking is not great here so you may have to walk a little bit.

Christmas Fair

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your generous donations for the tombola.

Any more contributions would be most welcome - Year 3: sweets, chocolate, Year 4: tins and jars, Year 5: toiletries, Year 6: bottles



There will be a cake stall and any donation of cakes on the day will be gratefully received.

We hope you will be able to come and join in the fun on Monday 16th December at 3:30pm

Many thanks,

Katie Haines

Chairperson SASA

Performance by 4Front Theatre

We were delighted to welcome 4Front Theatre to our school on Thursday, 5th December, for a special performance of Herald of Herod. It was an exciting and enriching experience for the children, bringing stories to life in a fun and engaging way.

This event was generously funded by Burnham-on-Sea Baptist Church, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to them for their support and sponsorship. We are grateful for their kindness in making this opportunity possible for our pupils.

Christmas Concert

Tickets for our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 17th December will be available to purchase through Scopay on Monday 9th December, these are only available to parents whose children are participating. You will not receive a physical ticket. Miss

Davies will have a list of those who have paid entry to the concert. Entry to the concert will be via the main school entrance in Dunstan road. Please remember there will be no onsite parking. Doors open from 6.45pm

Fully funded training for parents

Aspire Education would like to highlight new 2025 FULLY FUNDED (FREE) courses to parents, carers and staff at your school. They are working with The EFSA (Education Skills Funding Agency) and have full funding for their six-week online intensive courses, available to parents and carers in your school's area. Aspire Education understand that it can be difficult for most parents and carers to further their education, which puts them in a better position for a job role that fits in with their families. So, they have created new intensive courses that are based online, with full tutor support, running within school hours and in term times ONLY.

This is a six-week course, available in level 1, 2 & 3, with live webinar sessions running from 9:30am - 11:30am, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session from 12:30-2pm.

Our next course starts on 6th January. The deadline to enrol is Friday 13th December!

STUDY SMART Free Online Courses

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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

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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.

Christmas lunch

****Reminder****

On **Wednesday 18th December** our school meal provider ASPENS are dishing up this year's Christmas Dinner. Booking for this can be made through SELECT, Aspens online ordering system, [information on ordering from Select](#). More information on when you can order will follow shortly

Christmas Jumper Day

****Reminder****

Wednesday, 18th December 2024, will be our Christmas Jumper Day here at St. Andrew's, in celebration of Save the Children's 13th annual event! Though nationally observed on Thursday, 12th December, we've chosen to hold ours on Wednesday to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day.

We invite all children to come dressed in their favourite festive Christmas jumper! If a Christmas jumper isn't available, non-uniform is welcome. We suggest a donation of £1, which will go directly to Save the Children, aiding their mission to improve the lives of children worldwide. Every donation, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Please send your donation with your child on the morning of Wednesday, 18th December. Contributions can be handed to the class teachers.

Thank you for helping us spread joy and make a positive impact!

Swimming

After the Christmas break, Year 3 and Year 4 are scheduled to begin their swimming lessons. However, at this time, we are unsure if these sessions can go ahead. While some parents have kindly offered to help, we still need the necessary paperwork to process their DBS forms. If you are able to support, even for just one week, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you're interested in assisting—thank you in advance for your support!

Parking


When parking around the school site or dropping off and collecting your children, please be mindful of other road users and, most importantly, the safety of pedestrians. We kindly ask that you avoid parking at or near road junctions and be considerate of local residents. Unfortunately, we have received a complaint about cars being parked across driveways. Let's work together to ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone in our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Coffee Morning

****Reminder****

Thursday 12th December 9:00 to 10:30

We are delighted to share our Parent Group which is part of the pilot of the new Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project. This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend). We will be joined by reps from Somerset parent carer forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.



PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS


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Parent Coffee Session

St Andrews Church School

Thursday 12th December
9:00 to 10:30



<p>Inspired Schools Christmas Holiday Camps</p>	<p>**Reminder** Note from Inspired School - We are proud to have once again been granted funding through the Happy Healthy Holidays initiative which means spaces, with hot meals, are available for children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals or who are deemed as vulnerable. You should have already received communication from SASP with the codes needed to book these funded spaces, as booking goes live on Monday 18th November at 10.00am. If you haven't already had this communication please contact SASP on hhh@sasp.co.uk or contact their helplines on 07842 411084 or 01823 653992. Parents will need to have been given this code to book any spaces and they will be eager to book on Monday morning whilst there is still availability. For more information on how to book, see flyer at the bottom of the newsletter.</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: Anastasia Barbu</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: Adeline Child</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. Well done to the winners: Acorn Class – Reuben Rooker Wren Class – Beatrice Jones Dandelion Class – Rufus Fardon Magpie Class – Cooper Shepherd Kingfisher Class – Ruth Otuchi Weasel Class – Finley Nguyen Willow Class – Tilly Hicks Bramble Class – Lucas State Raven Class – Myla Hawkes Heron Class – Evie Channon Reader Otter Class – Madison Dyer Newt Class – Lily-Mae Harvey</p>

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Harley	Mark Been	6H Otter	6963
2	Mollie	Grace Dederer	6H Otter	3352
3	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	3203
4	Sam	Haley Bellomo	6H Otter	3200
5	Finley	Aiden Bauer	6GK Heron	3017
6	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	2251
7	Mya	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	2166
8	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	2113
9	Mason	Irock Night	6G Newt	1844
10	Maria	Pearl Delp	6G Newt	1721

Year 5 Tournament

1	Rory	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	2704
2	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	2246
3	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	1611
4	Emily	Lauren Wagler	5L Bramble	1539
5	Lucas	Jed Boy	5L Bramble	1408
6	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	1233
7	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1022
8	Amelia	Joel Jules	5L Bramble	936
9	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	688
10	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	598

Year 4 Tournament

1	Yusuf	Beau Ramirez	4B Kingfisher	3461
2	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	2736
3	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	1752
4	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	1704
5	Elijah	Nick Preciado	4B Kingfisher	1703
6	Meriza	Layla West	4B Kingfisher	1360
7	Codie	Toryn McKeon	4S Weasel	1265
8	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	1006
9	Frankie	Chad Riley	4M Magpie	984
10	Charlie	Mason Tyner	4M Magpie	933

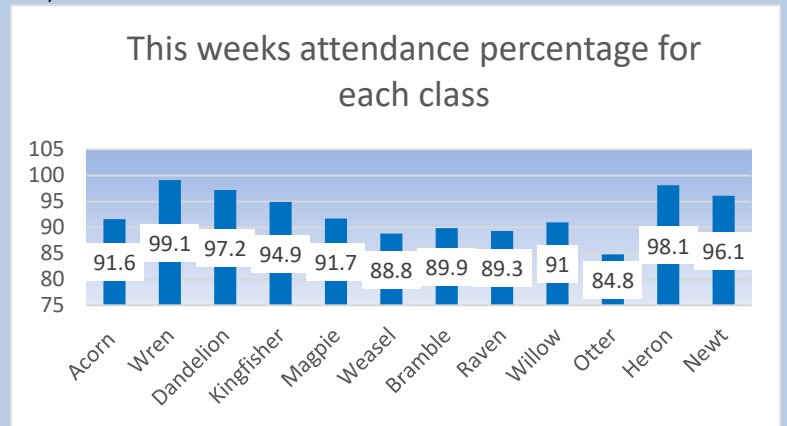
Year 3 Tournament

1	Lucas	Chuck Manga	3P Dandelion	3500
2	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1130
3	Ollie	Marc Falco	3P Dandelion	1108
4	Mia	Taylor Fox	3N Wren	955
5	Ava	Mindy DiFulvio	3N Wren	716
6	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	488
7	Dima-Cristian	Ty Redding	3DG Acorn	466
8	Natalia	Kate Scibilia	3DG Acorn	462
9	Koby	Dina Zevon	3DG Acorn	461
10	Charlie	Thomas Berry	3DG Acorn	457

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

This week, we noticed a slight increase in the number of children arriving late to school. While we understand that mornings can sometimes be a challenge, it's important to aim for a prompt start to the day to ensure children don't miss valuable learning time. Let's work together to bring lateness down next week and help our pupils make the most of every school day. Thank you for your support!

