



St. Andrew's Newsletter 06 2024

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Christian Value

This term's Christian value is Trust. Please see this term's Values newsletter for more details.





We thoroughly enjoyed opening the school on Saturday 9th November for Robin Stay and Play morning. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to show their parents how they learn in their classroom. We enjoyed sitting around the Forest School fire toasting marshmallows and eating bacon rolls. The children enjoyed activities such as making salt dough hedgehogs and creating their names out of sticks.

On the same morning, YAGWAG volunteers came into school and cleared some of the brambles and overgrown weeds that have grown alongside the perimeter edges of our field. In 2012, as part of the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth 2, 60 trees were planted in this area and it was named Jubilee Wood. In a short period of time, they have made a huge difference and the trees now have more space and light to grow. We are very appreciative of YAGWAG for giving up their time to make this part of our field better. They also erected a plaque which helps our pupils identify the trees that were planted.

Thank you for all the generous donations for our Harvest Festival service. We have received a letter from the Yatton Foodbank team expressing their thanks for the difference that we have made.

Mrs Fran Martin

Headteacher









We love Reading!



Mrs White- One day on our Blue Planet in the rainforest. by Ella Bailey.

One Day on Our Blue Planet... in the Rainforest takes young readers on a vibrant journey through the lush world of the rainforest, exploring the life of a young spider monkey as it swings through the trees, encounters diverse wildlife, and discovers the wonders of its tropical home. This beautifully illustrated book celebrates the interconnectedness of all creatures in the rainforest ecosystem.

Magazines and Graphic novels wanted. Do you have any, graphic novels, comics or kids magazines? We would love to build our collection of magazines (eg/ Beano, The Week, National Geographic etc) and graphic novels (eg/ Bunny v's Monkey, Dog Man, InvestiGators) in the school library. If you have any you would like to donate we would be very grateful.

We are also looking for any motorbike magazines.

Thank you Mrs Gilbert and The Reading Ambassadors.



Birthday Books- Why not donate a book to your child's class when it is their birthday for the whole class to enjoy. Are you planning to buy some books this Christmas? Why not buy from Love Reading 4 kids bookstore. Get 10% off RRP's and 25% of your spend can be donated to our school .

Visit <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> to find out more.



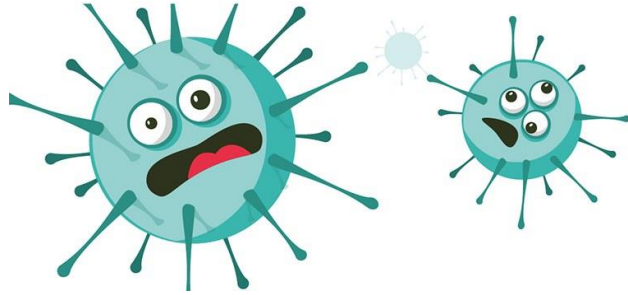
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Safeguarding



Just a gentle reminder that if we can all refrain from using mobile phones on the school grounds due to safeguarding reasons that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Flu Immunisations



This is just a reminder of the upcoming **Flu Immunisations Programme** taking place at school on **Tuesday 26th November**. We have attached the letter from School Nursing Team as well, so you can refer to it, if you would like to check on any details.

Please remember to complete your consent form at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2024/consent?v=3>

School Nursing Team may not be able to include your child in the immunisations programme if the consent form is filled less than 48 hours before the day the immunisation session takes place.

School Photos

School Photo Day – individual and sibling photos

We are glad to confirm that it is School Photo Day on Monday, 2nd 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 Thursday, 28th November**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kj2rkGYgiR>

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.**

Pupils that have gone above and beyond



Celebration Worship



Celebration Worship 8th November

Kingfisher Crew - Kian, Oscar

Jay Crew - Alice, Claydon

Owl Crew - Iron Age Day

Kestrel Crew - William, Caleb

Falcon Crew - Dolly, Leela

Eagle Crew - Hollie, Rory

Celebration worship 15th November

Kingfisher Crew - Alfie, Ray

Jay Crew - Wayne, Eva

Owl Crew - James, Megan

Kestrel Crew - Una, Alfie

Falcon Crew - Christopher, Summer

Eagle Crew - Amelie, Ralph

Top Table



Top Table 15th November

Kingfisher Crew - Petra

Jay Crew - Lila

Owl Crew - Elliot

Kestrel Crew - Hadley

Falcon Crew - George

VIP Monday

VIP Monday 18th November

Eagle Crew: Ivy, Joey, Sam G, Sam Z, Lucy



Attendance for this Academic Year so far

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.79%	96.85%	94.86%	97.83%	91.77%	95.29%	94.53%

