



St Andrew's Church of England Junior School



St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 8

Week Commencing 11th November 2024

Notes for the week: 11th November 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 Heron Class 6 GK

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

Headteacher Information

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It's been lovely hearing the children share their half-term adventures—especially stories about the beach fireworks and the excitement around this week's carnival, which was a big hit despite the late night!

This week in our collective worship, we've been focusing on firework safety. If you and your family are planning to attend any displays, we hope you have a wonderful and safe time celebrating!

PE

Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Tournament

On the last day of school before the half-term break, our Year 5 and 6 girls competed in an exciting football tournament, which served as a qualifying round for a national competition. The girls demonstrated excellent teamwork, skill, and determination, coming close to a spot in the semi-finals. Congratulations to Sophie, Rosie, Myla, Erin, Adeline, Daisy, Bonnie, Mollie, and Issabelle for their hard work and sportsmanship!

Sedgemoor Schools Cross Country Competition

During the two-week break, many of our students represented our school at the Sedgemoor Schools Cross Country competition. It was fantastic to see so many children taking part over half-term! Here are the results:


- Year 3 Girls (out of 48 runners): Myia - 6th, Mia - 16th, Poppy C - 27th
- Year 3 Boys (out of 56 runners): Ezra - 3rd, Lucas R - 8th, Theo - 10th, Braxton - 31st, Hugo - 41st, Kyron - 48th
- Year 4 Girls (out of 52 runners): Issabelle - 24th, Eliza - 34th
- Year 4 Boys (out of 61 runners): Codie - 3rd, Harry - 26th, Finley - 48th, Alen - 59th
- Year 5 Boys (out of 42 runners): Oscar TM - 9th, Cain - 12th
- Year 6 Girls (out of 45 runners): Mya - 8th, Lily H - 23rd

The Year 3 and 4 course was approximately 1 km, while the Year 5 and 6 course was 1.5 km. Each runner who finishes earns points that contribute to our school's final score. With two more races left before the end of the Spring term, we're looking forward to building on these achievements. The next events will be held at Bridgwater College Academy on Wednesday, 11th December (Years 3 and 5) and Thursday, 12th December (Years 4 and 6), with races beginning promptly at 3:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

Next week, our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in the

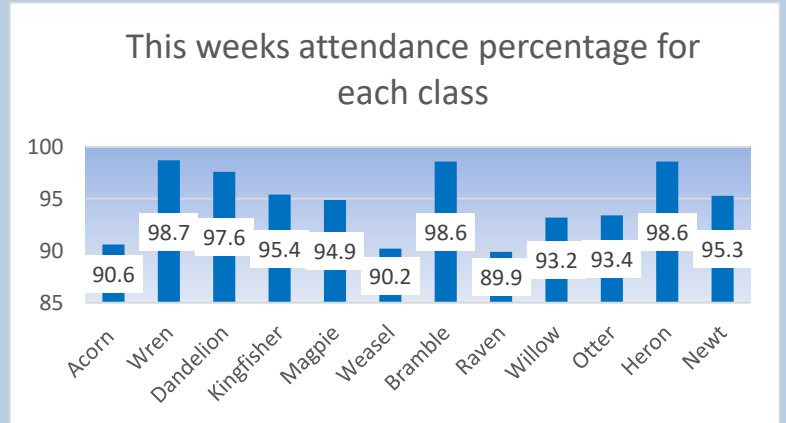
	<p>Sports hall Athletics event at Bridgwater College, and Weasel Class will attend a Primary Sports Festival organized by SASP, also at Bridgwater College Academy. We look forward to seeing our students in action and wish them the best of luck!</p>
<p>SASA and Fundraising</p>	<p>My name is Katie or as your children know me, Mrs Haines. I've recently been appointed Chair of the SASA group at St Andrews, which I am very excited about and I wanted to take some time to share some info about myself. I'm a mum of three and all three have attended or are still within St Andrews. I've worked at the school since 2021 as a Learning Support Assistant which I truly love, and I currently support children within yr4. I love to be creative, being outdoors, art and reading.</p> <p>I am really excited about this role and hope that with the support from yourselves we are able to ensure the children have the opportunity to enjoy different events within the school year that can help fund future trips, fun days, and provide vital equipment throughout the school that can help enrich the learning of all the children at St Andrews.</p> <p>Following the success of the Christmas Fair last year, we are pleased to announce that we will be having a Fair on Monday 16th December. Further information will follow.</p> <p>If there are any ideas or support that you can offer please don't hesitate to contact myself.</p> <p>Thankyou Mrs Haines (Katie) Katie.Haines@saja.theplt.org.uk</p>
<p>Remembrance – Poppy Day</p>	<p>This week, we will continue to provide children with the opportunity to purchase poppies and other merchandise to support Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal. If your child would like to buy something, the poppy boxes will be available outside Otter Class throughout the week.</p> <p>In addition, we will hold a "Wear Red to Remember" day on Monday, November 11th. Children are invited to wear something red to school, whether it's one item like a t-shirt or jumper, or an entire outfit. If you are a member of Scouts, Brownies, Sea Scouts etc you can also come to school in your group uniform. Thank you for joining us in supporting this important cause.</p>
<p>Coats in School</p>	<p>Could all children please bring a warm coat (named) to school every day – the children go out in the fresh air every day throughout the Autumn and Winter and do require a warm coat so that they can do this. Many thanks</p>
<p>Staffing</p>	<p>It is with sincere regret that we announce Mr Panter – our school Caretaker, will be leaving St. Andrew's on the 15th of November. Mr Panter has accepted an exciting new role at TKASA, where we are confident he will continue to excel and make a positive impact.</p> <p>Mr Panter has been an invaluable member of our team, consistently going above and beyond in his role. His dedication to both our staff and students, coupled with his positive attitude and readiness to support wherever needed, has greatly enriched our school community.</p>

