

# St. Andrew's Newsletter

No: 1 || Friday 06 September 2024

## 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

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

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Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, welcome back to everyone! Whether you are returning after the summer break or joining us for the first time you are all very welcome. Mrs Dyson has been making home visits to our Robin crew and their family/carers this week and we look forward to welcoming Robin pupils next week.

We would also like to warmly welcome Mrs Wilson to our Y5 teaching team job sharing with Mr Quinton for Falcon crew. Mrs Riley has been appointed to work in our new Nurture hub alongside newly appointed Mrs Stone (Learning Partner).

In addition, we have a number of newly appointed Learning Partners that have started with us this week: Mrs Porter, Mrs Midgely and Mrs Tivey. I am sure they will become familiar faces over the next few weeks of the academic term.

It has been wonderful watching the children coming back to school and developing new relationships with the adults in their classrooms. It has been a real pleasure to see the children excited in their learning and equally excited to be together again. We understand that for some children the start of a new year can be overwhelming but hopefully everyone is beginning to adjust now. If your child is struggling, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher or our Pastoral Leader, Mrs Mayo.

We have had lots of work around the school over the summer holidays. I am sure that you have noticed that our front playground has new fencing and a gate. Whilst, the previous fencing was considered satisfactory we were given funding from LSP to improve it further. We have also had new tarmacking at the back of the school to create additional staff car parking. We are just waiting for the lines to be painted on. Please can I remind parents that this area is not for parents parking. Thanks to a kind donation from the PTA and some outside funding, we have been able to lay artificial grass in the Robin courtyard. This will be a welcome additional outside learning area.

As you can imagine at the start of the school year there is lots of school "housekeeping" for new parents and reminders for existing parents re school procedures. Hopefully all of the information in the remaining newsletter is supportive. As always, we have an open door policy and so please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher(s) via email or at pick up if there is anything you need clarifying further.

### **School Meals Menu for September - Information from Aspens**

There is a new menu for the new academic year packed full of pupil favourites and full of choices for all our young customers. The full menu is available on the school website <https://www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=135>

### **Contact Data and Consent**

If you have any changes to your emergency contacts, address or contact details please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure our system is up to date. Please also remember that you can review and change your preferences for areas of consent at any time. Just get in touch with the office and we can help.

### **Walking home from school**

It is school policy that only children in Year 5 and 6 can walk home on their own if we have parent's permission in writing. If you provided us with such a permission last year, we assume that you are still happy for your child to walk home on their own this year. Please let the office know if anything has changed.

### **Privacy Notices**

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Privacy notices have been circulated to all parents previously but please remember if you would ever like a copy then either call into the school office or refer to the information within the Policies section on the school website. This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

### **Year 3 children**

Please can we remind parents that the children who have moved up to Year 3 need to provide their own fruit/dried fruit for break and that they are no longer entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal provided by the Government. If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal due to family circumstances please call into the office and speak to Mrs Plimbley or Ms Page.

### **Our school day timings**

- 8.40 am - Doors open and children allowed into classrooms
- 8.45 am - Official start of the school day and registration starts
- 8:55 am - School gates locked and register closed  
(Pupils arriving after 9:00 am will be marked as late (L) – which still counts as present)
- 10.45 - 11.00 am - Morning break
- 12.00 - 1.00 pm - Lunch break
- 1:00 pm - afternoon registration
- 3.15 pm - School ends for all children.

The front playground gate will open from 3pm but the second gate will open in time for end of school day and collecting your child(ren).

### **Drop off and Collection**

In the morning please can all parents, with the exception of Robin crew, drop their child off before the second green gate by Robin's class. At 3:15 to support congestion, can parents collect their child(ren) and walk around the perimeter of our school. We appreciate your support with this.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Our latest policy on safeguarding will be ratified by Governors and will soon be available on our school website. If you have any questions concerning pupil safety or safeguarding generally, please contact the school office and they will help direct you to the best person to help.



**Fran Martin**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Julie Mayo**  
Designated Safeguarding Deputy



**Mrs Carol Motteram**  
Safeguarding Governor


### **Medical Matters**

If your child requires medication in school at any time please ask for a 'Request for School to Administer Medication' form to be sent home/emailed from the office. Any medicine will need to be handed into the office. We cannot administer medicine without having received this form. Please can any medical or dental appointments be made after school or during the school holidays. We do appreciate that this is not always possible, especially with hospital appointments.

