



St Andrew's Church of England Junior School



St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 7

Week Commencing 20th October 2025

'Shining Light on a World of Possibilities'

Notes for the week: 20th October 2025

Monday

Tuesday

School Photos

Wednesday

PE Year 3

PE Year 4

Forest School - Acorn

Thursday

Friday

PE Year 5

PE Year 6

Forest School - Magpie

Headteacher Information

It's hard to believe that we are already in our final week of Term 1 — the past seven weeks have certainly flown by! It has been a busy and exciting start to the year, and the children have really embraced our new enquiry-based curriculum. They have shared some thoughtful ideas, posed some great questions, and shown a real enthusiasm for their learning.

The children have also enjoyed exploring our new writing curriculum, which has introduced them to a range of engaging and inspiring texts. Year 6, in particular, loved reading Tuesday by David Wiesner and produced some wonderful pieces of writing as a result.

In Collective Worship, we have been reflecting on our school value of Perseverance — thinking about why we should never give up, and how perseverance helps us to build character and develop hope.

SASA

On Tuesday night we had our SASA Annual General Meeting. I am pleased to say that the following roles have been filled:

Chair: Katie Haines

Treasurer x 2: Nicola Broom and Alison Mead

Secretary: Natasha Ratcliffe

Communications x 2 (in school and out of school): Nicola Broom

If you would like to get involved please contact the school office. Minutes from the meeting have been posted on the school website where you can also find out more about SASA.

SASA School Disco

SASA Discos – Friday 24th October 2025

Don't forget Friday, 24th October we will be having our fun packed Disco.

£2.00 entry on the door to include squash or water

- Year 3 & 4 from 4.30pm until 5.30pm
- Year 5 & 6 starting at 5.45pm until 6.45pm

Entrance for the disco is through the small Year 3 playground.

Children must be collected, by an adult, at the end. Please go through the main entrance.

To reduce congestion, we ask you **not** to park on the school site and to avoid Kingsway and Dunstan Road.

Children are **not** to bring mobile phones to the disco.

Thank you for your co-operation.



PE

Staff Training Day

Just a reminder that we will be having a staff training day on **Monday 3rd November** . The school will be closed to pupils.

School Nurse

‘Welcome to the Somerset School Nurse Service!

We’d like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and the School Nursing Service to all families—whether your child is starting school or returning after the summer break. As part of Somerset’s commitment to supporting children’s health and wellbeing, our School Nurse Service is here to help your child thrive—both in and out of the classroom. School nurses are qualified nurses and public health professionals who work with families of children aged 5 to 19, offering confidential advice, care, and support on a wide range of health topics. Whether it’s guidance on sleep, healthy lifestyles, emotional wellbeing or continence, our team is here to support you and your child. We work closely with schools, families, and other professionals to ensure every child gets the help they need to stay healthy, happy, and safe

ChatHealth – Easy, Confidential Support via Text message.

ChatHealth is a confidential text messaging service for parents and carers of children aged 5–19. You can text a qualified school nurse for advice. Just send a message to **07480 635515**—available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding bank

holidays)

The Importance of Good Attendance

At St Andrew's, we all want the very best for our children. Regular attendance at school plays a huge role in ensuring they achieve their full potential, both now and in the future.

We completely understand that children sometimes get sick and need a day or two to recover. However, frequent broken weeks or patchy days off can quickly add up and impact overall attendance.

The national curriculum is carefully structured in sequences of learning. Missing just a few days here and there can mean children miss key elements of this learning, which can leave gaps in their education that are hard to catch up on.

By aiming for consistent attendance, we can help our children build solid foundations, make the most of their education, and secure the best opportunities for their future.

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance—every day counts!



Staffing

After a successful interview process, we are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Office Administrator to replace Jane Ellis. Tracy Lefrere will be joining us after half term, subject to all checks being completed.

We have also received two applications for the Lunchtime Staff position and will be holding interviews next week. In addition, applications for the two LSA positions remain open until Sunday.

