



St. Andrew's Newsletter 10 2025

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Christian Value

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



CELEBRATE!

We have had a busy but very successful week this week!

We have been on our nurturing school journey since 2018 when we started working with the Thrive approach. We were very successful and achieved all of the possible accreditation's and became an Ambassador school of Excellence in 2023. We changed providers to Nurture UK in 2023 as this was the direction that our trust LSP wanted to go. Essentially, both Thrive and Nurture UK support our school to ensure that we can enhance our provision to be as nurturing as possible. Swapping to Nurture UK also enabled us to gain funding from North Somerset to build our new Haven room and appoint a Nurture teacher and Learning Partner to work with our pupils adding to our Pastoral team with Mrs Mayo. It has also helped us to reflect upon our

transition work and the need to introduce Zones of Regulation across the school to support with naming feelings and improve our transitions at lunchtimes and when children move up to the next class (areas that we hadn't previously focused on as much with Thrive).

On Tuesday, we had our National Nurture UK assessment and we are thrilled to share that we passed with flying colours! It was a full-on morning and the assessor spoke to many different groups to triangulate the evidence that we had submitted. We were very grateful of the wonderful parents that gave up their time first thing in the morning, to share their experiences of our school. Our St Andrew's team, including the children, were also interviewed. Our pupils were incredibly articulate sharing how the school supports their well-being, confidence, social and emotional development and their love of our school in general. They really did us proud!

Although it was an assessment day, it was overwhelmingly a day to celebrate everything that St Andrew's excels in – relationships, compassion and going the extra mile for each child's needs and our families. Once we have the official report back we will share some more of the feedback that we were given.

Yesterday, we also had our School Improvement lead from LSP to monitor our school and we had a positive day. We are regularly given positive feedback about the behaviour and attitudes of our pupils. There is a sense of calm and purposeful learning across our school. The pupils that he spoke with were equally articulate about their learning and showed a real love of learning at school. Well done St Andrew's!

Fran Martin

Author's Visit

On Monday we enjoyed a visit from author Emily Lloyd-Gale. The reading ambassadors introduced her and she shared her book *Mighty Maruice*. She explained how and why she became an author and answered lots of questions. Some of the children who had bought the book were able to get a personal message from Emily.

A big thank you to the Congresbury Community Library who kindly donated £60 towards the cost of the visit. We are very grateful.





Children's Mental Health Week 2025



"What's your best
discovery?" asked
the mole.



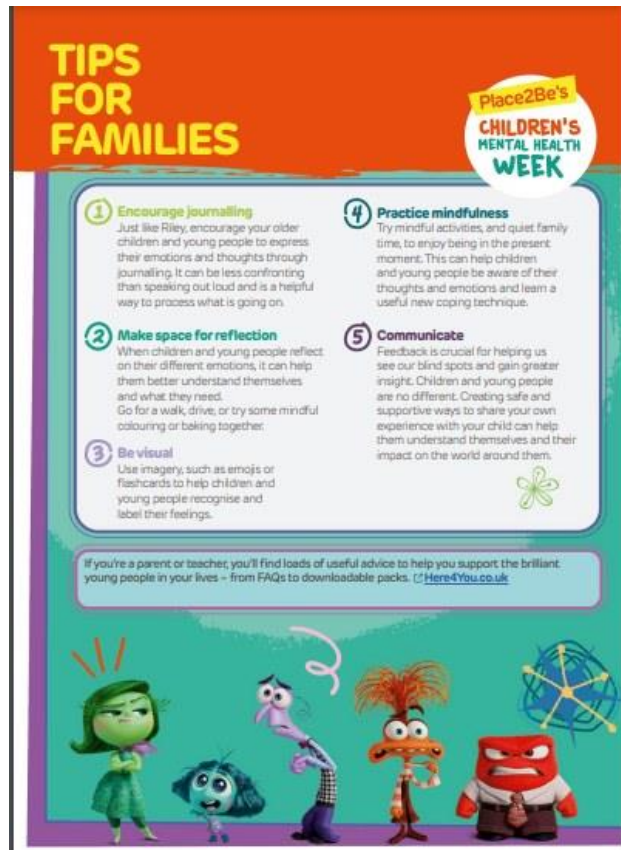
"That I'm enough as
I am," said the
boy.

