

St. Andrew's Newsletter

No: 01 || Thursday 05 October 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 20 October 2023
Friday 17 November 2023
Monday 19 February 2024
Monday 3 June 2024

Dates to Remember:

Meet the Teacher 2:45pm-3:15pm:

Thursday 05 October – Owl Crew

Friday 06 October – Jay Crew

Friday 06 October-Thursday 12 October – Book Fair (payment using QR code)

Friday 13 October – PTA Hot Chocolate and Uniform Sale

Tuesday 10 October – World Mental Health Day – wear yellow.

Tuesday 10 October (4pm-7pm) – Parent Evenings

Thursday 19 October (3:30pm-6pm) - Parent Evenings

Monday 17 October (2:50pm) – Eagle class worship

Thursday 19 October – Non-uniform day

Tuesday 31 October (9:15am) – Coffee Morning

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

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

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

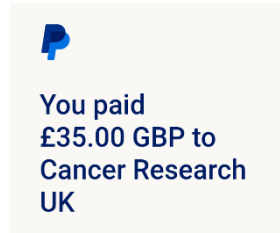
School Office e-mail Address: office@standrewsprimary.org.uk

School Phone Number: 01934 832505

'We will occasionally put community news or adverts within our newsletter that is emailed to all parents. You have the right to object to this. If there are any objections at any point, then we will no longer include this information in our newsletter.'

Bookmark Sale

We would like to say a HUGE thank you and well done to Falcon Crew



For their amazing efforts in designing, making and selling bookmarks in the library last week. They girls worked tirelessly and raised an incredible £35 for Cancer research UK. Thank you to everyone who supported them.

Coffee Morning

You are invited to a Coffee Morning in the Rainbow room on Tuesday 31 October 2023 at 9.15am. Guest speaker - Sam Williams our MHFA who will be delivering a session on Mental Health support for children. Watch this space..... next Coffee Morning will cover support for your child's sleep.

World Mental Health Day Tuesday 10th October 2023



As part of World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October we are going to encourage the children and staff at St. Andrew's to come to school wearing yellow. This could be an item of clothing or simply just a hairband, glasses or even some Pudsey ears. By wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day on 10 October, and donating what you can, you can show young people that you're with them. Show them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what. Join thousands across the country to stand out and show up for young people's mental health this #HelloYellow. Are you in?

School Milk Services

All children until the age of 5 receive milk in school as a part of the nationwide programme. Those parents who would like their children to keep receiving milk after their 5th birthday need to register with School Milk Services to buy the milk. You can register online through our supplier's website:

www.schoolmilkservices.co.uk/parents

Attendance for this Academic Year so far:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.18%	94.64%	95.39%	94.52%	95.57%	91.67%	87.89%

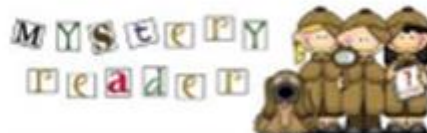
Reading volunteers



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.

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 a 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.



Library

To promote reading for pleasure all the children will be visiting the library each week to choose a book to enjoy sharing at home. We are looking for some volunteers to support us in running our fabulous library. Do you have a spare afternoon, morning or couple of hours each week? We would love some help in returning books, keeping the books in order, supporting children to choose books and updating our book stock. If you are interested in offering some help in the Library please speak to Mrs Gilbert (email below). Thank you.



Book Fair

Books will be available to buy from the book fair in the hall on Friday 6th October, Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th. 3.15-4.00pm.

Early reading parents' meeting

I will be running two meetings on **Thursday 12th October** to explain how we teach early reading at St Andrew's and how you can support your child at home.

Session 1- 2.45pm-3.10pm

Session 2 – 5.30pm-6pm

We hope these times can accommodate as many people as possible.

If you have any questions about reading please speak to your child's teacher or email me

Sarah.gilbert@standrewsprimary.org.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Online Safety Guide

Children's use of the internet is becoming more mobile and interactive offering young people more opportunities to interact and meet new people, so it's never been more important to make sure you are helping your child stay safe in the digital world.



