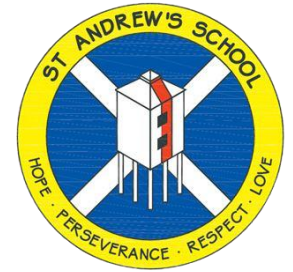




# St Andrew's Church of England Junior School



## St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 10

Week Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Notes for the week: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### Monday

Swimming Year 6 (from 16<sup>th</sup> 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

It's been another busy week at St. Andrew's, packed with exciting activities and learning across the school. Despite the rainy start, Willow Class had a fantastic time at their cricket session on Tuesday, showing great energy and enthusiasm. By Wednesday, the sun made an appearance—though it stayed chilly—and Newt Class made the most of their forest school session, exploring and learning outdoors.

In Year 3, the children have been working hard in maths, mastering column addition with impressive focus and determination. Over in Year 4, the Saxons remain the topic of interest as they've been exploring settlements and understanding why the Saxons chose to settle in the UK. Sticking with the history theme, Year 5 has been delving into the Victorian era, with a particular focus on Burnham's past, building up to their much-anticipated historical walk.

Perhaps most exciting of all, Year 6 had the arrival of a real WWII Anderson shelter this week! The children were thrilled to get a hands-on sense of history, imagining what life would have been like during the war and what it must have felt like to take shelter in one.

It's wonderful to see our children engaging so enthusiastically in their learning. Let's hope for some brighter weather as we head into next week!

#### SASA and Fundraising

Did you know that you can save and raise a donation of up to £37.50 for St Andrew's Burnham when you use #easyfundraising. easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

St Andrew's Burnham  
© Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset  
£879.58 raised  
68 supporters  
Sign up and support this cause

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewsburnham/>

#### SASA Christmas Fair

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

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. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.  
Katie Haines  
Chairperson SASA

### The Priory Learning Trust Update


As you may have been aware, we have been working towards a revised target conversion date of 1st January 2024. Unfortunately, we've been notified by the DfE Regional School Director that they will be unable to meet the deadlines required for a 1st January conversion due to capacity pressures within their team and the tight timelines surrounding the Christmas break, with all documentation needing to be finalized well before the holiday period. As a result, our conversion date has now been moved to 1st February 2024, allowing us until 31st January to ensure everything is in place.

As you can understand we are disappointed, especially as we're all eager to move forward. However, with the short month in December, this delay isn't entirely surprising.

### Parent Coffee Morning

#### 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.



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**Parent Coffee Session**

St Andrews Church School

Thursday 12th December  
9:00 to 10:30



### St Andrew's Day

On Friday, 29th, we will be celebrating St. Andrew's Day. As part of the celebration, the entire school will be attending a special worship session at St Andrew's Church. Due to space constraints, we regret to inform you that parents will not be able to attend this particular event. We will be walking the children to and from the church.

**School Choir**

Good luck to the school choir who will be singing at the turning on of the Christmas lights on Saturday. If you are attending the event don't forget to pop by and show your support. Thank you to Miss Davies and Mrs Wyton for supporting this event, and to all the parents to transporting their children to this event.

**School Uniform**

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

**Free workshops - Tuning into Kids**

We are looking to run Tuning into Kids sessions in the Spring term. These sessions will cover a range of topics related to emotional well-being, providing practical tips, and fostering open discussions. Whether it's addressing anxieties related to transitions or understanding the emotional challenges that may arise, these sessions aim to equip parents with valuable insights and tools to support their children effectively.

Details of the Sessions:

Sessions: **Between 6 to 8 sessions**

Duration: Each session will be 2 hours long

Purpose: The sessions will be dedicated to providing support and guidance for parents in navigating and understanding the emotions of their children.

If you are interested please complete the form by clicking on this link below.

<https://forms.gle/4AoYnub6ryKfmGe27>

**Inspired Schools Christmas Holiday Camps**

**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.

**Class Emails**

**\*\*Reminder\*\***

As we transition to our new email system, please note that we will no longer be using the individual class emails. If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please send your message to our school office mailbox at

office@saja.theplt.org.uk and include the class name in the subject line. The office will then forward your message to the appropriate teacher.

**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:

**Ronnie Scrannage**



**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 – Esme Tolley
- Wren Class – Poppy-Mae Cann
- Maggie Class – Elsie-Mae Hayward
- Kingfisher Class – Pippa Jones
- Weasel Class – Kyle Smith
- Willow Class – Brendan Wharton
- Bramble Class – Daisy Boyer
- Raven Class – Lucas Sherriff
- Heron Class – Oliver Waterfield
- Otter Class – Anastasia Gayfer
- Newt Class – Maria Sobin

**TT Rock Stars**

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

Year 6 Tournament

1	Archie	Blue Cavaliere	6G Newt	5876
2	Theo	Count Bowie	6G Newt	4153
3	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	3692
4	Cohen	Jon Black	6H Otter	3357
5	Cameron	Erol Pehrson	6H Otter	3117
6	Gracie	Sky Rocket	6G Newt	3057
7	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	2971
8	Mollie	Grace Dederer	6H Otter	2883
9	Finley	Aiden Bauer	6GK Heron	2574
10	Archie	Blue Cavaliere	6G Newt	5876

