

School Information

St Andrew's CE Primary School is a voluntary controlled school, the only school within the village of Congresbury. It is set back in its own extensive grounds off the busy A370 between the City of Bristol and the large town of Weston-super-Mare. Congresbury has a diverse population with numerous organisations, clubs, activities and a thriving scene to suit all ages.

At St Andrew's we aim to create a welcoming, caring and stimulating environment where each child can achieve their full potential. The school prides itself on working with a very unique and diverse community.

The school motto 'Growing Together' is fundamental in all that we do. Growing together in two senses of the phrase; firstly that we daily grow upwards together in experiences and knowledge and secondly that we grow closer together in understanding and helping each other.

The most recent Ofsted inspection, January 2018, saw the school maintain its good judgement. In our latest SIAMs Inspection from the Diocese of Bath and Wells we were graded Outstanding overall as a Church School. We are now working to achieve more for children through redesigning our curriculum adding greater depth and understanding. We wish to foster greater enjoyment of school and schooling by identifying critical skills that children need to master then practice them in challenging situations. We have devised a curriculum that seeks to engage all pupils. It is based around practical learning and positive feedback, encouraging children to unpick their thinking and strive to match or improve upon their personal best.

St Andrew's is committed to the 'Learning without Limits' ethos, focusing on teaching and learning through the rejection of labelling and encouraging growth mindsets. Pupils can be heard to say now that 'I haven't understood this yet' as opposed to 'I can't'. Learning involves taking risks, calling for surprises and creating the conditions in which this is more likely to happen.

The school is surrounded by pleasant playing fields and adjoins open countryside. The grounds are currently being redeveloped to make them more attractive and interesting. We have a wooded area and wildlife garden that is being utilised by staff as part of the Forest School Programme.