

# St. Andrew's Newsletter

No: 05|| Thursday 9<sup>th</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

Friday 17 November 2023  
Monday 19 February 2024  
Monday 3 June 2024

## Dates to Remember:

**Wednesday 08 November 5:15-6pm** – Reading Support Session  
**Friday 10 November 2:30-3:15pm** – Reading Support Session  
**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  
**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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As part of our offer to support parents with their child(ren)'s mental health, we hosted our first coffee morning on Tuesday. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to meet Mrs Mayo and Sam our Mental Health Practitioner. It was a great opportunity to share worries and concerns, get advice and talk about other topics to cover in the future. The accompanying slides will be available on the school website for anyone who was unable to attend.

Our next Coffee morning with Sam will be **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am**. This session will cover Decider skills, 12 Tips and tricks which can help support children's emotional regulation.

Then on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** we will be offering a **sleep workshop**.

You may also be interested in two Facebook groups which were recommended:

- Parenting Mental Health
- Young Minds

We are looking forward to welcoming our Robin's parents to our Stay and Play morning on Saturday. This will be a great opportunity for our youngest pupils to share their learning and make memories with their family in the Forest school areas – fingers crossed the weather holds!

Take care  
Fran Martin

### **Attendance letters**

Good attendance is a school and national priority. As part of the school and Lighthouse (MAT) commitment to supporting all pupils to attend regularly, we closely monitor attendance and follow an attendance policy.

Some families will have received a letter if their child's overall attendance was 90% or less (considered to be persistent absence) or if their child had missed 6 or more sessions, since the start of the school year. **In the majority of cases, these letters are simply to keep you informed about your child's overall attendance and are nothing to worry about.** We recognise that a few days of illness in the first term, will have a more significant impact on overall attendance in the early part of the year. We will monitor attendance again at the next review point. If we are concerned about a child's attendance, in the interim, we will be in touch with you directly.

### **Helping your child with reading at home information session**

I will be running 2 more sessions for parents to share ideas and tips for supporting your child with reading at home. Reading is a **vital** life skill which impacts future success and it is so important that we work in partnership to support your child to reach their potential. I will share how reading is taught, strategies for helping your child to read and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions. The sessions are on:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 5.15pm-6pm  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm-3.15pm

Please do come along.  
Sarah Gilbert  
Reading Lead

### **Pupils that have gone above and beyond**

Apologies for the oversight that several weeks of Celebration nominations have been missed off the newsletters – a bumper list this week to catch up!

### **Celebration assembly 15<sup>th</sup> September**

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Isabelle - compassion Salman - courage
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Abigail - courage Arlo - trust
<b>Owl Crew</b>	Milo - courage Celeste - compassion
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	George - trust Archer - trust
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Jessica - courage Sam Z - compassion
<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Miles - courage Mia - trust

### **Celebration assembly 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Penelope Louie
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Scarlet Rose Harriet
<b>Owl Crew</b>	William Rico
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Annabel Rachael
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Lucy Theo
<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Olly Theo

### **Top Table 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Aubrey
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Florence
<b>Owl Crew</b>	Jack H
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Leila
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	TJ

### VIP Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Archie, Alex, Chloe, Henry & Piper
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### Celebration assembly 29<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Eva – compassion, Sonny - trust
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Megan – courage, Oliver - courage
<b>Owl Crew</b>	Caleb, Hannah - courage
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Rupert, Sam - courage
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Callum, Theo H - courage
<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Jacob – trust, Elsie - trust

### Celebration assembly 6<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Cain Adeline
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Lottie Jessie
<b>Owl Crew</b>	Olivia Billy
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Ashton Ellie
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Megan Isla
<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Shannon Katy

### Top Table 6<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Zac
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Luna
<b>Owl Crew</b>	Hadley
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Jessica
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Lucas

### VIP Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Shanice, Ili, Ryan, Sam, Alexandra
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### Celebration assembly 13<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Evelyn Oscar – courage
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Rocco Abigail – trust
<b>Owl Crew</b>	Ivy – compassion Alfie - compassion
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Isabelle – courage Rueben - courage
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Guillherme Holly K – courage
<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Dylan – courage Zameena - courage