School Meals



1 - Christmas Dinner Menu

Sweet Potato Brownies

...make me at home

Ingredients

100g baking margarine
2 medium eggs
100g caster sugar
50g plain flour
50g cocoa powder
1 medium sweet potato

Method

1. In a preheated oven roast the sweet potato, pricking the skin first, until soft and tender throughout.
2. Scrape flesh into a bowl and mash until smooth. Leave to cool.
3. Melt margarine in a heat proof bowl and then allow to cool.
4. Whisk the eggs with the caster sugar until pale, fluffy and doubled in volume.
5. Add in the margarine and sweet potato mash.
6. Fold in the flour and the cocoa powder until all ingredients are combined and fully mixed.
7. Pour into a greased, lined tin and bake at 180 degrees for 20-25mins.
8. Check after this time: the top should look set and shiny but should be a little wobbly.
9. Leave brownies to cool, remove from tin and place in a fridge for 1-2 hours to set.
10. Cut into portions and dust with icing sugar if you want.

Makes 10 delicious, fudgy, healthy brownies



FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

Aspens deliver a veritable Food Festival to your primary schools, with flexible, compliant and child-friendly menus prepared fresh by our fully engaged, passionate, craft-based teams.

We've brought a small sample for you to try and, true to our sustainability values, a link to get more information.

Scan me to find out more about Aspens' primary

"Popularity and familiarity, sprinkled with adventure and fun"

NOVEMBER

SWEET POTATO

RAINBOW ALLEY
GET EAT EVERY DAY

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SWEET POTATO FUN FACTS

1. SWEET POTATOES GROW UNDERGROUND. THE PART WE EAT IS THE ROOT OF THE PLANT, AND IT'S FULL OF YUMMY NUTRIENTS.
2. SWEET POTATOES CAN BE ORANGE, YELLOW, PURPLE, OR EVEN WHITE! THEY COME IN DIFFERENT COLOURS LIKE A BOX OF CRAYONS.
3. SWEET POTATO PLANTS GROW LONG VINES WITH HEART-SHAPED LEAVES. IT'S LIKE A SECRET HIDEOUT FOR ANIMALS LIKE RABBITS TO EXPLORE!
4. THE "SWEET" IN SWEET POTATOES COMES FROM NATURAL SUGARS THEY HAVE. BUT THEY'RE A HEALTHIER KIND OF SWEET, LIKE A TREAT FROM NATURE.
5. SWEET POTATOES ARE SUPER HEALTHY. THEY'RE FULL OF VITAMINS AND FIBRE, WHICH HELP OUR BODIES GROW STRONG AND KEEP US FEELING GOOD.

Did you know?
INTERNATIONAL FACT
In America, sweet potatoes are a special part of Thanksgiving. They traditionally serve a sweet potato casserole with marshmallows.



MINECRAFT CLUB

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:
<https://codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/>

Coding in Minecraft

This is fun monthly club where children learn how to make mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code.

Suitable for children aged 8 – 12.

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Sat 7th Dec 2024
9.45am - 12.45pm

codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520



Scan to book

 facebook.com/codingbug/



This year Take 5 would like to give boxes and bars of chocolate to the food bank for Christmas.

Helping make people's Christmas a bit brighter
We will be need them by the Friday 6th December so if you feel you can we would be very grateful



Please no alcoholic chocolates and any chocolate containing nuts needs to be labeled

School Calendar Dates

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

Upcoming Dates

School Photos (Individual & siblings): Monday 2nd December

Bikeability Level 2 Y6: Tuesday 3rd December @ AM and PM

Bikeability Level 2 Y6: Wednesday 4th December @ AM

Bikeability Level 1 Y4: Wednesday 4th December @ PM

PTA Christmas Fair: Friday 6th December

Falcons Worship: Monday 9th December @ 2:45pm

Nativity Performance to Parents: Wednesday 11th December @ 2:15pm

Nativity Performance to Parents: Thursday 12th December @ 9:30am

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 13th December

Y4 Christmas Party: Monday 16th December

Y2 & Y3 Christmas Party: Tuesday 17th December

Fish N Chip Disco for Y6: Wednesday 18th December

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS2: Thursday 19th December @ 9:30am

Y5 Christmas Party: Thursday 19th December

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 20th December

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