



# St Andrew's Church Junior School



## St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 6

Week Commencing 8th June 2026

*Shining Light on a World of Possibilities'*

### Notes for the week: 8th June 2026

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

#### Wednesday

**PE Year 3**

**PE Year 4**

**Forest School – Kingfisher**

#### Thursday

#### Friday

**PE Year 5**

**PE Year 6**

**Forest School – Heron/Otter**

#### Headteacher Information

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and that you were able to make the most of the lovely sunshine with family and friends.

The children have returned to school with a fantastic energy. It has been wonderful to see them flooding through the gates refreshed, full of enthusiasm, and ready to dive straight into the busy summer term ahead. The final weeks of the academic year are always some of the most memorable. We have a vibrant, packed programme of learning experiences, outdoor activities, and special events lined up—all carefully designed to engage, challenge, and inspire every child.

Please keep a close eye on our weekly Signpost over the coming weeks so you can stay up to date with everything that is happening.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Let's make this final term a brilliant one!

#### Forest School Dates

Here are the upcoming dates for the Forest School sessions. On these days, children should come to school dressed in Forest School clothes instead of their PE kit.

Wednesdays Y3/4

10th June Kingfisher

17th June Weasel

24th June Wren

1st July Acorn

8th July Dandelion

15th July Kingfisher

Friday Y5/6

12th June Heron/Otter

19th June Newt/Otter

26th June Bramble

3rd July Magpie

10th July Willow

17th July Heron/Otter

#### PE

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with so much energy and enthusiasm. We have jumped straight into our new sports sessions, and the school field is buzzing with activity as the children are already hard at work practising their cricket skills and preparing for our upcoming events.

Please take note of these exciting dates for your diary:

**Sports Day – Thursday 18th June (Afternoon)** We are all looking forward to our annual Sports Day! The children have been working hard on their events, and we are keeping our fingers

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|                           | <p>crossed for beautiful, sunny weather. More details regarding timings and spectator entry will follow shortly.</p> <p>Sports Week – (Final full Week of Term) To celebrate health, fitness, and teamwork, it will be our official Sports Week. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of active sessions and try out some new sports.</p> <p>The Colour Run – Friday after school (Final Week of Term) We will be wrapping up Sports Week—and the school year—with a spectacular grand finale! Our Colour Run will take place straight after school on the final Friday. It promises to be a wonderfully bright and messy event, so start hunting out those old white t-shirts now!</p> <p>A quick reminder: As the weather gets warmer and we spend more time practising outside, please ensure your child comes to school with a refilled water bottle, a sun hat, and has sun cream applied in the morning.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing many of you cheering from the sidelines on the 18th!</p> |
| <p><b>Sports Day</b></p>  | <p>We are excited to announce that our annual <b>Sports Afternoon</b> will be held this year on Thursday 18th June at 12.45 PM. This early start will mean we can fit all the events in, finishing in time for the end of day and allowing plenty of time to allow for sibling collection at the Infants. Parents are invited to arrive from 12.35pm via the Dunstan Road main entrance. Please bring something to sit on (chairs, blankets etc). We ask parents to sit on the school side of the track. The event should finish by 3.00pm where children will return to their classes and leave in the normal way. Let's keep everything crossed for good weather. 😊</p> <p>School PE kit <b>MUST be worn</b> for Sports Day even if the children are not taking part in any events.</p>  |
| <p><b>Sports Week</b></p> | <p>We'll be celebrating Sports Week from Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July. Throughout the week, children may come to school wearing clothing suitable for sports activities—for example, t-shirts, shorts, joggers and trainers.</p> <p>Please note: this is not a non-uniform week. Clothing should be practical and appropriate for physical activity. Football kits are not allowed. This will involve various sporting activities throughout the week, providing wonderful opportunities for our students to engage in different sports.</p> <p>Highlights of the week include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climbing wall</li> <li>• Boogie Bouncers</li> <li>• Skateboarding</li> <li>• Quidditch</li> <li>• SMC Enrichment sessions</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>SASA</b></p>        | <p>Get ready for some messy, colourful fun!<br/> We are thrilled to announce our school <b>Colour Run</b>.<br/> This event is being organised by the school SASA team, and will take place on</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday the 17th July at 3.45pm, at St Andrew's School.</b></p>   |

