



St Andrew's Church of England Junior School



St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 4

Week Commencing 29th September 2025

Shining Light on a World of Possibilities'

Notes for the week:

29th September 2025

Monday

Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday

Wednesday

PE Year 3

PE Year 4

Weasel - Forest School

Thursday

Friday

PE Year 5

PE Year 6

Newt/Otter - Forest School

Headteacher Information

We've had a fantastic week at St Andrew's, filled with exciting opportunities to inspire and enrich learning. On Monday and Tuesday, the Science Wonder Dome visited, giving children a chance to explore the wonders of space. From the sheer scale of the Universe to the movement of the Moon through its phases, the presenters explained complex ideas in a way the children could really connect with. It was wonderful to see their curiosity sparked as they asked thoughtful questions and left eager to discover more.

Later in the week, the M&M Theatre Company performed *The Little Princess*, a production that brought storytelling to life and captivated everyone watching. These kinds of experiences really add something special to school life and help learning extend beyond the classroom.

Alongside these events, our focus in Collective Worship has continued to be on compassion. Rev. Cheryl joined us on Wednesday, sharing her inspiring thoughts on Human Flourishing, and the children engaged beautifully with the themes.

SASA

We are incredibly grateful to SASA for funding the brilliant performance of *A Little Princess*. Thanks to all the sponsored events and fundraising, our children can enjoy these wonderful enrichment opportunities that make school life even more special.

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](#)
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PE

PE & Enrichment Updates

We're enjoying some sunshine during our Wednesday and Friday PE and enrichment sessions! Children are learning football and archery skills in preparation for upcoming house matches before half term. After that, the focus will switch to a new sport.

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

When: Thursday 2nd October, 1:30–4:00 pm

Where: Bridgwater College

Priority for places goes to after-school football club attendees.

	<p>For spare places, email Miss Sylvester: lindsey.sylvester@saja.theplt.org.uk Transport is not provided.</p> <p>Cross-Country Events at Brymore School</p> <p>Years 3 & 5: Wednesday, 22nd October</p> <p>Years 4 & 6: Thursday, 23rd October</p> <p>Open to all, but transport is not provided.</p> <p>Races start promptly at 3:45 pm. Students may leave school early to attend.</p> <p>Letters, for cross country, with more details will be distributed in the next couple of weeks—please ask your child to keep an eye out if they are interested in taking part and representing the school.</p>
<p>Non-uniform day for Macmillan - 24th October</p>	<p>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 Friday 24th October. This will be a non-uniform day for only the children in Macmillan (White) house.</p>
<p>School Photos – 7th October</p>	<p>We are excited to let you know that school photos will be taken on Tuesday, 7th October. This will be individual photos and sibling photos if the child is also in the school.</p> <p>Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform and is ready for their close-up! More details about ordering photos will follow after the session.</p>
<p>Harvest</p>	<p>We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 3rd October at 9.15. There will be a special assembly in school with Rev Cheryl. We will be collecting for the food bank so if you could donate anything from the list below that would be very much appreciated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal • Soup • Pasta • Rice • Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce • Lentils, beans and pulses • Tinned meat • Tinned vegetables • Tea/coffee • Tinned fruit • Biscuits • UHT milk • Fruit juice

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

Multiports and Football available at Northgate & The Blue School

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

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or contact Inspired Schools directly.

Flu Vaccinations

The link for the Flu vaccinations are now closed. If you did not access the link and give consent and would like your child vaccinated then please contact your doctors surgery so they can administer the vaccine.

2026 Admissions Process – Yr7

****Reminder****
YEAR 6 PARENTS

The admissions process for school place applications for September 2026 will soon begin and the portal will be 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:
Alexander Ost



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 – Matilda Reader
- Wren Class – Samuel O'Neill
- Dandelion Class – Cash Woolcott
- Weasel Class – Lilly Moore
- Kingfisher Class – Millie Stevens
- Maggie Class – Wania Khan
- Willow Class – Gwennie Hicks
- Bramble Class – Darcey Grimes

Heron Class – Lucas State
 Otter Class – Lucas Woolacott
 Newt Class – Isla Phillips

