

# St. Andrew's Newsletter

No: 05|| Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

## 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:

**Friday 01 December** – PTA Christmas Fair  
**Tuesday 05 December** – School Photo Day (individual and sibling photos)  
**Wednesday 06 December (2:15 pm)** – Nativity Performance KS1  
**Thursday 07 December (9:30 am)** – Nativity Performance KS1  
**Monday 11 December (2:50 pm)** – Falcon class worship  
**Thursday 14 December** – Rocksteady Concert  
**Friday 15 December** – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day  
**Tuesday 09 January (9:15am)** – Coffee Morning – Sleep Workshop  
**Monday 5 February (2:50pm)** – Owl class worship  
**Monday 25 March (2:50pm)** – Kingfisher class worship  
**Monday 20 May (2:50pm)** – Kestrel class worship  
**Monday 01 July (2:50pm)** – Jay class worship

School Website: [www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk](http://www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk)

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## **Every Child Needs a Christmas**

We are supporting a local charity "Every Child Needs a Christmas" again this year. Last time it was running we supported it and we had really generous donations handed in. We are a designated drop off centre for our local community too.

The deadline for dropping off donations to our office is **Tuesday 5th December** so please pop a present in if you would like to support this cause. The request is to donate a new, sealed, non-edible gift around the £5 - £7 for children between the ages of 0-16years.

You can access more information on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/childsxmas>



## Book Fair



Together we have raised.....£377.....  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**



## Reading Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to come and hear the children read at school. It has a huge impact on their reading progress and it is a lovely experience for the children and you. If you are able to volunteer on a regular or ad-hoc basis we would love to hear from you. Please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time and pop into the office for more information.

Thank you for your support.



We love to share our love of reading. The staff will be recommending books that you might like to enjoy at home. These books are all available to borrow from our school library or why not visit your local library.

**This week**.....Mrs Gilbert recommends- Almost Anything by Sophy Henn



This is a lovely picture book for children of all ages to enjoy. It highlights the importance of resilience and the power of 'YET' to achieve your goals.

Sarah Gilbert  
Reading Lead

### **School Photo Day – individual and sibling photos**

We are glad to confirm that it is School Photo Day on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Can we please ask that all children are in school uniform and wearing purple sweatshirts/cardigans on the day.

#### **All St Andrew's pupils:**

Tulip Photography will be taking individual pupil photos and sibling photos during school day. Both, individual and sibling photos, will be arranged for the children present at school on the day.

#### **Children who are not St Andrew's pupils but have sibling in the school:**

You can bring your children at **8:30am** to have their photo taken together before the school day starts. If you wish to book, please click on the link below to confirm **by noon of Friday, 1<sup>st</sup>**

**December.** <https://forms.office.com/e/90SQj7cdd7>

On the day, please arrive at the main hall door at the back of the school (fire door exit leading onto back of school car park). After the sibling photo has been taken you will need to wait for the school day to start as usual, by the main gate. If the school day has already started it will be parents' responsibility to bring their child to their classroom. Individual photos of children who are not our pupils will not be offered.

### **Interest Clubs Terms 3 and 4**

In **Term 3** we are opening **Library Club**, which we will be running free of charge this year. In **Term 4** we will be offering **Art & Crafts Club** for a charge of £3.50 a session. Please sign up by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December by using the link below. There is a limited number of spaces and they will be secured on first come first served basis. We will send confirmations to confirm if you have managed to secure a space after 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**TERM 3 - Thursdays – start on 4<sup>th</sup> January/6 sessions – Library Club – Years 3-6 – no charge**

**TERM 4 - Tuesdays – start on 20<sup>th</sup> February/6 sessions – Art & Crafts Club – Years 1 & 2 – cost: £21**

Please use the below link to sign up:

<https://forms.office.com/e/v9hGi1vP0X>

### **2024 Teaching Awards now open for nominations**

Don't miss the opportunity to nominate a special teacher, colleague or friend for the 2024 Teaching Awards. The nominations are free and there are 16 categories to choose from, including individual, team and support staff awards. This is a great way to show someone you appreciate their outstanding work and commitment.

<https://www.teachingawards.com/2024-categories/>

### **Attendance for this Academic Year so far:**

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>93.87%</b>	<b>91.36%</b>	<b>93.48%</b>	<b>91.00%</b>	<b>90.24%</b>	<b>89.79%</b>	<b>91.23%</b>

### **School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**

St Andrew's Christmas festive lunch is planned on Friday 15 December this year. You can place the order for your child as usual using Select. If your child is not a fan of Christmas food, there are other options available to choose from, or children can bring a packed lunch from home – whatever suits best! To make the day even more special we would like to encourage all children to wear Christmas jumpers, or any other Christmas related accessories. Please do not feel like you have to purchase anything new for this occasion. The children can wear anything Christmas related that makes them feel festive!



**8 SLEEPS TO GO!**

# Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER – 4.30-6.30pm



**Thank you for your donations for the tombola so far.**

**We would still appreciate donations of toys/ games, chocolate and bottles.**

**Please hand any donations into the school office. The more donations we receive, the more fun we can have!**

*Thanks also for selling your raffle tickets. Please hand in the ticket stubs and money into the school office by **Friday 1st December.***





**S+Andrew's**  
Primary School  
growing together



# JOIN US AT THE 2023 PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER | 4.30-6.30PM**

Children's Handmade Christmas Crafts | PTA Christmas  
Raffle



## **FOOD AND DRINK**

Hot Dogs and Chips | Mince Pies | Mulled Wine | Prosecco |  
Soft Drinks



## **GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

Bottle Tombola | Sweets & Cakes | Craft Stalls | Childrens  
Games | Lucky Dip | Chocolate Tombola



AND.....a special guest **FATHER CHRISTMAS**



**PLEASE BRING CASH**

**£1 PER ADULT ENTRY | CHILDREN FREE**

Dear St Andrew's Family,

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

### **DONATIONS**

We are asking all parents to help us with some donations for some of the stalls we will be hosting at this year's fabulous PTA Christmas Fair. Please bring all donations to the school office as soon as possible.

