



St Andrew's Church of England Junior School

St Andrew's Signpost



Issue 1

Week Commencing 9th September 2024

Notes for the week: 9th September 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 Magpie Class 4M

PE Kingfisher Class 4B

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

A warm welcome to all our families, especially those who are joining us for the first time this week. I hope you all had the chance to enjoy the beautiful summer weather and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school this week. They have come back with such confidence, enthusiasm, and joy, ready to embrace the new school year. We're looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead together!

PE

PE Sessions will start for most children this week. As we have done in previous years, on your child's PE day we ask that your child comes to school in their school PE kit (including swimming days) which is as follows:

- House coloured T-shirt with the school logo
- Black shorts
- Daps/trainers
- Black tracksuit bottoms and school sports hoodie for cold weather

PE Days are on the following days:

Monday: Dandelion 3P, Wren 3N, Magpie 4M and Acorn 3GD

Tuesday: Bramble 5L, Willow 5D, Kingfisher 4B and Weasels 4S

Wednesday: Magpie 4M, Kingfisher 4B, Raven 5K Heron 6 GK and Otter 6H

Thursday: Wren 3N, Willow 5D, Bramble 5L and Raven 5K

Friday: Weasel 4S, Dandelion 3P, Acorn 3GD and Newt 6G

'Meet the Teacher' Week

Last year we ran a 'Meet the Teacher' session which gave you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher. During the session, teachers went through a presentation to provide information about life in your child's class. Such as: when PE is; what is covered in the curriculum; expectations on reading and general information. As well as giving you the opportunity to find out what life will be like for children in our classrooms.

We are pleased to be able to run these sessions again this year. The sessions are due to run on the following days:

Monday 9th September – Year 3

Tuesday 10th September – Year 4

Wednesday 11th September – Year 5

Thursday 12th September – Year 6

These sessions will be held in your child's classroom from 3.15-3.45pm on the day recorded above.

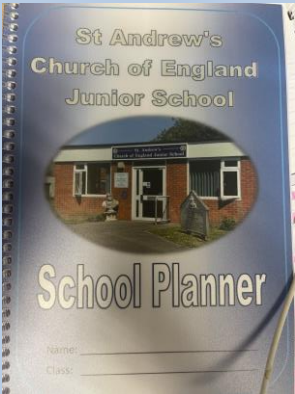
Equipment for school

The children were given pencils, pens, pencils crayons and other equipment by the school. They do not need to bring any resources in from home.

King Alfreds – TKASA open evening

On **Thursday 19th September, 4.30pm -7.00pm** TKASA will be holding an open evening to welcome all current year 6 parents to the school. This is a great opportunity to see TKASA and meet the

	<p>staff and tour the school. More details will come out soon via their social media channels and letters home to families.</p>
School Lunches	<p>Please place orders on Aspens Select. For children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), choices still need to be made on Aspens Select. You will not be charged. Letters and information have been sent out but can also be found on our website select-introduction.pdf bookings can be made by clicking on https://select.aspens-services.com/</p>
Uniform Orders - Price & Buckland	<p>Currently, the website only allows a parent to be linked to one school at a time. The parent can either call Price & Buckland so that they can swap them over or alternatively, set up a new account with a different email address so they can order for more than one school.</p> <p>They are currently having a new website built, that will allow orders from multiple schools under one account. This should be ready for Spring term next year.</p> <p>If parents need to place more than one order and pay for more than one postage, then they do refund one of the postage charges once you email in both order numbers to them.</p> <p>This is all explained on their website for parents.</p>
Uniform Orders	<p>A uniform creates a sense of belonging and shows pride in our school and our commitment to a shared vision, value and ethos. It helps to promote a positive and professional work ethic and encourages a focus on learning. It promotes equality of opportunity and protects our students from social pressures to dress in a particular way. It nurtures school cohesion and promotes positive behaviour. We expect all children to wear our school uniform and we ask parents to assist us in maintaining standards in this important aspect of school life.</p> <p>St Andrews's school sweatshirts, cardigans, ties and coloured House T-Shirts are available to order from the school office. All other items are available from local shops. Please note that just because a shop sells articles of clothing/trainers in its school section, this does not make it our school uniform.</p> <p>St Andrew's sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo White shirt or blouse School tie (Autumn and Spring Terms) Charcoal (Dark) grey trousers, pinafore dress, skirt, trousers, tailored shorts or culottes Summer dress in blue check (Summer term) Grey or white socks or grey tights</p> <p>Please note that summer dresses are for the Summer term only. Ties to be worn during the Autumn and Winter terms. To order uniform, please order from Price & Buckland, click on the link below.</p> <p>link to order uniform</p> <p>Please ensure all uniform is named clearly.</p>
Scooters in School	<p>Many of our children come to school on bikes and scooters, which is a fantastic way to keep healthy. We ask that the children refrain from riding their bikes or scooters on the playground and walk them to the bike-shed.</p>
Year 6 Swimming	<p>Please can all parents with children in year 6 ensure that they have logged on to ScoPay to pay/give permission for swimming</p>

