



St Andrew's Church of England Junior School



St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 6

Week Commencing 13th October 2025

Shining Light on a World of Possibilities'

Notes for the week: 13th October 2025

Monday

Tuesday

School Photos

Wednesday

PE Year 3

PE Year 4

Forest School - Kingfisher &
Dandelion

Thursday

Friday

PE Year 5

PE Year 6

Forest School - Heron/Otter &
Willow

Headteacher Information

It's been another busy and exciting week in school! The children have been working hard to complete their fiction writing, showcasing wonderful creativity and imagination. I particularly enjoyed reading the Year 5 stories inspired by Cloud Tea Monkeys—they were beautifully written and full of thoughtful ideas.

Across the school, pupils are now immersing themselves in their new texts as they prepare to begin their non-fiction writing journey next week. It's lovely to see their enthusiasm for reading and writing continuing to grow.

In Collective Worship this week, we have been focusing on our school value of Love—thinking carefully about how we can show love and kindness to one another through our actions every day.

SASA

Unfortunately we had to postpone the SASA AGM this week the has been rescheduled date is Tuesday 14th October 2025 from 3.45pm to 4.30pm

We will only be holding a few events throughout the year because as a school we support many national charity days. Anyone involved would not have to give up too much of their time.

Proposed events:

- Christmas Fair
- Disco
- Easter Bingo – possibly week beginning 24th or 31st March 2025
- Sponsored Event in the Summer Term

As a parent of a child in St Andrew's, you will automatically become part of SASA (St Andrew's School Association). See the link below to access the roles and responsibilities of SASA members should you wish to take part:


sasa-roles-and-responsibilities.pdf [sasa-roles-and-responsibilities.pdf](#)


SASA School Disco

SASA Event - A CHANCE TO DANCE!


On Friday 24th October we will be holding our school discos, hosted by the Dancing Queen.


Tickers are £2.00 per child, to include a drink. All proceeds will go towards future enrichment opportunities.


	<p>Years 3/4 - 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 5/6 - 5.45pm-6.45pm</p> <p>See poster for the details of the Discos.</p> <div data-bbox="906 224 1372 824" style="text-align: center;">  <p>SASA End of Term School Disco</p> <p>Introducing the Disco Queen Friday 24th October 2025 Years 3/4 - 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 5/6 - 5.45pm-6.45pm</p> <p>Entry is £2 per child (includes a drink) Please pay on the door</p> </div>
PE	<p>Our house matches have kicked off in PE lessons, featuring football games, archery competitions, and team-building activities in Forest School. By taking part in these events, each house will earn points that will be added up from both the Wednesday and Friday sessions. The house with the highest total will be awarded the House Sports Cup at the end of this half term!</p> <p>Cross Country letters have also been sent out — if your child would like to take part, please ask Miss Sylvester or your child’s class teacher for a copy.</p> <p>We’re also excited for the upcoming Year 5/6 Girls’ Football Tournament next week — we look forward to sharing the results with you in our next newsletter!</p>
Year 6 camp	<p>Thank you to all those who attended the Year 6 camp meeting—I hope you found it helpful and informative. If you haven’t yet done so, please take a moment to express your interest in the trip by Monday 13th October. This doesn’t require any payment or deposit at this stage; it simply helps us to get an idea of numbers as we begin planning.</p>
School Photos	<p>We had the individual school photos taken this week, and the children looked incredibly smart in their uniforms. The photographers were so impressed with how well the children behaved and presented themselves—they were wonderful ambassadors for our school.</p>
Christmas Lunch Dinners	<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. Details on how to book your child’s Christmas lunch will be sent out closer to the date, so please keep an eye out for this information. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with everyone and sharing in some Christmas cheer!</p>
Staff Training Day	<p>Just a reminder that we will be having a staff training day on Monday 3rd November . The school will be closed to pupils.</p>
Congratulations	<p>We are thrilled to celebrate Harry Miles for winning the runner-up prize in the Luna and Friends’ Great Food Waste Recycling Journey story competition! Harry’s creativity and thoughtful</p>


	<p>storytelling impressed the judges, highlighting not only his writing skills but also his awareness of the importance of recycling and caring for our environment.</p> <p>Well done, Harry! Your achievement is a wonderful example of how imagination and eco-conscious thinking can come together to create something truly special. We're so proud of you!</p>
<p>School Start Time</p>	<p>A reminder to all parents that our school start time is 8:45 AM. The school gates open at 8:35 AM, and the register is taken promptly at 8:45 AM. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late. It's really important that your child arrives on time each day, as being punctual helps them settle into the school routine, ensures they don't miss out on important instructions or learning at the start of the day, and helps build good habits for the future. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child be on time for school.</p>
<p>Forest School</p>	<p>Here are upcoming dates for Forest School sessions. On these days, children should come to school dressed in Forest School clothes instead of their PE kit.</p> <p>Forest School is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn outdoors, explore nature, and develop new skills in a hands-on way. To make the most of the sessions, it's important that children are dressed appropriately. Please ensure your child comes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm layers (as the weather can be changeable) • Waterproof coat and footwear (wellies or sturdy outdoor shoes) • Clothes that can get muddy (as activities often involve digging, building, and exploring!) <p>We want the children to feel comfortable, stay dry, and enjoy the experience without worrying about their clothes.</p> <p>Forest School Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingfisher & Dandelion – Wednesday 15th October • Acorn – Wednesday 22nd October • Heron/Otter & Willow– 17th October • Magpie – Friday 24th October <p>Otters have been split but the children will know which date is relevant to them.</p>
<p>Christmas Stall Holders - WANTED!</p>	<p>Message from TKASA</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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</p>  <p>The poster for the Christmas Market is festive and colorful, featuring various Christmas items like a red gift box, a yellow bell, a gingerbread man, and a nutcracker. The text on the poster reads: 'JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS MARKET', 'MON 01 DEC FREE ENTRY 16:30 - 18:30', 'The King Alfred School Academy Main School Hall Highbridge', and 'Christmas Light Switch on at 17:45pm Followed by Christmas Carols'.</p>