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|                                 | <p>This event promises to be a fantastic experience for our students and their families, as they run, walk, or jog around the course, they will be covered from head to toe in vibrant, safe, and washable coloured powder.</p> <p>The entrance cost is £5.00 per person, with the money raised being used within the school to help fund other school events and opportunities for the children.</p> <p>Further information to follow</p>  |
| <p><b>Class Move up day</b></p> | <p>On Tuesday 23rd June we will be having our move up day. This is the day when the children spend time with their new teachers and get to familiarise themselves with their new classroom. Arrangements are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children arrive as normal and register in their current classroom</li> <li>• From there, they will move to and spend the day in their new classroom.</li> <li>• At the end of the day, a change from the norm, the children will be sent home from their new classroom where they can leave in their normal way.</li> <li>• Children will be shown where the new classroom is situated on Monday so they can communicate the location to anyone collecting on the Tuesday.</li> </ul> <p>We will also be visited by our new children from the Infants for the day. On this day there will be no PE so all children will need to come to school in school uniform as usual.</p>  |
| <p><b>Rock Steady Music</b></p> | <p>Yesterday our pupils had a fantastic time getting a taste of what it's like to perform in a rock band during a special visit! We sent the children home with a letter and are excited to share that Rocksteady Music School will be offering weekly, in-school band lessons to give your child the chance to learn new musical skills, make friends, and have fun.</p> <p>The lessons are fully inclusive, completely exam-free, and designed to boost confidence and wellbeing.</p> <p>Key Information:</p> <p>No Experience Needed: Children can choose from Guitar, Keys, Vocals, Drums, or Bass. All instruments are provided, and there is no music theory involved—they learn by playing!</p> <p>When: Most lessons take place during the school day.</p> <p>Qualifications: Children progress through an Ofqual-regulated music qualification accredited by Trinity College London.</p> <p>Performances: There will be termly concerts so you can watch your child shine on stage!</p> <p>Cost &amp; Booking:</p> <p>Lessons cost £46.48 per month (with nothing to pay in August). There is a money-back guarantee for the first month, and you can cancel at any time.</p> <p>Places are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child would like to take part, please book their place directly online by visiting <a href="http://rocksteadymusicschool.com">rocksteadymusicschool.com</a> or calling 0330 113 0330.</p> |
| <p><b>Lost Coat</b></p>         | <p>A child has unfortunately lost a brand-new woman's size 12, black Mountain Warehouse puffer coat.</p> <p>Could all parents and carers please take a quick look at home to see if your child has accidentally brought it home by mistake? School cloakrooms can get chaotic, and it's very easy for the wrong jacket to be scooped up!</p>  |

If you happen to find it, please return it to the School Office as soon as possible so we can get it back to its rightful owner. Thank you so much for your help!

### New classes

Over the upcoming weeks the staff will be carrying out a range of transition activities to ensure that the children feel prepared for September. Please see the classes for 2026-27 below:

| Year Group | Class                | Teacher                    |
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| Year 3     | Acorn                | Mrs Glanville /Mrs Denyer  |
| Year 3     | Wren                 | Miss Sylvester             |
| Year 4     | Kingfisher (Wren)    | Mr Matchell                |
| Year 4     | Weasel (Acorn)       | Mrs Pitman                 |
| Year 5     | Bramble (Kingfisher) | Miss Lodge / Mrs Kittridge |
| Year 5     | Willow (Weasel)      | Mrs Bunning                |
| Year 5     | Magpie (Dandelion)   | Mr Kendrick                |
| Year 6     | Otter (Willow)       | Mr Higgins                 |
| Year 6     | Newt (Bramble)       | Mr Gillard                 |
| Year 6     | Heron (Magpie)       | Mr Bunning                 |

### Year 6 Transition

This year our Year 6 children will spend 3 days at King Alfred School Academy – Tuesday 23rd June, Wednesday 24th June and Thursday 25th June. Year 6 parents should all have received this letter directly from the school.

