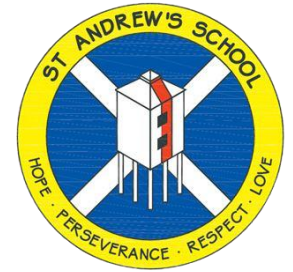




St Andrew's Church of England Junior School



St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 11

Week Commencing 2nd December 2024

Notes for the week: 2nd December 2024

Monday

Swimming Year 6 (from 16th Sep)

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

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 Newt Class 6G

PE Heron Class 6GK

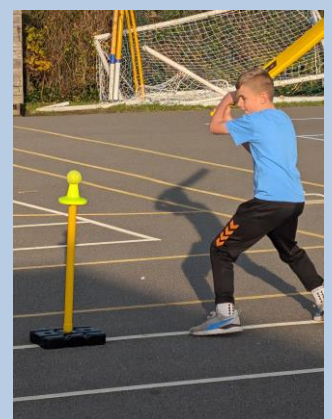
Headteacher Information

As we finish November and step into the Advent season, the school is beginning to take on a festive atmosphere! With just three weeks left of term, we are excitedly preparing for Christmas, and the energy and joy among the children and staff really make you feel festive.

Today, we had the pleasure of celebrating St. Andrew's Day with a special visit to our church. The children participated in a beautiful service led by Rev. Cheryl, which offered us all a moment of reflection and a chance to come together as a community in celebration.

PE and Sports

Some of the classes in the school have been enjoying their cricket coaching on a Tuesday. We have had Will from Somerset Cricket who has been delivering weekly sessions on improving the children's (and adults) batting and fielding skills. Those classes have another 3 sessions before the end of term to enjoy. Magpie class went to TKASA to enjoy a carousel of sports activities that were designed and run by the year 7 and 8 PE sports leaders. This was a fantastic session enjoyed by all of the children and was extremely well run and designed by the students with help from Alex Caird from SASP. Raven class will be enjoying a similar session in the New Year.



SASA and Fundraising

Dear Friends of St Andrew's School,
At this year's Christmas Fair, we will be having a Tombola stall. In the past this has been the most successful stall at the Fair due to your generous contributions. If you are able to support us, please send any donations to the office. Please see suggested items below:

Year 3 Sweets, chocolate

Year 4 Tins, jars

Year 5 Toiletries

Year 6 Bottle

	<p>We would also be happy to receive contributions of books, games, toys and bric-a-brac for our White Elephant stall. There will also be a cake stall and any donations of cakes on the day will be gratefully received.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you on Monday 16th December.</p> <p>Katie Haines Chairperson SASA</p> <p>If you want to help out on the day or support in any way please contact Katie on katie.haines@saja.theplt.org.uk</p>
<p>Christmas Jumper Day</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you for helping us spread joy and make a positive impact!</p>
<p>Christmas lunch</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Autumn Attendance</p>	<p>As we approach the end of the term, we want to take a moment to reflect on our school's attendance and its crucial role in our children's' success. Overall, we are pleased to report that our attendance rates are generally good for most pupils. However, it's essential to address the issue of persistent absence for some students.</p> <p>Understanding Persistent Absence: Persistent absence is classified as attendance below 90%, and this was recently highlighted as a concern in our attendance report. Research consistently shows a strong correlation between poor attendance and poor academic achievement. Therefore, we are keenly emphasizing the importance of regular attendance for all pupils.</p> <p>Monitoring Your Child's Attendance: If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will receive a letter to make you aware of this situation. We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child's attendance improves in the coming month. Regular school attendance is a key factor in unlocking your child's potential and achieving their academic goals.</p> <p>Illness and Attendance: We understand that children may experience occasional coughs or colds. However, even with mild illnesses, we still expect your child to attend school. If you have concerns about your child's health, please inform their teacher when dropping them off. Our dedicated staff will ensure your child receives the care they need and will contact you if any concerns arise during the school day.</p> <p>Attendance Facts: We want to share some important attendance facts to highlight the impact of attendance on academic success:</p>