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 this week 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*



The poster for 'October Holiday Camps' features a colorful design with a hexagonal pattern. It lists the locations as Northgate, Bridgwater; North Petherton Primary; Woolavington Primary; and The Blue School, Wells. The dates are Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October. Activities include 'Multisports and Football available at Northgate & The Blue School'. Pricing is shown as £20 per day, with a 10% whole week discount and a 15% sibling discount. Contact information includes 'Hello@inspiredschools.co.uk', '07494175299', and the website 'https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com/'. A QR code is labeled 'SCAN ME'.

today: <https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com/>
or contact Inspired Schools directly.

2026 Admissions Process – Yr7

****Reminder****

YEAR 6 PARENTS

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.

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.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

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:
Harry Maunders



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 – Ollie Bennett

Wren Class – Jamie-Lee Burnell

Dandelion Class – Matilda Arnold

Weasel Class – Ezmae Wynn-Oaten

Kingfisher Class – Finlay Cooper

Magpie Class – Frankie Pini

Willow Class – Gwennie Hicks

Bramble Class – Sofia Hall

Heron Class – Isla Dawes

Otter Class – Xavier Rowe

Newt Class – Rueben La Gambina

TT Rock Stars

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Lucas	Jed Boy	6B Heron	4673
2	Coby	Inara Golden	6H Otter	3941
3	Jack	Alexx Useche	6G Newt	2080
4	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	6B Heron	2047
5	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	6H Otter	1833
6	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	6G Newt	1777
7	Nancy	Angelo White	6H Otter	1710
8	Jayden	Michael Manson	6G Newt	1675
9	Jesse	Maynard Howe	6G Newt	1642
10	Cain	Ryan Bottum	6B Heron	1607

Year 5 Tournament

1	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	5K Magpie	3730
2	Lily	Susan Andrews	5K Magpie	3439
3	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	5KL Bramble	2278
4	Codie	Toryn McKeon	5D Willow	2142
5	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	5KL Bramble	2110
6	Charlie	Mason Tyner	5K Magpie	1773
7	Jack	Greg Arroyo	5D Willow	1597
8	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	5KL Bramble	1451
9	Oakley	Jack Shears	5K Magpie	1444
10	Darcey	Livia Lightspeed	5KL Bramble	1276

Year 4 Tournament

1	Hugo	Win Hart	4M Kingfisher	2889
2	Maisie	Musa Farner	4M Kingfisher	1828
3	Lucas	Chuck Manga	4M Kingfisher	1567
4	Harrison	Rippy Martin	4P Dandelion	1411
5	Colton	Ashton Urmston	4S Weasel	1337
6	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	4P Dandelion	912
7	Charlie	Thomas Berry	4S Weasel	873
8	Ezra	Axle Telle	4P Dandelion	787
9	Chloe	Darren Bowie	4S Weasel	663
10	Peter	Godzilla Singer	4M Kingfisher	643

Year 3 Tournament

1	Taya	Lilymay Redding	3GD Acorn	1599
2	Jaden	Pink Rock	3GD Acorn	1525
3	Jack	Buster Brooke	3GD Acorn	1442
4	Jeron	Francisco Blackwood	3GD Acorn	1333
5	Layton	Ezra Bradbury	3GD Acorn	981
6	Amelia	Pip Slade	3GD Acorn	912
7	Zak	Blame Mann	3GD Acorn	903
8	Vanessa	Sierra Gardner	3N Wren	789
9	Mason	Baxter Stapp	3N Wren	615
10	Ada	Vera Vasoli	3N Wren	594

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

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](https://www.inspiredschools.co.uk/what-parents-need-to-know-about-roblox-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.

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 \(SEND\)](#)

For your Information

October Holiday Camps



The poster features a central orange box with a location pin icon, a calendar icon, and a soccer ball icon. To the right, there's a photo of children holding a trophy. Below the central box, there's a photo of children playing under a rainbow umbrella. At the bottom, there are social media icons for WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram, and a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME'.

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

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th
October

Multisports and Football
available at Northgate
& The Blue School

£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount

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