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 will take place from 3-9 February 2025.

The week's focus is [Know Yourself, Grow Yourself](#), with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

Below is a link to activities such as 60 seconds to success and ideas to improve your child's mental wellbeing together with lots of other ideas.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/happiness-and-wellbeing/>



Useful tips for families

5 ways to Wellbeing



In school we talk a lot about the 5 ways to Wellbeing, Connecting, Being active, Taking notice, Giving and Learning. Our tree-top groups always have a wellbeing focus.

Take a look at this u-tube clip for more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfMOTj-9AIs>

At St Andrew's we are fortunate to have an EMHP (Mental Health Practitioner) Mary based in our school on a Tuesday. She has given a presentation to the children in assembly and is on the playground at breaktime and lunchtime.

Mary will be running a workshop on Sleep/screen time on Tuesday February 4th at 9.15am. If you have any concerns about your child's sleep, would like some advice about screen time or would just be interested in the information, please come along.

Many of our staff are trained in Mental Health First Aid and Mrs Mayo is the Mental Health Lead.

Please speak to any of the staff for more help and/or information.

LSP Newsletter – The Beacon - Parents Edition

As you may be aware, our school is part of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) – a Trust of 33 schools in the local area. The LSP has a parent/carer newsletter, called The Beacon, which is for anyone with children within a LSP school.

Please [click here](#) to read the latest version of this newsletter which includes lots of exciting news and updates from across the trust.

We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting things that have been happening in the LSP.

We love Reading!



Mrs Martin recommends...

*You can change the world!
By Margret Rooke (non-fiction)*

You Can Change the World! by Margret Rooke is recommended for children because it is an inspiring collection of real-life stories about young people who have made a positive impact on the world. The book encourages resilience, confidence, and empathy, showing kids that they have the power to create change, no matter their age or circumstances. It also provides practical advice on how to take action, making it an empowering read for young readers who want to make a difference.

Please can we kindly ask that all parents/carers complete our Parent Reading Survey via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/w0dPjCxXS>

Thank you

Pupils that have gone above and beyond



Celebration Worship



Celebration Worship 10th, 17th and 24th January

10th January

Robin Crew - Isabella, Rhys

Kingfisher Crew - Theadora, Leo

Jay Crew - Cain, Asher

Owl Crew - Elise, Freya

Kestrel Crew - Molly, Mazie-Mae

Falcon Crew - Rupert, Sam T

Eagle Crew - Whole Crew

17th January

Robin Crew - Samuel, Poppy

Kingfisher Crew - Ivy, Leah-Mae

Jay Crew - Sebastian, Evelyn

Owl Crew - Abigail, Harry

Kestrel Crew - Letty, Una

Falcon Crew - Toby, George

Eagle Crew - Isla, Ivy

24th January

Robin Crew - Maddie, Rome

Kingfisher Crew - Alfie, Lily

Jay Crew - Penelope, Salman

Owl Crew - Josh, Mia

Kestrel Crew - Kasper, Olivia

Falcon Crew - Lilian, Cooper

Eagle Crew - Jessica, Megan

Top Table

Top Table 17th January

Robin Crew - Max

Kingfisher Crew - Vienna

Jay Crew - Poppy

Owl Crew - Lottie

Kestrel Crew - Mazie-Mae

Falcon Crew - George

Sports Clubs

Please find poster confirming Sports Clubs for Term 4. PH Active are unable to run clubs on Tuesday 1st April so this is reflected in the poster and on their booking system.


After School Sports clubs
At
St Andrews Primary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Club	Alternative Sports (All years)	No Club	Football (All years)	No Club
	£28.25 5 Weeks		£33.90 6 weeks	
	Mr Jenkins		Mr Jenkins	

All clubs run **3:15pm - 4:15pm**
Clubs start the week commencing **24/02/2025**.