### **Inhalers**

Please can we gently remind you that it is the parent's responsibility to check that any inhalers held in school are in date. All inhalers sent in to school must be in their original box and clearly labelled with the dosage. Thank you.

### **Break time Snacks**

Please can we remind parents that children should only be bringing in a piece of fresh fruit or some dried fruit for their break time snack. Cereal bars, fruit bars (including fruit winders) or fruit covered in yoghurt etc. are not allowed. 

### **Newsletters**

Newsletters are published every other Thursday. It is e-mailed out and is also available to view on our website.

### **Backpacks**

Unfortunately, we do not have the room to store these during the school day so would ask that they come into school with the minimum amount of luggage possible!

## Information from NS Council for Parents of Year 6 Children

**My ref:** Transfer to Secondary School  
**Contact:** School Admissions Team  
**Email:** [admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk)  
**Website:** [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions)



School Admissions Team  
North Somerset Council  
Town Hall  
Walliscote Grove Road  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 1UJ

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Transfer to Secondary School in September 2025

Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in Year 7 in September 2025.

Applications open by **12 September 2024** and close on the National Deadline at **11:59pm on 31 October 2024**. Please ensure we receive your completed application before the National Deadline.

Any applications that are received before the National Deadline have a higher chance of being offered a place at their preference schools than those received after the National Deadline. This is due to the fact that schools are usually full after the first round of allocations.

Before you complete your application form, please read the Parents' Guide to Transferring to Secondary School, which will be available by 12 September at: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place>. The guide details the oversubscription criteria for each North Somerset school, dates of further allocation rounds and information you will find necessary in order to complete your application.

You can submit your application on our online application service which is available at: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place>. The online application service is secure, and you will receive an e-mail receipt once your application has been submitted. If you have previously registered on the online service, you can login using your existing e-mail address and password. Make sure that all details listed under 'My Account' are up to date, if you have moved address since you last made an application, update the address for you and your child(ren).

Alternatively, you can submit a paper application form, which will be available on the same website as above.

You can name up to three preferences on your application form, the schools can be inside or outside North Somerset. Using all three preferences will not reduce the chance of being offered a place at your first preference school. For more information, please read the Parent Guide referenced above.

Although most secondary schools in North Somerset operate with Catchment Areas, living in a Catchment Area will not guarantee you a place at a particular school. It will, however, give you a priority over children who do not live in the Catchment Area. To find out which Catchment Area your home address is in, please go to: [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/secondaryschoolfga](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/secondaryschoolfga).

Outcomes for on time applications will be available on 3 March 2025.

- If you applied online you will receive an email with your outcome.
- If you applied using a paper form (by post or by emailing a Word version of the application form to us) and included an email address you will receive an email with your outcome.
- If you applied using a paper form (by post or by emailing a Word version of the application form to us) and did not include an email address an outcome letter will be posted to you on 3 March by second class post and could take several days to be delivered.

Please check schools' websites for the details of open days/evenings.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please check our website and the parent guide before contacting the School Admissions Team.

Yours sincerely

*School Admissions Officers*

School Admissions Team  
North Somerset Council

#### 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 and 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. Everyone welcome.

#### Book Fair

Books will be available to buy from the book fair in the hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 3.15-4.00pm. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Supporting your child to read- parents' meeting

I will be running two meetings to explain how we teach reading at St Andrew's and how you can support your child at home.

Session 1- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 5pm

Session 2 – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2.15pm

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](mailto:Sarah.gilbert@standrewsprimary.org.uk)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **After School Sports Clubs Terms 1 and 2, 2024-2025**

St Andrew's Primary will continue to work in partnership with PH Sports – a sports coaching company - to provide our sports clubs after school. PH Sports are working across six other schools within Lighthouse Schools Partnership and we hope you are pleased with the offer they have prepared for St Andrew's Crew for Terms 1 and 2.

Our school office does not take payments and all admin regarding these classes is taken by PH Sports themselves. Please find attached a leaflet from the provider with all the relevant information. Please book a space for your child by contacting PH Sports directly

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding you might be able to book the activity free of charge – please contact the school before you book to discuss.

# AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS



St Andrew's Primary School  
Term 1 & Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Club	Alternative Sports KS1 & KS2 (14 weeks)	No Club	Football KS1 & KS2 (14 weeks)	No Club
	£79.10		£79.10	

All clubs run 3:20pm - 4:20pm  
Clubs start the week commencing 09/09/2024.  
(You will not be charged for any sessions that have already taken place).

## BOOK HERE



Our after-school clubs are a fantastic opportunity for your children to enhance their learning and physical development in a safe and enjoyable environment. Alternative sports will include activities such as indo boarding, soft archery, boccia, new age kurling etc.



[PHSPORTS.CO.UK](https://www.phsports.co.uk)

[BOOKINGS@PHSPORTS.CO.UK](mailto:BOOKINGS@PHSPORTS.CO.UK) 01225 701830



# LIBRARY NEWS

YATTON LIBRARY  
SEPTEMBER 2024

## BACK TO SCHOOL

All the staff here at Yatton library wish the pupils a good new school year. Remember if you need help with projects, come in and see what books we have.


Julie, Rosie, Ali, Karen and Vicki

## THANKYOU

Thank you to all the students that took part in our Summer Reading Challenge, the craft activities and the theatre event at the library. Don't forget to tell your teacher if you received a certificate.



### CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

 Drawing Club -  
Tuesday 3:15 -  
4:30pm



 Lego Club -  
Saturday 10am  
- 12noon



### STORYTIME & RHYMETIME

Pre-school children are welcome to come along with an adult and join in the fun!

**Rhymetime - 2 sessions**  
Mondays 9:30am & 10:15am

**Storytime - Thursdays 2:30pm**

### BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE WONDER BROTHERS

Blackpool tower has vanished - can the magical cousins conjure it back home?







NEW!

# Let's play

For children aged up to five

Join us for a range of fun indoor and outdoor activities. Meet other families, play with your child and have fun!

 Yeo Valley and Rural Outreach Children's Centre, Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5DX

 Every Tuesday: 1.30pm - 2.30pm (term time only)

Only **£2** per family, drop in group, no booking needed

Facebook: @NorthSomersetCC  
Instagram: @northsomersetchildrenscentres

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# Find us:

**Portishead Children's Centre:**  
West Hill, Portishead, Bristol,  
BS20 6LN  
01275 884 001  
Open Tuesday - Thursday  
9am - 3.30pm

**Pill Library and Children's Centre:**  
Crockerne House, Underbanks,  
Pill, Bristol, BS20 0AT  
01275 884 001  
Please note that this centre isn't  
staffed, please contact by phone

**Nailsea and Backwell Children's Centre:**  
Pound Lane, Nailsea, Bristol,  
BS48 2NP  
01934 426 710  
Open Monday-Wednesday  
9am - 3.30pm

**Yatton Library and Children's Centre:**  
High Street, Yatton, Bristol,  
BS49 4HJ  
01934 426 440  
Please note that this centre isn't  
staffed, please contact by phone

**Clevedon Children's Centre:**  
The Barn, Great Western Road,  
Clevedon, BS21 6HB  
01934 426 440  
Open Monday, Wednesday-Friday  
9am - 3.30pm

**Yeo Valley and Rural Outreach Children's Centre:**  
Station Road, Congresbury, Bristol,  
BS49 5DX  
01934 426 643  
Open Monday-Wednesday  
9am - 3.30pm

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# What's on?

North Group: 9 Sept - 25 Oct 2024

\*Please note that these guides are likely to have changes. To see the most up-to-date version, please view our social media pages or contact the centre\*

This document can be made available in a different format or language on request by contacting your local Children's Centre.

You can also find us on Facebook: @NorthSomersetCC  
And on Instagram: @northsomersetchildrenscentres

Become a member today!



No booking necessary (unless otherwise stated). Places are restricted and offered on a first come first serve basis.