### Celebration assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> November

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Claydon – courage Wayne - courage
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Luna Harley - courage
<b>Owl Crew</b>	Alfie – compassion Zoe - courage
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Amelia Scarlet - courage
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Theo W – compassion Ivy - courage
<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Sam Ryan – courage

## Voice of the Tree Tops Council

**Chair – Elsie**

**Vice Chair – Harry & Alexandra**

**Secretary – Katy**

### Learning Partners

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Ozzie & Sonny
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Florence & Samuel
<b>Owl Crew</b>	Eliza & Jack
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Amelia & Isabelle
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Ralf & Martha
<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Ryan & Shanice

### **Top Table 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

<b>Kingfisher Crew</b>	Evelyn
<b>Jay Crew</b>	Robyn
<b>Owl Crew</b>	William E
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Liliana
<b>Falcon Crew</b>	Theo W

### **VIP Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

<b>Eagle Crew</b>	Miles, Theo, Harry, Shannon, Katy
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### **Year 6 fundraising for the coach to camp**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Eagles crew held a car wash to raise money for the camp coach. We also provided refreshments and managed to raise over £100! Thank you to everyone who donated, had their cars washed (we hope you liked the result!) and bought refreshments from us.

For our next fundraising event, we are offering your children the opportunity to win the cutest, softest teddy and/or the cuddliest, fluffiest elephant. For only £1 per entry, you can make your child the happiest they've ever been! Send them into school with £1 and they can guess the name of the teddy and/or elephant. The winners will be announced in December.

Thank you for your support.

By Alexandra on behalf of Eagles Crew

### **Remembrance Day**



All children and staff will celebrate Remembrance Day tomorrow with a minute of silence. We encourage all children who are members of Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, Brownies to come to school in their organisation uniform.

### **FOOTBALL BOOTS**

We are hoping to collect in school a supply of spare football boots. If you have any boots that your children have grown out of please drop them in.

Many thanks

### **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>97.12%</b>	<b>93.62%</b>	<b>96.01%</b>	<b>94.00%</b>	<b>93.84%</b>	<b>92.38%</b>	<b>93.80%</b>