Our after-school clubs are a fantastic opportunity for your children to enhance their learning and physical development in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Book Here

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YATTON LIBRARY NEWS

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FEBRUARY 2025

YEAR OF THE SNAKE

2025

29th January was the start of the Lunar New Year with 2025 being the year of the Snake.

We have been enjoying Chinese New Year themed story time and rhyme time sessions with our preschool aged children and had a fabulous themed visit from Yatton Infants School Reception class pupils.

Please come in and colour in some snakes and other zodiac animals.



MARVELLOUS MAKERS CRAFT SESSION

We will be holding a craft session for children of all ages during the February half term.

Tuesday 18th February 2pm - 3pm



BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE RAVENS SONG BY ZANA FAILLON AND BREN MACDIBBLE



Shelby and Davy climb through the fence of their closed community of ethical people and find themselves in the jungle involved in a dangerous situation that needs all of their determination to navigate.



BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH



TO COINCIDE WITH THE RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH, ALI HAS HIDDEN 8 BIRDS IN THE LIBRARY - SEE IF YOU CAN COME IN AND FIND THEM ALL.

FACT CORNER

Q: What is the collective noun for ravens?
A: A Conspiracy

Parenting Villages

A reminder that there are four parenting villages held each month around North Somerset, which are relaxed and friendly drop-in sessions where parents and parenting specialists share resources, offer support, a listening ear or just spend time talking about what it's like to be a parent.

- When?** First Thursday of each month
Where? Nailsea and Backwell Children's Centre, Pound Lane, Nailsea, BS48 2NP
What time? 7:30pm - 9pm
- When?** First Friday of each month
Where? Castle Bisho Children's Centre, Bishop Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PQ
What time? 09:30am - 11:00am
- When?** Second Tuesday of each month
Where? Oldmixon Family Centre, Monkton Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 5DA
What time? 09:00am - 11:00am
- When?** Third Monday of each month
Where? Claverton Library, 37 Old Church Road, BS21 6HN
What time? 9:30am - 11am

School Calendar Dates

All dates are in Annual Planner previously shared and on our website

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

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Term 1 - Tuesday 02 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025

Term 2 - Monday 03 November 2025 to Friday 19 December

Term 3 - Monday 05 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026

Term 4 - Monday 23 February 2026 to Thursday 02 April 2026

Term 5 - Monday 20 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026

Term 6 - Monday 01 June 2026 to Wednesday 22 July 2026

INSET Days for 2024 – 2025

Friday 14 February 2025

Monday 2 June 2025

INSET days 2025 – 2026

Tuesday 02 September 2025

Wednesday 03 September 2025

Monday 03 November 2025

Friday 16 January 2026

Friday 13 February 2026

Friday 27 March 2026

Upcoming Dates

Kestrels Worship: Monday 3rd February @2:45pm

PTA Mufti Day: Thursday 13th February

World Book Day & Family Breakfast: Thursday 6th March

Owls Worship to Parents: Monday 24th March @ 2:45pm

Parents Evening: Tuesday 25th March @ 3:40-6:40pm

Parents Evening: Thursday 27th March @ 4:00-7:00pm

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS1: Thursday 3rd April

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 4th April

PTA Easter Egg Hunt TBC: Friday 4th April

Y1 Trip to Museum/Beach: Thursday 8th May

SATs Week & SATs Breakfast: Monday 12th – Friday 16th May

Jay Worship to Parents: Monday 12th May @ 2:45pm

Y6 Camp: Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May

PTA BBQ TBC: Friday 23rd May

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 23rd May

Sports Day KS2 – Thursday 19th June @ AM

Sports Day KS1 – Friday 20th June @ AM

Kingfishers Worship to Parents: Monday 23rd June @ 2:45pm

Permission to Play: Friday 4th July

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS2: Thursday 17th July

Y6 Leavers Service: Monday 21st July

PTA Mufti Day: Tuesday 22nd July

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