The suggested contribution for Children's Centre groups is £2 per family.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Portishead Children's Centre</b>	<b>Childminders Network Group:</b> 9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Cafe Mamma:</b> 10am - 11.30am Breastfeeding support group  <b>Baby Hub:</b> 1.00pm - 2.30pm Drop in support from health visitors Contact 0300 125 5060	<b>Baby and Me:</b> 9.30am - 11am Drop in social group (0-24 months). Older siblings welcome	<b>Let's Play:</b> 10am - 11am Indoor fun and activities, term time only 0-5s, £2 per family  <b>Home Ed Play Club:</b> 1pm - 3pm portisheadchildrenscentre@n-somerset.gov.uk		<b>LLads:</b> Stay and play for dads and their children 10.30am - 12pm 14th Sept 12th Oct
<b>Yatton Library and Children's Centre</b>			<b>Young Parents Group: (Up to 25)</b> Yatton Youth Group, Rock Road, BS49 4JE 10am - 12pm 18th & 25th Sept 9th & 23rd Oct		<b>Chestnut Park Primary School, Yatton</b> <b>Boogie Time:</b> 10am - 11am	<b>Parenting groups</b> Parents can self refer to <b>Advanced Parenting Groups</b> . Contact 01275 888 808 or visit <b>Advance Parenting Groups/ North Somerset Online Directory</b> (n-somerset.gov.uk)
<b>Clevedon Children's Centre</b>	<b>Rhyme and Sign:</b> 10.30am - 11.30am 0-5s  <b>Mothers for Mothers drop-in:</b> 12pm - 1.30pm Support for mums who are feeling low or anxious Contact Amy northsomerset@motherstormothers.co.uk		<b>Breastfeeding Support Group:</b> 11am - 12.30pm, a drop-in for breastfeeding and feeding support  <b>Baby Hub:</b> 11am - 12.30pm Drop in for support from the health visiting team Contact 0300 125 5060	<b>Childminders Network Group:</b> 9.30am - 11.30am  <b>Sensory Fun:</b> 1pm - 2pm, term time only, £2 per family, fun sensory activities for children up to 2	<b>ESOL Health and Wellbeing Hub:</b> Sessions from 12.30pm English for speakers of other languages Contact Iona Gibbons 07767 671633	<b>Note</b> Our staff are available to offer support, resources and answer any questions. Please call in, or telephone on the days they are open.  <b>Front Door</b> To access Family Support Services and a variety of Parenting courses. 01275 888 808

Why not take a picture of our What's On calendar to take home with you?



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Nailsea and Backwell Children's Centre</b>	<p><b>Bright Beginnings:</b> 9.30-10.45am For children aged up to 2. Learn more about your child's growing brain To sign up or for further information contact <a href="mailto:maxine.christian@n-somerset.gov.uk">maxine.christian@n-somerset.gov.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Childminders Network Group:</b> 9.30am - 11.30am</p>	<p><b>Muddy Boots:</b> 10.00am - 11.00am Outdoor activities <b>0-5s</b></p>	<p>First Thursday of each month <b>Parenting Village Coffee Afternoon</b> 1.30-3.00pm Drop in for parents for specialised parenting support.</p>	<p><b>Cafe Mamma:</b> 10am - 11.30am Friendly and welcoming breastfeeding group</p> <p><b>Baby Massage</b> For further information on future courses please email: <a href="mailto:nailseaandbackwellchildrenscentre@n-somerset.gov.uk">nailseaandbackwellchildrenscentre@n-somerset.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>Yeo Valley and Rural Outreach Children's centre</b>	<p><b>Baby Hub:</b> 10.00am - 11.30am Drop in for support from the Health Visiting team Contact 0300 125 5060</p>	<p><b>Childminders Network Group:</b> 10.30am - 12pm</p> <p><b>Let's Play:</b> 1.30-2.30pm Indoor and outdoor fun <b>0-5s</b>, term time only, £2 per family</p>			
<b>Outreach</b>	<p>Third Monday of each month <b>Parenting Village Coffee Morning</b> 9.30-11.00am Clevedon Library, Old Church Road, Clevedon. Drop in for parents for specialised parenting support.</p>	<p>Salvation Army Hall, Pill <b>Rhyme and Sign:</b> 10am - 11am <b>0-5s</b></p>	<p>Long Ashton Community Centre, Keedwell Hill, LAMBS: 11am - 1pm For babies up to 12 months fortnightly breastfeeding peer support</p>		<p>Why not take a picture of our What's On calendar to take home with you?</p> 