## 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)



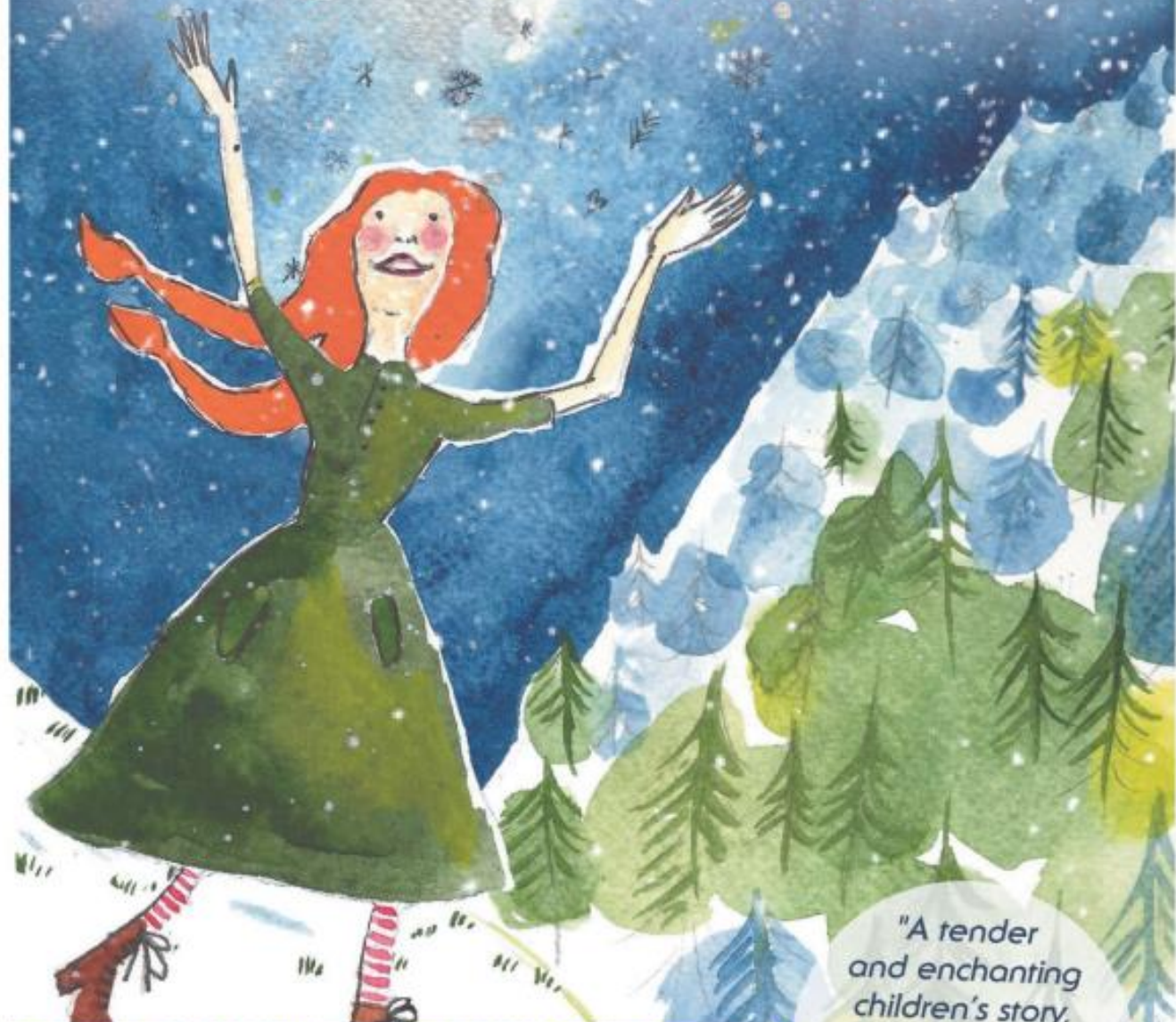
### CHRISTMAS CARDS

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)



Thanks so much for supporting our PTA events this term.

The recent spring bulb, uniform and hot chocolate was a big success. Congratulations to Cooper who won the golden ticket in the bulb and sweets lucky dip, winning an Autumn hamper kindly donated by Cadbury Garden centre! Thank you also to Middlecombe Nursery for donating bulbs for the event. Look out for their annual Halloween pumpkin trail which runs over half term supporting local charities.

*There will be plenty more exciting festive events to get behind next term!*

## Internet Guide for parents

# How to create an environment for kids to talk

internet matters.org



- 1 Talk early and often**
  - Talk with children from an early age to make it easier to maintain good communication
  - Have bitesized conversations that are relevant to them
- 2 Choose the right time**
  - Choose to talk when you are due to spend some time together, like over a meal or during their bedtime routine
  - Bring digital experience into normal, everyday conversations
- 3 Open up and share too** 
  - Model the behaviour you want them to show by sharing about your day
  - Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported
- 4 Create a safe space for your child**
  - Ask open-ended questions
  - Ensure that your child feels listened to rather than cornered
  - When they start talking, hold off with questions and really listen
  - Be prepared, calm and patient with them



# What to talk about



## Online reputation

- Understanding how online activity creates a 'digital footprint' that lasts forever
- Being a [good digital citizen](#) e.g. treating people like you would face to face
- Thinking before posting

## Critical thinking

- Making them aware that some people hide behind fake profiles
- Being [critical about what they see online](#) as not everything is true
- Agreeing digital boundaries to allow them freedom to make informed decisions

## Resolving online issues

- Tools and strategies to deal with issues they may face online such as cyberbullying or seeing inappropriate content
- Where & how to [report an issue](#) - encouraging them to speak to an adult

## Personal safety

- Keeping info private on devices and apps they use with [privacy settings](#)
- What a secure social media profile looks like
- Create strong passwords for every online account

## Best of the net

- What they enjoy most about their favourite apps or sites
- The coolest [sites and apps](#) among their group of friends
- Talking about things online you can enjoy together and ways to stay involved in their digital world

## Free tools to promote conversations

### Digital Matters

Use the Once Upon Online storytelling activities to discuss how children can get help and from where, along with how to manage different aspects of their online lives.

### The Online Together Project

This interactive quiz provides guidance on how to talk about tough issues like gender stereotypes and online safety.

### Find the Fake

Discuss what misinformation online looks like and what children can do to make sure they think critically about what they see online.