- **Chocolate** (nut free) for our Chocolate Tombola
- **Bottles** (in date and unopened) for our Bottle Tombola
- any unwanted **Toys** (complete and in good condition) for our Toy Tombola

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are also asking for volunteers to help set up before the fair, to run the stalls during the fair, and to clear up after the event. We will be allocating stalls to different St Andrew's classes - more details to follow. However, if you'd like to volunteer the please contact [standrewspta.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:standrewspta.secretary@gmail.com).

### PTA RAFFLE

Enclosed is a book of raffle tickets for you to sell before the School Christmas Fair on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** to grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbours, friends or colleagues. Please fill in the contact details section **on each ticket stub** so that we can contact winners after the draw if they are not at the fair.

Tickets cost **£1 each**. There is an array of fantastic prizes including:

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| * £28 <i>Court Farm</i> Voucher;   | * 4 tickets to see Snow Baby at the <i>Front Room (WSM)</i> ;  | * A hamper from <i>Re:Store and Congars Café</i> ;       |
| * £50 Voucher for <i>The Wave</i> ;  | * Family of 4 ticket to <i>Aerospace Bristol</i> ;             | * A Christmas hamper from <i>Cadbury Garden Centre</i> ; |
| * Family Disc Golf Voucher (for 5 people) at <i>Mendip Activity Centre</i>                 | * Case of cider and a voucher for a tour at <i>Thatchers</i> ; | * A Voucher for <i>Railway Inn, Yatton</i> ;             |
| * £10 Voucher for <i>Imagination Fascination</i> ;   | * A Voucher for <i>Ziggi's Deli</i> ;                          | * Annual Membership for <i>Ocean Adventurers</i> ;       |
| * 4 Vouchers for 9 holes on the Lakeside Golf Course from <i>Mendip Spring Golf Club</i> ; | * A Family Entry Voucher for <i>Tyntesfield</i> ;              | * A bottle from <i>Congresbury Recreation Club</i> ;     |
| * A Voucher for <i>Middlecombe Nursery</i> ;   | * Afternoon Tea for Two at <i>The Grand Pier, WSM</i> ;        | * Tickets for Two Adult at <i>Noah's Ark Zoo Farm</i> ;  |
| * A donation from <i>Cadbury Club and Spa</i> ;  | * Bottle of Fizz from <i>Debbie Fortune Estate Agents</i> ;    | * Plus our usual hampers!                                |

Please hand in the ticket stubs and money, in the attached envelope, to the school office **by 9.00am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

If you have been unable to sell the tickets, please return them to the office by the same time, or earlier in order that we can sell them elsewhere. If you manage to sell all of yours and would like some more to sell, there are limited spares at the school office.

Please do come along to the fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December to find out who wins! The fair is on between 4.30pm and 6.30pm, with the top 10 raffle prizes being drawn and announced at 5.30pm. The remaining raffle prizes will be drawn straight after this and the PTA contact the winners of each prize individually to arrange collection.

Thank you in anticipation for all your help and support.

Your PTA xx



## TERM 2 UPDATE

Thank you for your fantastic support of our events in Term 1. We are already off to a great start with fundraising this year.

**Please have a look at the events (mostly Christmas) that we have planned for this term.**

### Quick Look- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Fri 10th Nov-** Christmas fair letter and raffle tickets home
- Fri 1st Dec-** PTA Christmas fair
- Fri 8th Dec-** Christmas shopping event
- Wed 20th Dec-** Non-uniform day
- Fri 23rd Feb-** Bags2School recycled clothes drop

## Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER - 4.30-6.30pm



### Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to the school Christmas fair, which will be held at the school on Friday 1st December.

A letter will go home this week about ways you can support this event. Included with this letter will be raffle tickets to sell to family and friends. We know that you will be very excited by the fantastic prizes on offer this year and we are very grateful to our sponsors.



An event of this size does not run itself. We would appreciate volunteers to give some of their time on the day to help it to run smoothly.

There will be opportunities to sign up; any help will be really appreciated and contribute to the success of the event.



### NON - UNIFORM DAY - Wednesday 20th December

Last day of term, children can come to school wearing non-uniform. There will be year 6 pupils collecting donations on the gate. We are also going to send out a QR code if you don't carry cash or need to pay in advance. Suggested donation £1 per child.

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

Friday 8th December



Thank you for returning your slips and payment for this event. If you haven't returned your form, please do so promptly. This is always a highlight on the school calendar and we know the children will be really excited.

**Please bring a shopping bag to carry your presents on the day.**

Please get in touch if you would like to be part of our PTA team. We are a small but committed team and we would love more people to join the fun. Contact: [standrewspta.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:standrewspta.secretary@gmail.com)



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you for those people who ordered Christmas cards. We are aware there were a few ordering hiccups but we hope you are really happy with your individual designs. If you ordered them by Nov 9th, you should receive them well in time for your Christmas post.





# THE SNOW BABY

A magical children's show by Soap Soup Theatre



*"A tender and enchanting children's story, featuring a host of loveable characters."*  
The Reviews Hub

WEDS 20th - SAT 30th DEC, 11AM & 2PM

13 Central Walk, WSM, BS23 1FF

[www.frontroomwsm.com](http://www.frontroomwsm.com)

