

# St. Andrew's Newsletter

No: 09 || Thursday 11th 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 15 January (9:15)** – Coffee Morning – Nurture UK  
~~**Monday 5 February (2:50pm)**~~ – Owl class worship (change of date)  
**Monday 29 January (2:50)** – Owl class worship  
**Friday 02 February** – PTA School Disco  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' evening 3:50 – 6:30pm  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk)

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

School Office e-mail Address: [office@standrewsprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewsprimary.org.uk)

School Phone Number: 01934 832505

## VALUE FOR LIFE

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



Welcome back and a very happy New Year to all our families!

It was lovely to see parents/ carers attend our Sleep workshop for children as part of our mental health offering of support. Please let us know if there are any other topics that you would be interested in our Mental Health Practitioner delivering in the future. We would also like to remind you that you are invited to join us on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am for a coffee morning to learn about how we are transitioning to being a Nurture UK school. Following our successful time as a Thrive Ambassador school of Excellence, St Andrew's now continues our journey with Nurture UK.

### **Free Schools Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium extra Funding for your child and school**

As you are probably aware, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free **hot** school lunch. This initiative was introduced by the Government in 2014 and aims to ensure that all children can benefit from a hot meal at lunchtime. However, it is important to still **register** for free school meals because of your **income or personal circumstances**. Children may be eligible for a free school meal on this basis, if parents are in receipt of one or more of these benefits:

- Income support
- Child tax credit (provided your annual income does not exceed £16,190)
- Income based Job seeker's allowance
- Income related Employment support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Even if you feel that your child wouldn't want to take up a free school meal, applying is also important because FSM is linked to registering for Pupil Premium funding. Pupil Premium funding goes directly to the school and pays for things like a child's school trip, clubs, milk or additional teachers and Learning Partners to provide extra support. The Pupil Premium is extra funding for every child who's eligible for free school meals throughout their time at school.

With the rising cost of living, we are asking all parents to consider if their child can get free schools meals and to register for Pupil Premium funding. If you believe that you are entitled to claim for a free school meal because you are in receipt of one or more of the above benefits, it is beneficial that you still apply for this benefit. From now (January 2024) the North Somerset application system is changing to a new Free School Meals system. This means parents will be able to apply through the same Citizen's Portal that they apply for school places. This means schools will no longer be able to apply for free school meals on parents' behalf. To apply please use the following link: [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

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 8<sup>th</sup> January then Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please support us for some or all of the dates.

## Tissue donations

If you have any spare boxes/packs of tissue you could share with us, we would gratefully welcome the donation. It is the season of colds and we are running low on our supplies.

## RECOMMENDED READS

**Who:** Miss Carville

**What:** The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

**Why:** This story was read to me lots by my Mum when I was a little girl and it tells a wonderful story of a tree that just keeps giving and a friendship that will last forever. A must read!



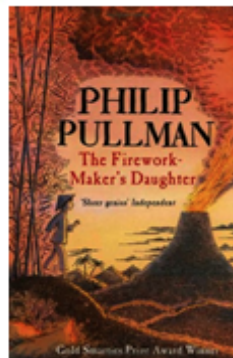
*Do you have a recommendation you would like to share? Let Mrs Gilbert know or email [sarah.gilbert@standrewsprimary.org.uk](mailto:sarah.gilbert@standrewsprimary.org.uk)*

## RECOMMENDED READS

**Who:** Mrs Arney

**What:** The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman

**Why:** - delightful writing and a great storyline. Quite a short book but so exciting to read especially the description and names of the firework displays. Illustrations are wonderful too and fill every page.