	<p>In his time here, Mr Panter has made significant contributions across various areas, from providing steadfast support to colleagues to fostering strong relationships with the children. His presence, along with his commitment to enhancing the learning environment, will be greatly missed.</p> <p>We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr Panter for his hard work, passion, and dedication throughout his years with us. He has left an enduring mark on St. Andrew's, and while we are saddened to see him go, we wish him every success in this new chapter of his career.</p>
Children in Need	<p>This Friday, we're supporting Children in Need with a "Wear Something Spotty/Mufti" day! Children are encouraged to come in spotty clothing or their favourite mufti outfits and bring in a donation of £1. All contributions will go toward helping children in need across the UK. Thank you for your support!</p>
Bags to School	<p>We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all families for your generous donations to our Bags to School appeal! Your contributions not only help support our school but also make a positive impact by encouraging recycling and reuse within the community. We're grateful for your support and look forward to continuing to make a difference together!</p>
Parents Evening	<p>Just a reminder that our Autumn Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. Information on how to book your appointment has already been sent out. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long, and we kindly ask that the time is adhered to, ensuring that all parents are seen at their allotted time. If you would like to discuss anything further after the meeting, please remember that your child's class teacher will be happy to arrange a follow-up appointment.</p> <p>The Parents' Evenings will take place in the school hall. Please enter through the side gate at the Dunstan Road entrance, which leads onto the small playground. Once there, follow through the Year 3 double doors, with Yr3-4 parents heading to Magpie Class and Yr5-6 parents to Heron Class. You will be called through at your allocated time.</p>
Weekly Value Award	<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: Grace Holley-Dodds</p> 
Celebration and Praise	<p>We held our Celebration and Praise Assembly this week to award children who have worked hard this week.</p> <p>Well done to the winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acorn Class – Rosie Pomeroy Wren Class – Lily-Yve McDonnell Dandelion Class – Finley Cooper Magpie Class – Oakley McGinnis Weasel Class – Daisy Hallsworth-Lowe Bramble Class – Bailey Marsh Raven Class – Leah Lloyd Heron Class – Evie Wood Otter Class – Sam Ford

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

With the Carnival on Tuesday the number of lateness is still below where we were before half term. Lets see if we can bring it down more next week.

House	Nos of Lates W/C 4/11/24	Nos of Lates W/C 14/10/24
Blackwell	9	5
Foley	9	13
Macmillan	10	3
Reed	3	11
Total	31	32

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

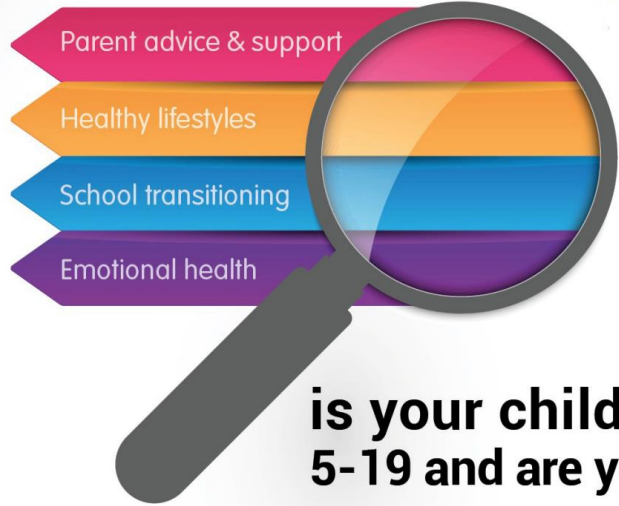
Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Wayne Higgins and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Tamsin

	<p>Thomson, Chrissie Collett. Our safeguarding governor is Sarah Taylor</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>Amigo is a communication platform with (according to its marketing blurb) “the most intelligent algorithm”: capable of matching users with potential chat partners who could live anywhere from the other side of the world to within the same postcode. Once paired, users are rewarded for interacting with each other frequently by additional features being made available to them.</p> <p>These unlockable extras include private video calling. This is an app for mature audiences. There is the flimsiest of barriers to children using it. If (as we imagine) the potential correlation between these three facts has set alarm bells ringing for you ...we’d like to direct you towards this week’s parents’ guide.</p> <p>what-parents-need-to-know-about-amigo-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.</p> <p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p>

For your
Information



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.

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DONATION POINTS FOR



Monday 7th October - Friday 22nd November

Highbridge:

The King Alfred School

Churchfield School

St John's Church

Highbridge Caravans

Sopha

Schools may have their own targeted donation events but are happy to accept public donations anytime within this period

Burnham:

Burnham Infant School

St Joseph's School

St Andrew's School

Burnham Library

Burnham Swim and Sports Academy

Mammoth Comfort Centre (9-11 High St)

Scotts Furnishings

Thank you to them all for their support!

Online donations to help with purchase of wrapping paper, shortage gift items etc. may be made via our 'Give a little' campaign page:

<https://givealittle.co/c/christmassparkle>



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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

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
Thursday 12th 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