

St. Andrew's Newsletter

No: 10|| Thursday 25th January 2024

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Term 1 - Monday 04 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023
Term 2 - Monday 30 October 2023 to Wednesday 20 December 2023
Term 3 - Thursday 04 January 2024 to Friday 09 February 2024
Term 4 - Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5 - Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6 - Monday 03 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

INSET Days for 2023 – 2024

Monday 19 February 2024
Monday 3 June 2024

Dates to Remember:

Monday 29 January (2:50) – Owl class worship
Friday 02 February – PTA School Disco
Tuesday 19th March – Parents' evening 3:50 – 6:30pm
Thursday 21st March – Parents' evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 25 March (2:50pm) – Kingfisher class worship
Monday 20 May (2:50pm) – Kestrel class worship
Monday 01 July (2:50pm) – Jay class worship

Next Academic Year Planner.

To help the families plan for next academic year, please find term dates and INSET days dates below.

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Term 1 - Monday 02 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024.
Term 2 - Monday 04 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024.
Term 3 - Monday 06 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025.
Term 4 - Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025.
Term 5 - Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025.
Term 6 - Monday 02 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

INSET Days for 2024 – 2025

Monday 2 September
Tuesday 3 September
Friday 25 October
Monday 6 January
Friday 14 February
Monday 2 June

School Website: www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk

School Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Education-Website/St-Andrews-Primary-School-Congresbury-631401120595092/>

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VALUE FOR LIFE

This term's Christian value is **PERSEVERANCE**, please see our Values newsletter for more details.



This term is already flying by! Term 3 is always one of our shorter terms with only 2 more weeks left. As a school community, we have been focussing on the value of perseverance. At St Andrew's we know that a mistake can be 'marvellous' if you can learn from it, and we celebrate these marvellous mistakes and the need to persevere as an essential part of our daily learning. On visiting classrooms, I have seen children enthused by their new learning and being resilient as they become scientists, artists, readers, geographers and writers to name but a few. Please remember that you can see a snapshot of the learning going on for your child(ren) in the class pages on our website.

It continues to be very cold and wet, as January always is but the pupils always bring the sunshine into school! Whilst we are happy for children to be sent in layers to keep them warm, can we remind that girls should not be wearing leggings instead of tights, long socks or school trousers.



We are hoping that there maybe **Christmas jumpers** that your child(ren) might have grown out of that you might be willing to donate to school please. Similarly, if you have **Children in Need** Pudsey bear t shirts, jumpers or any other merchandise that might not fit your child by this November's date we would be grateful of these being donated too. If you have any donations, please could you drop them of at the school office. Thank you.



Fran Martin
Headteacher

Move in January

Thinking about our whole school commitment to mental wellbeing and to help to get us through the winter months we would like to encourage our St Andrew's family to 'move through January'.

As part of this we are encouraging everyone to do something active every day in January.

It's open to everyone, whether you plan a walk each day or to run 100 miles in the month, there are no rules.

As a school we are pledging to be active every day through January.

We are inviting parents and carers to join us every Monday throughout January at 3.15pm to take part in a mile run or walk around the KS2 school playground (back of school).

It would be amazing to get as many of us involved as possible.

The first date would be Monday 8th January then Monday 15th, Monday 22nd and Monday 29th.

Please support us for some or all of the dates.

NEW MENU (after the mid-term break)

Our kitchen will be serving new exciting meals after the mid-term break - starting 20th February. Please make sure you place orders, hopefully the children enjoy new menu offer. Some of our old favourites will also be available 😊

Next week is National Storytelling week 27th Jan- 4th Feb



What is National Storytelling Week?

In 2024, National Storytelling Week will take place from 27 January to 4 February.

This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills

Follow these links for ideas to celebrate National Storytelling week at home and ways to support your child with their reading.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/>

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/celebrate-storytelling-week-at-home/#:~:text=What%20is%20Storytelling%20Week%3F,and%20unique%20story%20to%20tell.>

To celebrate National Storytelling week why not be a **Mystery Reader**.

We always want to celebrate our love of reading at St Andrew's and we would like parents to share theirs too. Would you like to be a 'mystery reader' and come in and share a story of your choice with your child's class? Speak to your child's teacher but don't tell your child! Keep it a secret and enjoy the look on their face when the mystery reader for the day is revealed.



We are very happy to provide stories or suggestions. This is such an enjoyable part of the day for the class and the mystery reader.

Reading volunteers



We are always looking for volunteers to come into classes and hear the children read. If you have any spare time on a regular or ad hoc basis and would like to come in and support reading we would love to hear from you. Please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time. We really appreciate your support and it makes a huge difference to the children.

RECOMMENDED READS

Who: Miss Dace

What: The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

Why: A beautifully illustrated historical adventure book set in Paris that is told both through text and pictures.