TT Rock Stars

Results from this week's tournament:

Year 6 Tournament

1	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	6B Heron	2303
2	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	6H Otter	1958
3	Cain	Ryan Bottum	6B Heron	1888
4	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	6G Newt	1797
5	Jesse	Maynard Howe	6G Newt	1524
6	Jayden	Michael Manson	6G Newt	1515
7	Rory	Mikal Powers	6B Heron	1407
8	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	6G Newt	1325
9	Nancy	Angelo White	6H Otter	1286
10	Lucas	Jed Boy	6B Heron	1268

Year 5 Tournament

1	Jaxon	Alejandro Cave	5K Magpie	3439
2	Lily	Susan Andrews	5K Magpie	2975
3	Charlie	Mason Tyner	5K Magpie	1797
4	Sofia	Stacy Bazzell	5KL Bramble	1502
5	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	5KL Bramble	1435
6	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	5KL Bramble	1426
7	Lavinia	Perry Furay	5K Magpie	1231
8	Codie	Toryn McKeon	5D Willow	1141
9	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	5K Magpie	1089
10	Clark	Jim Woods	5K Magpie	1047

Year 4 Tournament

1	Ezra	Axle Telle	4P Dandelion	1581
2	Maisie	Musa Farner	4M Kingfisher	1519
3	Hugo	Win Hart	4M Kingfisher	1377
4	Harrison	Rippy Martin	4P Dandelion	1310
5	Lucas	Chuck Manga	4M Kingfisher	1163
6	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	4P Dandelion	831
7	Braxton	Wilf Patton	4P Dandelion	810
8	Chloe	Darren Bowie	4S Weasel	775
9	Peter	Godzilla Singer	4M Kingfisher	758
10	Colton	Ashton Urmston	4S Weasel	667

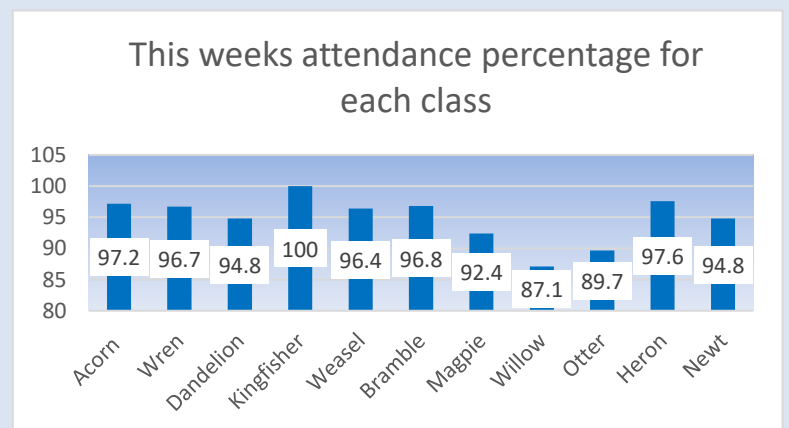
Year 3 Tournament

1	Teddie	Gibby Rizzla	3N Wren	1017
2	Jeron	Francisco Blackwood	3GD Acorn	1000
3	Layton	Ezra Bradbury	3GD Acorn	956
4	Aliyah	Anna Foreman	3N Wren	730
5	Jaden	Pink Rock	3GD Acorn	722
6	Jamie-Lee	Jammer Jamie	3N Wren	659
7	Taya	Lilymay Redding	3GD Acorn	598
8	Amelia	Pip Slade	3GD Acorn	583
9	Vanessa	Sierra Gardner	3N Wren	539

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

This week has seen an increase in lateness after last week's improvement. Being on time is **really important** to help your child settle into the day and be successful in school. Please do your best to ensure your child arrives promptly every day.

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 22/09/25	W/C 15/09/25
Blackwell	16	10
Foley	5	1
Macmillan	8	8
Reed	22	15
Total	51	34

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

Reddit describes itself as a 'social news' site where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged and users – or 'redditors' – can vote posts 'up' or 'down' so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform. Click on the link below to access a guide where you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as harassment, trolling and fake news.

[what-parents-need-to-know-about-reddit-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 \(SEND\)](#)

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