Year 5 Tournament

1	Lucas	Jed Boy	5L Bramble	3521
2	Emily	Lauren Wagler	5L Bramble	2373
3	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	1856
4	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	1515
5	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	1456
6	Rory	Mikal Powers	5L Bramble	1386
7	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	1137
8	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	909
9	Amelia	Joel Jules	5L Bramble	836
10	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	674

Year 4 Tournament

1	Meriza	Layla West	4B Kingfisher	1806
2	Esme	Livia Brooke	4B Kingfisher	1604

3	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	1385
4	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	1372
5	Yusuf	Beau Ramirez	4B Kingfisher	1279
6	Oakley	Jack Shears	4M Magpie	1244
7	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	4B Kingfisher	1153
8	Codie	Toryn McKeon	4S Weasel	963
9	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	4M Magpie	931
10	Noah	Phillip Lightspeed	4B Kingfisher	924

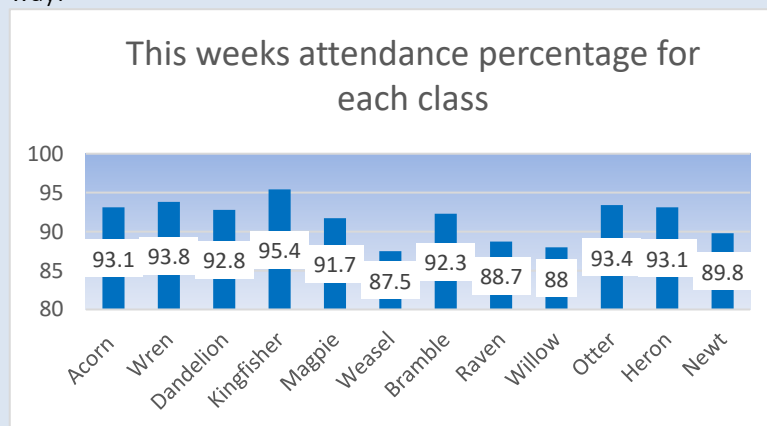
#### Year 3 Tournament

1	Ollie	Marc Falco	3P Dandelion	1621
2	Lucas	Chuck Manga	3P Dandelion	1580
3	Mia	Taylor Fox	3N Wren	899
4	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	735
5	Ava	Mindy DiFulvio	3N Wren	729
6	Theo	Pete Smile	3P Dandelion	647
7	Cash	Eric Ramirez	3N Wren	514
8	Dima-C	Ty Redding	3DG Acorn	489
9	Mia	Loreena Stewart	3N Wren	482
10	Beatrice	Peyton Free	3N Wren	476

#### 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 steep increase in lateness this week and would love to see this come back down next week. Arriving on time ensures children start the day calmly and don't miss valuable learning. For those with consistent lateness, letters will be sent home to offer further support. Let's work together to bring those numbers back down! Thank you for your help.

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 18/11/24	W/C 11/11/24
Blackwell	10	8
Foley	5	3
Macmillan	17	8
Reed	7	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>

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

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.

[what-parents-need-to-know-about-tiktok-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**



# SHOP FOR A 'CURE' FOR CHRISTMAS!

**In aid of Somerset Breast Cancer Now**

**Come and join us on Sunday 24th November 2024**  
**Berrow Village Hall, Parsonage road, Berrow**  
**10.30am-2pm**

**Stall Holders will be displaying an assortment of items from:**

- Handmade Cards, pictures, Bespoke Jewellery,
- Ceramic & glass decorations, Christmas gifts, decorations, Gifts for your pets, homemade chocolate, fudge, flower wreaths, hand knitted gifts, Christmas decs, stocking fillers, Button art, Glitter art,
- Plus sooo much more..

**LOWES pottery are here to help you create that perfect Unique gift this is always a hit with the children!**

**Sedgemoor FM will also be joining us on for Christmas fun!**

**Charity Raffle & Tombola stalls**

**Free Entry & All ages welcome**

**Refreshments available on the day including HOT BACON ROLLS!!! Homemade cakes!**

**Come along & support the Somerset Breast Cancer Now Group & help us raise money to help fund the Research into the cure for Breast Cancer!**

Registered Charity: 1160558



# 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



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

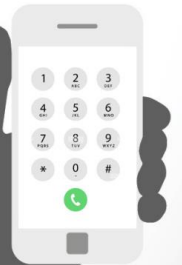
Emotional health

**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	
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	
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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

### Key Dates: Autumn Term

Date	Activity	Details
<b>Monday 2nd September</b>	Staff Training	School closed for staff training
<b>Tuesday 3rd September</b>	Staff Training	School closed for staff training
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First day of Autumn Term	Welcome Back
<b>Monday 9th September</b>	'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.
<b>Monday 9th September</b> <b>3.15 -3.45pm</b>	Year 3 Meet the Teacher	
<b>Tuesday 10th September</b> <b>3.15 -3.45pm</b>	Year 4 Meet the Teacher	

<b>Wednesday 11th September</b> 3.15 -3.45pm	Year 5 Meet the Teacher	
<b>Thursday 12th September</b> 3.15 -3.45pm	Year 6 Meet the Teacher	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Dahlicious Dress Up Day	This year's Dahlicious Dress Up Day takes place on 13th September. Our school will be celebrating it on 20 <sup>th</sup> 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.
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	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',
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Individual School Photos – Tempest - TBC	All children and siblings in school have individual school photos by Tempest.

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

		Patron Saint of our school
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	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.
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	Whole School Christmas Lunch -	All children have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	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.
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	End of Autumn Term 2	School Breaks up for Christmas Holiday