	<p>lessons which starts on the 16th September. If your child doesn't have permission, they will be unable to swim.</p> <p>Also, the swimming pool have sent this information for swimmers this year:</p> <p>We would also encourage children to wear goggles and swim hats if they have them available. Goggles really help the children to be able to pop their faces in the water while swimming. Swim hats have lots of positives such as long hair not getting in eyes and caught up in lane ropes - lifeguards can also see them more clearly when swimming under water. 🏊‍♂️</p>
<p>Splash and Dash</p>	<p>Splash & Dash is a fantastic introduction to the world of Triathlon with an emphasis on fun!</p> <p>Sidcot School are fortunate to have the perfect setting for budding triathletes with a beautiful 25-metre indoor pool and 160 acres of surrounding countryside.</p> <p>Please contact Miss Sylvester on weasel@standrewsjuniors.co.uk if you want to take part. Spaces do go fast so early entry is key! 🏊‍♂️🏊‍♂️🏊‍♂️</p> <p>https://www.sidcot.org.uk/what-matters/opportunities-visit/splash-dash</p>
<p>Somerset Library – Summer Reading Challenge</p>	<p>Some of you may have taken part in the Somerset Libraries Summer Reading Challenge over the summer holiday. If you have and have been awarded a certificate or a certificate and a medal Caroline Crossley from the Library Service will be coming to do a special assembly to award them to the children. We had a record number take part this year. 😊</p>
<p>Nut Allergy</p>	<p>As we have a number of children in school with severe food allergies, please could we remind all parents that school premises are NUT AWARE and no products containing nuts should be brought into school grounds. If children are bringing a packed lunch to school, it is important that there are no products in the lunch box that contain nuts. Thank you for your understanding.</p>
<p>School Planners</p>	<p>Your child will be bringing home a St Andrew's School Planner. This contains lots of helpful information for you and your child. It contains resources to support your child in the classroom as well as dates, and information to help parents. This is also used for recording reading, homework and notes from home to school. Please encourage your child to bring this to and from school daily. We hope you find it helpful.</p> 
<p>Communicating with your child's teacher</p>	<p>If you need to speak or correspond with your child's class teacher, you can use the class email which are:</p> <p>Wren Class - wren@standrewsjuniors.co.uk Acorn Class - acorn@standrewsjuniors.co.uk</p>

Dandelion Class- dandelion@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Kingfisher Class - kingfisher@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Magpie Class - magpie@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Weasel Class - weasel@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Raven Class - raven@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Bramble Class - bramble@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Willow Class - willow@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Otter Class- otter@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Newt Class - newt@standrewsjuniors.co.uk
 Heron Class - heron@standrewsjuniors.co.uk

These are monitored between 8am and 5pm.

Or you can call the school office on 01278 783588 to make an appointment.

Roald Dahl Day

On the Friday 20th of September, we will be having a dress up day to mark Roald Dahl's Story Day. Children (and staff) can come to school dressed up as a character from a Roald Dahl story, you could wear pyjamas, a pair of glasses and carry a dream jar with you to be Sophie from the BFG. Alternatively, you could wear non-uniform and just bring a clue about your favourite book, such as bringing a golden ticket from Charlie and the Chocolate factory or bringing in a dream jar from the BFG. On the day if the children bring in £1, this will go to support the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity who have provided specialist nurses and support for seriously ill children living with complex, lifelong illnesses for 30 years.

Celebration and Praise

There was no praise assembly this week. The next Praise Assembly will be on Friday 13th September. We will be sending out invites to parents of the children nominated for Praise to attend the Assembly.

Lateness

Not a great start but lets see if we can bring it down next week, now we are used to the new start times.

House	Nos of Lates	Nos of Lates
	W/C 02/09/22	
Blackwell	4	
Foley	5	
Macmillan	1	
Reed	3	
Total	13	

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 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 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

It's a sad fact of life that where technology leads, crime usually follows. The printing press was eventually perverted to produce counterfeit money. The first car theft took place only three years after the vehicle's invention. It was perhaps inevitable, then, that social media – as the overwhelming fascination of the digital age – would soon become a conduit for criminal activity.

The risks usually associated with social media are personal in nature: abusive comments, distorted perceptions; cyber-bullying and so on. Increasingly, however, criminals are using networking platforms to snare potential victims. Click on the link below to access a Parents' guide that examines social media scams – outlining some common examples and providing ways to avoid them.

[what-parents-need-to-know-about-social-media-scams-parent-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.

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](#)

Please click on the link below to find out more about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Somerset.

[Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

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Information

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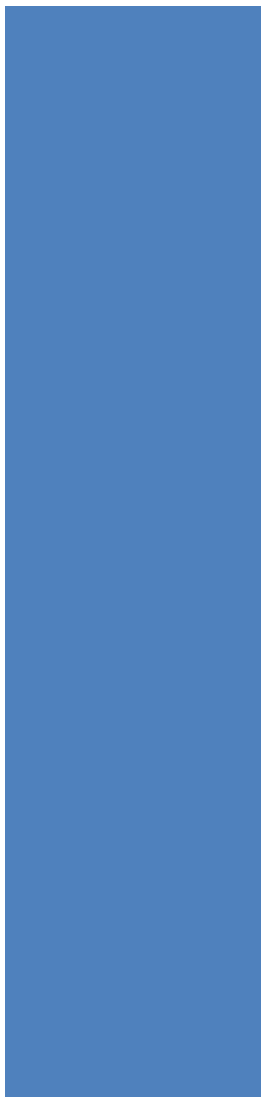


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Term Dates for 2024-25

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 October	First day of Autumn term 2 School Starts	Start 2nd Half of Autumn Term
Wednesday 13th November 3.15—6.30pm	Parents' Evening	Our parents' evenings are held in your child's classroom. The children's work is available for you to look at prior to your appointment. Lists of appointments will be available for you to sign up to during w/c 31st October. 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	Whole School Christmas Lunch - TBC	All children have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.
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.
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