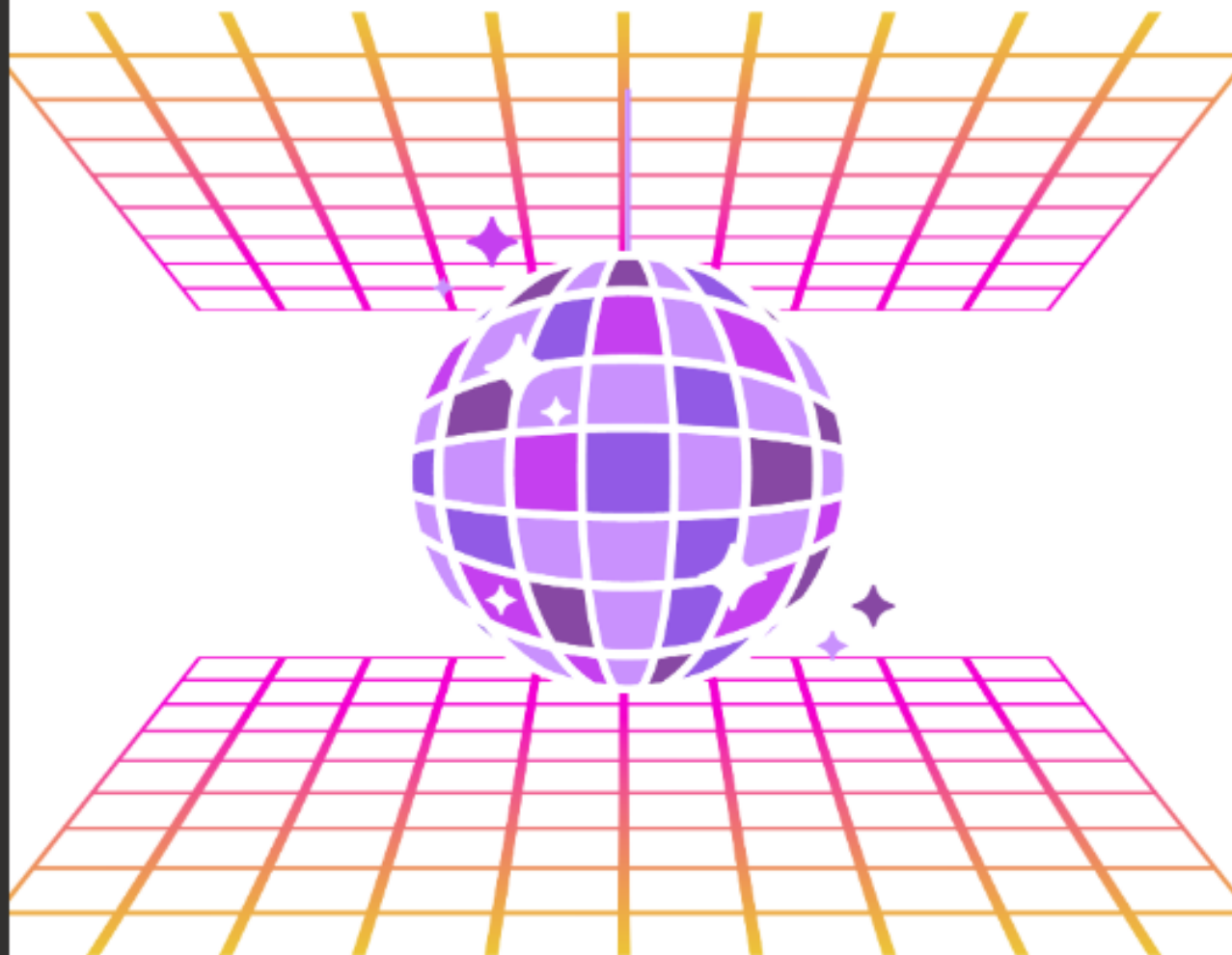


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## Attendance for this Academic Year so far:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.97%	90.07%	93.76%	89.73%	89.93%	88.90%	90.57%

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**

## Community news

Congresbury Youth Partnership's Code Club for young people aged 8 to 16 starts the new term on Monday 8th Jan, and has spaces for a few new members. The club runs every term-time Monday from 3.30 to 6pm at Congresbury Youth Club in the Riverside Car Park. Please drop in at any time to any session to find out more, or to get one off help with coding or basic electronics projects. First session is always free, after that we charge £1.50 per week to cover electricity costs. Contact [Alex@congsyp.org.uk](mailto:Alex@congsyp.org.uk) for more details.



# MINECRAFT CLUB

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:  
[codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/](http://codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/)

## Coding in Minecraft

This is fun monthly club where children learn how to make mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code.

Suitable for children aged 8 – 12.

### WHERE

Yatton Library  
BS49 4HJ

### WHEN

Saturday 27th January 2024  
From 9:45am - 12:45pm

[codingbug.co.uk](http://codingbug.co.uk)

Email: [info@codingbug.co.uk](mailto:info@codingbug.co.uk) or call 07909226520



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