	<p>Above 97%: Less than 6 days of absence a year – Excellent attendance!</p> <p>95%: Less than 10 days of absence in a year – More likely to achieve targets.</p> <p>90%: 20 days of absence over the year – Missing approximately a month of school and may fall behind.</p> <p>85%: 30 days of absence in a year – Missing approximately 6 weeks of school, making it challenging to keep up and achieve the best.</p> <p>80%: Missing a day for every week of school – Extremely challenging to keep up with learning; attendance will be closely monitored.</p> <p>We appreciate your ongoing support in prioritizing attendance and ensuring that your child has the best opportunity to succeed academically. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out to us.</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>Performance by 4Front Theatre</p>	<p>We are delighted to share that on Thursday, 5th December, we will welcome 4Front Theatre to our school for a special performance of 'Herald of Herod'. This promises to be an exciting and enriching experience for the children, bringing stories to life in a fun and engaging way.</p> <p>This event has been 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.</p>
<p>St Andrew's Day</p>	<p>As mentioned above, on Friday it was St Andrew's Day and we celebrated it by attending a service at St Andrew's Church. I have to say that it was lovely to be able to attend the church again and the children were in fine voice with their singing.</p> <p>Thank you to our readers:</p> <p>Year 3—Molly Bowman, Poppy-Mae Cann, Theo Payne Year 4—Megan Couchman, Ella Knight, Ben Hayward Year 5—Lily Parr, Jayden Thorne, Rory Martin Year 6—Freya Jeffries, Tyran Garry, Callie Butcher-Adams</p> <p>Well done! Thank you to all the parents who helped with walking the children to the church and back.</p>
<p>School Choir</p>	<p>Congratulations and thank you to Miss Davies, Mrs Wyton, and our outstanding school choir for their festive performance at the Burnham-on-Sea Christmas Light Switch-On on Saturday. Their voices truly shone, bringing joy and festive spirit to the community. Your representation reflects the excellence and pride we take in our school.</p> <p>Well done, and thank you for spreading holiday cheer!</p>

The King Alfred School's Christmas Fair



YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE KING ALFRED SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON & CRAFT FAIR
Jay Bakes - Made by Britton - Amy's Wax Cottage - DS Leather - Kerry's Card Kreation - Sam's Fudge
CAROLS . FOOD . DRINKS
02 DEC | FREE ENTRY | 4-6 PM
 The King Alfred School, Burnham Road, Highbridge

Santa's Christmas Cracker at The Princess Theatre

Join Father Christmas and friends for a fun, festive, musical adventure to discover the wonder of Christmas – you may even get to pull a cracker with Dotty the Elf!



Santa's Christmas Cracker is a 45 minute, interactive family show, particularly suitable for 2-8 year olds. Afterwards the adventure continues as each child gets to meet Father Christmas and receive a specially wrapped present from him – it's the most Christmassy Christmas show ever, HO-HO-HO! Songs include festive favourites Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, The Twelve Days Of Christmas, Deck The Halls, We Wish You A Merry Christmas and many more!

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
Parent Coffee Session
 St Andrews Church School
 Thursday 12th December 9:00 to 10:30

School Uniform****Reminder****

You will be aware that we have changed our uniform supplier to Price & Buckland, in line with The Priory Learning Trust.

We still have a small amount of stock held at a discounted price of up to 50%.

Please order through Scopay.

Product	Stock count	Price
Foley T-Shirt (Yellow) (7-8 yrs 28")	1	3.25
Macmillian T-Shirt (White) (7-8 yrs 28")	1	3.25
Reed T-Shirt (Red) (11-12 yrs 32")	1	3.25
Sweatshirts (9-10 yrs, 30")	2	5.85
Sweatshirts (15-16 (xs))	10	5.85
Sweatshirts (17 (s))	2	5.85
Tie	24	2.00

Inspired Schools Christmas Holiday Camps****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.

Rewarding Reading

Star Quizzers – Passing AR Quizzes
This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates:

Hugo Reed
Lucas Reason

Reading Champions
Massive well done to **Jorgie Fardon, Eniolami Picard and Maria Sobin** for becoming Reading Half millionaires and also to **Anastasia Barbu** for becoming a Reading 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:
Gracie Harris

**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 – Sydney Scrannage
Dandelion Class – Edie Franks
Magpie Class – Heidi Massingham
Kingfisher Class – Yusuf Uddin
Weasel Class – Issabelle Dell
Willow Class – Alexis Vokins

Bramble Class – Gabrielle La Gambina
 Raven Class – Louie Wilkes
 Heron Class – Riley Skelding
 Newt Class – Oscar Laws