2026 Admissions Process – Yr7


****Final Reminder****

YEAR 6 PARENTS

We have notified that there are still a number of parents who haven't applied for a place at secondary school.

The admissions process for school place applications for September 2026 has begun and the portal was live for secondary applications from Monday 15 September and for primary applications from Monday 29 September.

For children due to transfer to a secondary or upper school the closing date for applications is 31 October 2025 and the national offer day is 2 March 2026.

	<p>For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior or middle school the closing date for applications is 15th January 2026 and the national offer day is 16 April 2026.</p> <p>https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/</p>
<p>Class Emails</p>	<p>In the past, we have used class email addresses (e.g. <i>otterclass@standrewsjuniors.co.uk</i>) for parents to contact class teachers. These accounts are now closed.</p> <p>If you wish to contact your child’s class teacher, please either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email the school office at <i>office@saja.theplt.org.uk</i>, and your message will be forwarded, or • Use the teacher’s direct email address, which will be added to your child’s planner shortly. <p>Please note that teacher emails will only be monitored between 8:00am and 5:00pm. Messages sent outside these hours will be picked up the next working day.</p>
<p>Christmas Lunch Dinners</p>	<p>We are excited to announce that our Christmas lunch this year will take place on Wednesday 17th December 2025! It’s always a lovely festive occasion, and we can’t wait to see the children enjoy a special seasonal meal together. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with everyone and sharing in some Christmas cheer! Please book the Christmas dinner in the normal way on Select. Please ask at the office if you need a new code.</p>
<p>Autumn and Winter Day Camps at YMCA</p>	<p>We’re excited to announce our upcoming October and Christmas Day Camps!</p> <p>We’ve listened to your feedback, and this year we’re making things even more flexible —</p> <p>Both October Half Term and Christmas Holiday Day Camps will be available to book as individual day sessions. Whether you need just a day or two of fun-filled childcare or want to join us for the whole week, the choice is yours! Each day will be packed with activities, games, and festive fun designed to keep children active, creative, and engaged throughout the holidays.</p>  <p>The poster features a yellow background with a purple wave at the top. It includes photos of children in outdoor settings and a group of children in blue life jackets on a boat. Text on the poster includes: 'YMCA DAYCAMPS', 'Bookings available for October and December!', a calendar icon with dates '27-31 October' and '22-24 December', a location pin icon for 'Yew Trees Farm, BS26 2SA', a checkmark icon for 'Now taking day bookings for October and Christmas holidays', a purple button with the text 'Sign your child up to experience new adventures, learn new skills and make lifelong friendships!', and a footer with 'For children in reception to Year 6' and 'Call 07395797843 or visit ymca-dg.org to book'.</p>


Christmas Stall Holders - WANTED!


Message from TKASA


We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Christmas Light Switch On event at our school and would love to invite local stallholders, crafters, and small businesses to join us for an evening of festive fun!


For those wishing to attend in a stall holder capacity, please complete the google form at the bottom of this email. For those putting this into your diary to attend in a visitor capacity, please share our posters on social media and with friends and family.



 Date: Monday 1st December 2025

 Location: The King Alfred School Academy – Main School Hall


 Time: Stallholders may arrive from 15:30pm to set up. The general public entry and event will run from 16:30pm – 18:30pm.

 Christmas Light Switch On: This will be at 17:45pm
This is a lovely opportunity to showcase your products, support the school, and be part of a joyful community celebration.

If you'd like to book a stall or need more information, please complete the below google form or contact us with any questions:

 [Google Form](#)

 info@tkasa.theplt.org.uk

 01278 784881

Once you have registered your interest! We will review your details and be in touch to confirm your stall. Please complete this form by no later than Sunday 23rd November.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Non-uniform day for Macmillan - 23rd October

****Reminder****

I met with the house captains for Macmillan house to discuss setting a date for their non-uniform day as a reward for winning the house cup last term. We have agreed on **Thursday 23rd October**. This will be a non-uniform day for only the children in Macmillan (White) house.