### 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)’

### Rewarding Reading

Star Quizzers – Passing AR Quizzes  
This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates:

**Charlie Peach**  
**Harrison Green**

## Quinton Tetsell

This week receiving their 100 Quiz certificates:

Massive well done to **Emily Glanville** for becoming a Reading Half Millionaire and also to **Theo Payne** and **Daisy Matthews** for becoming a Reading Millionaire.

## 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.

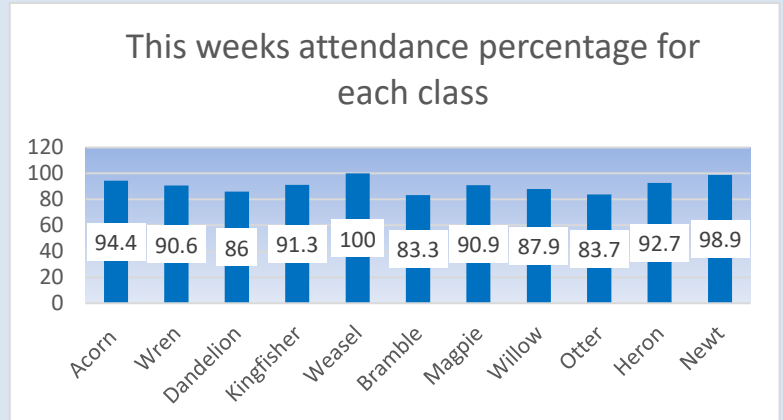
This week's winner is:  
**Harla Vickery**



## 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.



## Celebration and Praise

We held our Celebration and Praise Assembly this week to award children who have worked hard this week.

Well done to this week's winners:

Acorn - Amelia Harris

Wren - Jamie-Lee Burnell

Dandelion - Cash Woolacott

Kingfisher - Annabelle Boyer and Ollie Dee

Weasel - Colton Mayne

Magpie - Gracelyn Aston

Willow - Oliver Whiting

Heron - Amelia Walshe-Thorne

Newt - Esmee Crook

Otter - Lucas Sherriff

## 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

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|   | <p>contact Children’s Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at <a href="mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk">childrens@somerset.gov.uk</a> 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><b>Change of Numbers and email addresses</b></p> | <p><b>**Important**</b></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><b>Emotional Well Being</b></p>                  | <p>For children and young people, low-quality sleep can become a serious issue. It has been theorised that poor sleep can have a significant impact on children’s brain development, affecting them for the rest of their lives. A healthy – and consistent – sleeping pattern, therefore, is incredibly important for children and young people’s wellbeing.</p> <p>With the stresses and distractions that can present themselves to youngsters, it can be tricky to ensure they’re in the best mindset to wind down in the evenings for the rejuvenating rest that they need. The right approach, however, can give them a better chance of cultivating a healthy sleeping pattern. Our guide has some practical tips on helping them to achieve exactly that.</p> <p><a href="#">healthy-sleeping-habits.pdf</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Online safety</b></p>                         | <p>Not only is an “influencer” an increasingly powerful role in the digital age, but it’s also become a desirable career goal for many young people – an enjoyable way to gain international fame and a gateway to financial success. A survey of Instagram influencers, for instance, found that those with over a million followers make an average of £12,000 (around \$15,000) per month. Much of this wealth, of course, is unlocked by entering into partnerships with various brands – which then raises all manner of questions about some influencers’ authenticity. Is their praise for certain products genuine, or simply because they’ve been paid for their endorsement? This week’s guide peels back the filters for a closer look at influencers.</p> <p><a href="#">what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-influencers-parents-guide.pdf</a></p> |
| <p><b>SEND Newsletter</b></p>                       | <p>This week’s SEND weekly newsletter is now available – please click on the link below or the following <a href="#">SEND News</a> 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. <a href="#">SEND Newsletter Archive</a></p> <p>Please click on the link below to find out more about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Somerset. <a href="#">Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</a></p>   |
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