**15 hours
a week**

Children's internet use has reached record highs, 5-15 year olds spend 15 hours a week online



The number of children with a social media profile doubles between the age of 10 and 11. 43% of 11 year olds have a social profile



44% of 5-15 year olds have their own tablet and together with smartphones are the most popular for going online.

Get in control of parental controls



If using a smartphone, check content lock is set



Set parental controls on your home broadband



Control app downloads and purchases



Make the games console safe and secure



Use safety mode on YouTube and Google



If using social networks, check privacy settings

Go to internetmatters.org/controls for step-by-step guides

Managing privacy settings on apps

11-15 year olds use on average 5 different websites and apps to communicate with friends at home, the most popular being Instagram (60%).



Whatsapp



Snapchat



Instagram



YouTube

If your child is using these networking sites and respective apps, get up to speed on how they can manage their privacy settings with our "How to guides".

Go to internetmatters.org/back-to-school to download our "How to guides".

Helping parents keep their children safe online.

internetmatters.org

Get familiar with regular conversations

- ✓ Start a conversation when your children will be more receptive and engaged, such as on the way to or from school
- ✓ Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- ✓ Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- ✓ Be sensitive and encourage them when they share their online experiences with you
- ✓ If your child talks about an issue with you, stay calm and listen without judging them

Check they know the rules

- ✓ Don't share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- ✓ Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element
- ✓ Explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
- ✓ Tell them to be a good online friend and not to say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- ✓ Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- ✓ Make sure they check with you before downloading any programs to avoid viruses

Key issues you may want to discuss



Cyberbullying

Prevention is always better than the cure when it comes to this issue. Help your child understand the consequences of what they share online and encourage them to be "kind online". If they are the target of cyberbullying, be sure to keep all messages as evidence and block the bullies on social networks.

For more advice about cyberbullying visit internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying



Sexting

There are many reasons why young people get involved in sexting; exploring sex and relationship or pressure from a partner or friends. Having an open and honest conversation about it can help them understand the implications of sending a nude image and highlight that it is illegal.

If your child has sent a nude image and it has been put online; report it to CEOP and contact Childline who can help you get all known copies removed from the internet internetmatters.org/issues/sexting

Want more help?

For step by step guides and advice go to internetmatters.org

To report an issue around a sexual image of a child visit ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/

BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome back to a new school year of fun PTA events. There will be a lot of opportunities for you to support fun events that raised valuable funds for St Andrew's school. Any donations, small or large, are always appreciated.

Here is an outline of some of the events that we have coming up:



Sunday 8th October – The Plough – 7.30pm

Assemble a team and join the fun at a pub quiz raising money for St Andrew's school. This is an adults only event.



'HOT' CHOCOLATE



HOT CHOCOLATE AND UNIFORM SALE – Friday 13th Oct

After school in the hall. An opportunity to purchase second hand school uniform items before the winter sets in. We will also be selling hot chocolates (please bring a reusable cup if you can) and spring daffodil bulbs which have been kindly donated by



Wednesday 18th October – 7pm

We would love to see some new faces at our AGM. Please come and join us for the PTA AGM which is to be held at the school. No special skills needed – just enthusiasm!



NON - UNIFORM DAY – Thursday 19th October

Last day of term, children can come to school wearing non-uniform. There will be year 6 pupils collecting gold coin donations on the gate. Your support of our non-uniform days are always appreciated.

Quick Look- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Bags2School Clothing drop – Fri 29th Sept
- Plough Pub Quiz – Sun 8th Oct at 7.30pm
- Hot chocolate/ Daffodil bulb/ Used uniform sale – Fri 13th Oct after school
- PTA AGM – Wed 18th Oct at 7pm at school
- Non-uniform Day – Thurs 19th Oct – Please bring a gold coin donation
- PTA School Christmas Fair – Fri 1st Dec – 4.30-6.30pm
- Information about the Christmas card and Christmas shopping events to follow.

Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER – 4.30-6.30pm



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

LIBRARY NEWS

YATTON LIBRARY - OCT 2023

EMAIL: YATTON.LIBRARY@N-SOMERSET.GOV.UK

TEL: 01934 426100



GET ONLINE DROP-IN

THU. 19TH OCT 10.00AM-1.00PM

Come along and find out how to show your library card on your phone and never forget your library card again! You can also find out how to access free e-books, e-audio books and e-magazines.



GREEN LIBRARIES WEEK

Find out more about waste and recycling with the Council Recycling team on Tues 3rd Oct



Why not come in and borrow books on climate change, nature or recycling?



Crafts and activities will be running throughout the week



LEGO CLUB

SATURDAYS 10 -12

In the Greta Lewis room - children must be accompanied by an adult



CODING CLUB -

MINECRAFT

OCT 7TH

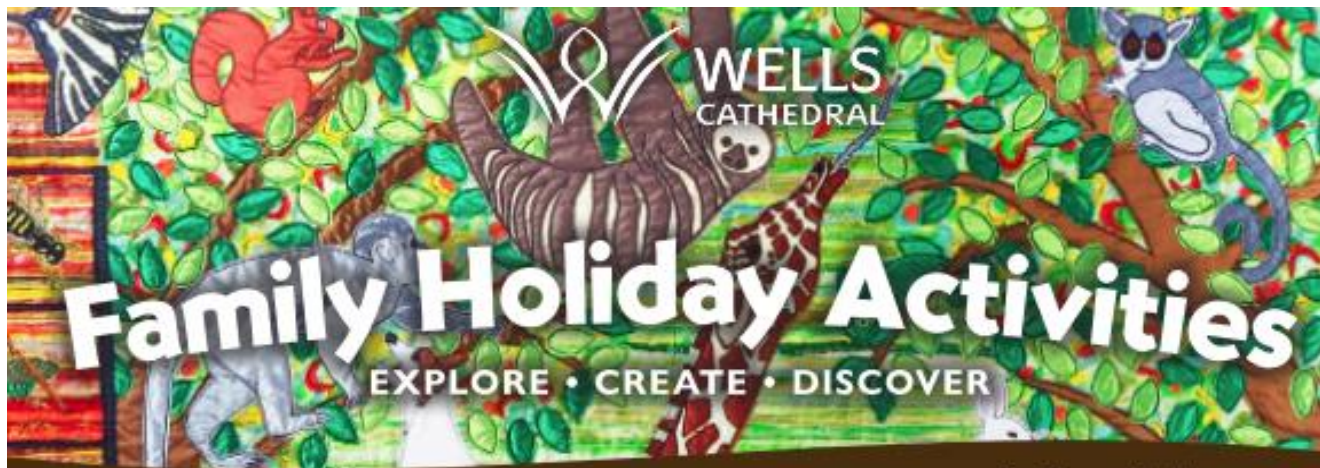
9:45AM - 12:45PM

Suitable for children 8-12 year old who would like to learn to programme mini games.

Booking required:

Email: info@codingclub.co.uk

Call 07909 226520



Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Threads through Creation

October 2023

Creative workshops for children inspired by the stunning 'Threads through Creation' exhibition. Take time to see the wonderful, supersized fabric panels before your craft session; pick up a free family trail leaflet and explore the kaleidoscope of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course many, many different creatures!

Felted Worlds Monday 23 October*

Make a mini felted Earth to hang at home, complete with your message for a better world.

Spectacular Spirals Tuesday 24 October*

Take inspiration from spirals in the exhibition and in nature. Try circular weaving or create a snazzy snake mobile.

Fabric Creations Wednesday 25 October*

Stitch a mini textile panel or use fabric and glue to create a colourful creature collage.

**Sessions at 10.00 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 2.00 p.m.*

Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; Accompanying adults FREE

Please note that Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and no dogs are allowed at family activities.