Holiday Camps

Inspired Schools Holiday Camps will be running during the October half-term, offering fun and engaging activities for children of all ages. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out – booking is now open!

For more information and to *Secure your child's place*



October Holiday Camps

Northgate, Bridgwater
North Petherton Primary
Woolavington Primary
The Blue School, Wells

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th
October

Multiparts and Football available at Northgate & The Blue School

E20 Per day
10% Whole week discount
15% Booking discount

Hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
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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:
Oakley Bradshaw



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 - Merle Clarke
Wren - Vanessa Stefan
Dandelion - Ella Doble
Weasel - Colton Mayne
Kingfisher - Peter Dyer
Bramble - Rosie Horwood
Magpie - Darci Woolacott
Willow - Jack State
Heron - Florence Wynn
Newt - Lexi Nall
Otter - Erin Hawkes

TT Rock Stars

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Lucas	Jed Boy	6B Heron	4845
2	Matt	Charnai Rockpaperscissors	6H Otter	4803
3	Coby	Inara Golden	6H Otter	4540
4	Nancy	Angelo White	6H Otter	2655
5	Conor	Joseph Mann	6H Otter	2621
6	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	6B Heron	2406
7	Jesse	Maynard Howe	6G Newt	2064
8	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	6G Newt	1879
9	Rory	Mikal Powers	6B Heron	1875
10	Jack	Alexx Useche	6G Newt	1860

Year 5 Tournament

1	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	5K Magpie	3173
2	Lily	Susan Andrews	5K Magpie	3072
3	Codie	Toryn McKeon	5D Willow	1912

4	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	5KL Bramble	1778
5	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	5K Magpie	1509
6	Benjamin	Doogie Sullivan	5K Magpie	1381
7	Eliza	Sean Daly	5D Willow	1379
8	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	5KL Bramble	1322
9	Rosie	Coral Gaines	5KL Bramble	1301
10	Lavinia	Perry Furay	5K Magpie	1300

Year 4 Tournament

1	Hugo	Win Hart	4M Kingfisher	2767
2	Lucas	Chuck Manga	4M Kingfisher	1820
3	Harrison	Rippy Martin	4P Dandelion	1409
4	Maisie	Musa Farner	4M Kingfisher	1373
5	Charlie	Thomas Berry	4S Weasel	1048
6	Colton	Ashton Urmston	4S Weasel	975
7	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	4P Dandelion	850
8	Ezra	Axle Telle	4P Dandelion	758
9	Peter	Godzilla Singer	4M Kingfisher	734
10	Molly	Christy Kay	4S Weasel	709

Year 3 Tournament

1	Jack	Buster Brooke	3GD Acorn	2233
2	Taya	Lilymay Redding	3GD Acorn	1849
3	Jeron	Francisco Blackwood	3GD Acorn	1564
4	Jaden	Pink Rock	3GD Acorn	1397
5	Vanessa	Sierra Gardner	3N Wren	1277
6	Jamie-Lee	Jammer Jamie	3N Wren	1014
7	Teddie	Gibby Rizzla	3N Wren	986
8	Layton	Ezra Bradbury	3GD Acorn	937
9	Zak	Blame Mann	3GD Acorn	927
10	Robert	Dan Sub-wiffler	3N Wren	894

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 Sarah Taylor

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

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

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you have concerns about your child at home or school, see the office to book an appointment. Alternatively, if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the police. You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999. If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours please phone the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 123 23 27.

Change of Numbers and email addresses

****Important****

If you have changed your telephone number or email address can you please let the school office know so that we can update

	<p>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>Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game’s makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a ‘sandbox’ title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans. Click on the link below to access a guide where you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as online what-parents-need-to-know-about-roblox-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>The Newsletter shares some information about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 0-25. You can access previous copies of the newsletter here. SEND Newsletter Archive</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>	

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