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 02/12/24	W/C 25/11/24
Blackwell	9	10
Foley	3	5
Macmillan	12	9
Reed	7	6
Total	31	30

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

	<p>Thomson, Chrissie Collett. Our safeguarding governor is Kerry Andrews</p> <p>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/</p> <p>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.</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>The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021’s release, Vanguard, wasn’t quite as well received, this latest entry – Modern Warfare II – is proving to be hugely popular. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features – unsurprisingly – extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and potential political nature of the plot, there’s much for parents to be aware of. Click on the link below to access a guide where you’ll find tips on a number of potential risks such as offensive chat/messaging, ingame purchases and addiction.</p> <p>what-parents-need-to-know-about-call-of-duty-modern-warfare-ii-parents-guide.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. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p>
<p>For your Information</p>	

Christmas Holidays - Inspired Camps Burnham



**30th, 31st December
& - 2nd, 3rd January**

- BASC Ground
- Active Camps (Multi-sports)



Medals for all

Presentation ceremony on the final day



£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount



Inspired Schools
01278 550945

hello@inspiredschools.co.uk

inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

<https://inspiredschools.schoolipal.co.uk/>



For paid places

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

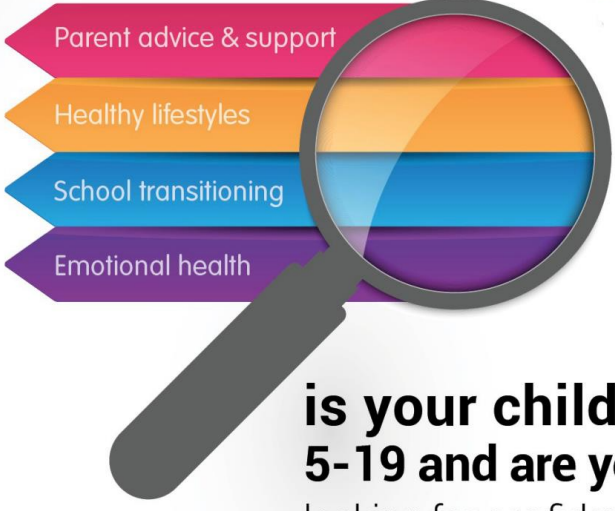
Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

- Bookable on **18th November**
- Register for our community now





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	
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	
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

Key Dates: Autumn Term

Date	Activity	Details
Monday 2nd September	Staff Training	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 3rd September	Staff Training	School closed for staff training
Wednesday 4th September	First day of Autumn Term	Welcome Back
Monday 9th September	'Meet the Teacher' week.	Parents and carers have the opportunity to visit their child(ren)'s new teachers and classrooms and to find out what the children are learning about and what life is like in their new classroom.
Monday 9th September 3.15 -3.45pm	Year 3 Meet the Teacher	
Tuesday 10th September 3.15 -3.45pm	Year 4 Meet the Teacher	

Wednesday 11th September 3.15 -3.45pm	Year 5 Meet the Teacher	
Thursday 12th September 3.15 -3.45pm	Year 6 Meet the Teacher	
Friday 20th September	Dahlicious Dress Up Day	This year's Dahlicious Dress Up Day takes place on 13th September. Our school will be celebrating it on 20 th September. Schools and workplaces across the UK will be brimming with Oompa-Loompas, Twits and Matildas in aid of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.
Monday 30th September	Harvest Festival	A celebration of the food grown on the land - we celebrate this day by singing, praying and collecting fruit and food in a festival known as 'Harvest Festival',
Tuesday 15th October	Individual School Photos – Tempest - TBC	All children and siblings in school have individual school photos by Tempest.

Date	Activity	Details
End of Autumn term 1 Thursday 17th October	Last day of Autumn term 1	
Friday 18th October	Staff Training	School closed for staff training
Monday 21st October -Friday 1st November	Half term	Enjoy your break!
Autumn Term 2 Starts Monday 4th November	First day of Autumn term 2 School Starts	Start 2nd Half of Autumn Term
Wednesday 13th November 3.15—6.30pm	Parents' Evening	Lists of appointments will be available for you to sign up to during w/c 4 th November. Appointments are for ten minutes and we would encourage you to not bring your child to the appointment.
Thursday 14th November 3.15—6.30pm		
Friday 15th November	Children in Need	Letter and details provided nearer the time
Friday 29th November	St Andrews Day	On this day we recognise the

		Patron Saint of our school
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Children take part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. A suggested £1 donation and the chance to feel festive wearing your Christmas jumper to school.
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch -	All children have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.
Friday 20th December	School Carol Service	We will be having our carol service in St Andrews's Church. Everyone is welcome. Also, we will be awarding the Headteacher's Commendations.
Friday 20th December	End of Autumn Term 2	School Breaks up for Christmas Holiday