TT Rock Stars

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Harley	Mark Been	6H Otter	6586
2	Cameron	Erol Pehrson	6H Otter	5413
3	Mollie	Grace Dederer	6H Otter	3155
4	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	3123
5	Nithin	Frank Palmer	6G Newt	2641
6	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	2437
7	Tyran	Monk Talley	6H Otter	2247
8	Jake	Jon Santana	6H Otter	1957
9	Finley	Aiden Bauer	6GK Heron	1945
10	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	1943

Year 5 Tournament

1	Emily	Lauren Wagler	5L Bramble	2652
2	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	2385
3	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	1511
4	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	1310
5	Rory	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	1144
6	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	1025
7	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	970
8	Lucas	Jed Boy	5L Bramble	911
9	Isla	Regina Class	5L Bramble	858
10	Cain	Ryan Bottum	5L Bramble	775

Year 4 Tournament

1	Elijah	Nick Preciado	4B Kingfisher	3279
2	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	1681
3	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	1540
4	Yusuf	Beau Ramirez	4B Kingfisher	1440
5	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	1416
6	Charlie	Mason Tyner	4M Magpie	1209
7	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	1126
8	Codie	Toryn McKeon	4S Weasel	1096
9	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	944
10	Lavinia	Perry Furay	4M Magpie	934

Year 3 Tournament

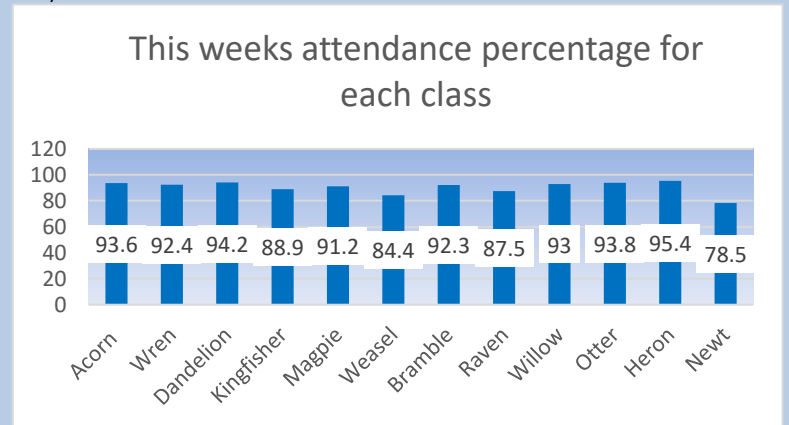
1	Lucas	Chuck Manga	3P Dandelion	3329
2	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1568
3	Ollie	Marc Falco	3P Dandelion	1204
4	Theo	Pete Smile	3P Dandelion	1148
5	Mia	Taylor Fox	3N Wren	747
6	Ronni	Zara Bridwell	3DG Acorn	679
7	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	648
8	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	624
9	Ava	Mindy DiFulvio	3N Wren	565

10	Theo	Benjamin Pierre	3N Wren	469
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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

A slight reduction on last weeks lateness, lets see if we can bring it down again next week. Thank you

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 25/11/24	W/C 18/11/24
Blackwell	10	10
Foley	5	5
Macmillan	9	17
Reed	6	7
Total	30	39

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, in-game 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

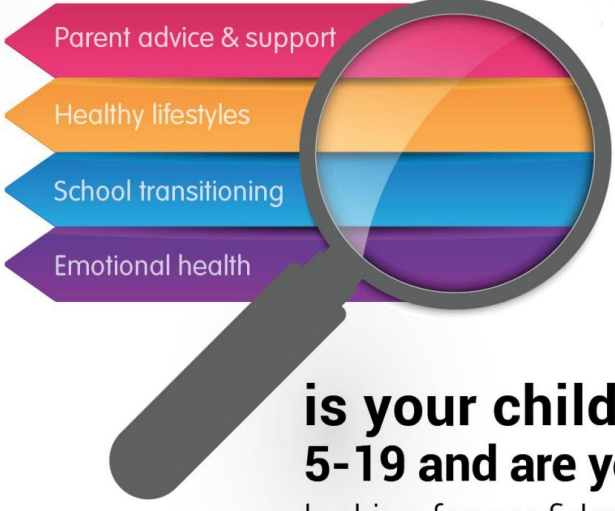
Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

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





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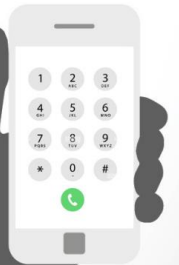


**is your child
5-19 and are you**
looking for confidential
help and support?

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.

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