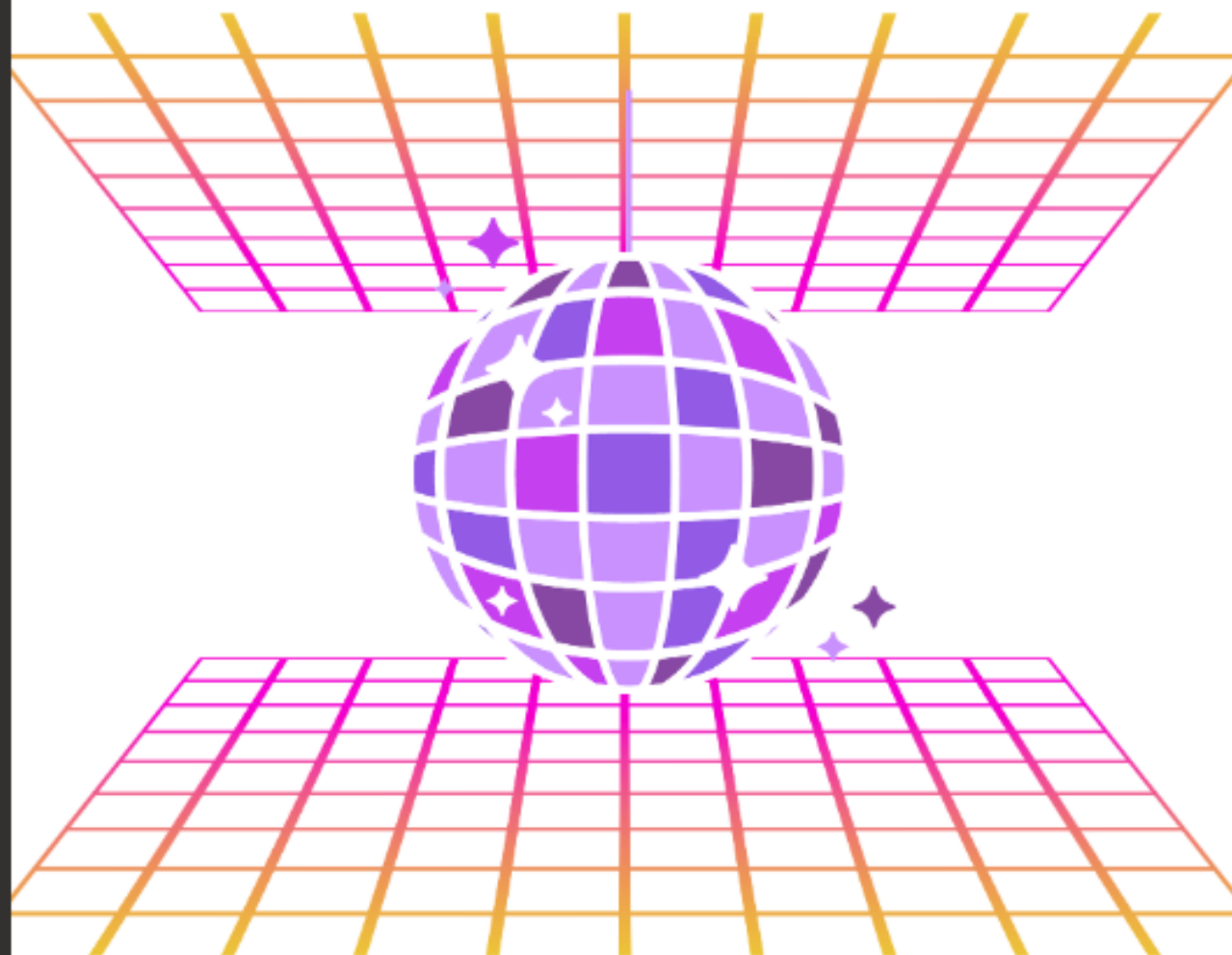


Do you have a recommendation you would like to share? Let Mrs Gilbert know or email sarah.gilbert@standrewsprimary.org.uk

Attendance for this Academic Year so far:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.41%	91.60%	95.45%	91.39%	92.29%	90.55%	93.63%

St. Andrew's PTA & Action Pussycat's
WINTER DISCO!



Friday February 2nd

EYFS/KS1 4.30-5.30pm / KS2 6-7pm

@ St. Andrew's primary school

£2.50 (Suggested donation)

Music, dancing, games and more

Beginner String Group @Warmley

Come and learn violin, viola, cello or
double bass
with your friends at low cost!

Who: Complete Beginners

Where: Warmley Music Centre at SBL

When: Saturdays 9.30-10.30am

Cost: £38 per double term plus
instrument hire
Free for pupil premium



To book a space:

<https://www.wema.org.uk/register>

For more information: 01454 863147 | music@wema.org.uk

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Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd February
St Andrew's Church, Congresbury

Join us for coffee and cake
from 10.30 to 12



USED
BOOK SALE

CAKE SALE



TOY
Sale

Raising funds and awareness for our
upcoming performance



 **Yeo Vale Trefoil Guild**

Soup & Pud Lunch



£7

Saturday
Sat 27 January 2024
12 – 2.30pm



Wrington Scout & Guide Hall
School Road, Wrington

Supporting:

Strawberry Line Cafe & Wrington Scout & Guide Hall

**All Welcome – Come & enjoy our delicious
homemade soups and puddings**

Let's light up our community with the theme
'Nature is our Neighbour', celebrating 25 years
of Yatton and Congresbury Wildlife Action Group

February 15th-17th
5.30pm - 8.30 pm



Window Wanderland 2024

Yatton and Congresbury



Make a display in your window or garden -
simple or spectacular. It is easy, free and fun
and open to everyone!

See the ideas galleries for inspiration on
www.windowwanderland.com

Come out for a walk on one of the nights
Celebrate Nature as Our Neighbour!

What is Window Wanderland?

It started in Bristol in 2015, with residents deciding to make their windows into a walking trail for a winter's evening.

Go to the Window Wanderland website to get some ideas of what to make and see the galleries of previous events.

Then sign up and get your house or business on the map!

Go to <https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/yatton-and-congresbury-2024>

or **TAP THE QR CODE ON
THE RIGHT TO
SIGN UP TO TAKE PART**



What is YACWAG?

A local charity established in 1999 with nature reserves in Yatton and Congresbury. Our land is a refuge for wildlife!

**NATURE IS OUR
NEIGHBOUR!**



Find out more at
www.yacwag.org.uk



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