



St. Andrew's Newsletter 09 2025

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Christian Value

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

St Andrew's Nurture Group - The Haven

When pupils come to The Haven, we begin each session with a check in, in the cosy corner. We always start by acknowledging how the children are feeling and why this might be the case. Over time, we have begun to discuss strategies and tools for helping us to regulate and move zones. The emphasis is being in a place where we can listen, learn and get on well with others. We have a calm corner in the Haven and we spend time in the calm corner as a group exploring strategies and resources that can help us to calm down when needed.

We then move on to a group time where we do an activity as a group, this can include baking, making playdough, drawing, parachute games, learning a new skill and circle games.





After our group time, we have a free play session. Pupils can choose what play based activities they want to take part in and it gives them the opportunity to practise social skills with their peers. It also gives the adults the opportunity to facilitate play and support to make it meaningful and purposeful. During this time, opportunities to help pupils in conflict resolution can arise and gives the chance to unpick what has happened and teach the children ways to

deal with them. An adult will also support children during this time to do some focussed Boxall profile work focussing on individual pupil targets. Pupils may work one to one with an adult or in small groups if they have similar targets. The children have access to an outside area most days and are able to take their free play inside and outside.



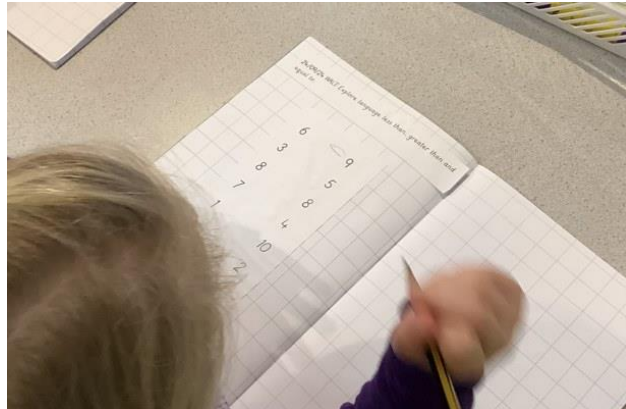


Half-way through the session, we stop for snack. We have a rota for jobs and children take responsibility for different aspects of preparing, serving and tidying away the snack. When snack is served, we all sit around the table together to enjoy the snack. The emphasis is on being social. This includes the children being encouraged to use manners to each other, have polite conversation or playing a game.



The last part of our session is some focussed teaching. We deliver an aspect of the classroom curriculum in a way that is adapted to the group of pupils we have. Staff use the planning from

classroom teachers and adapt it for the needs of the group of children. The nurture teacher looks at the planning across the week and carefully plots the coverage needed to keep the children's exposure to the curriculum similar to that of their peers.



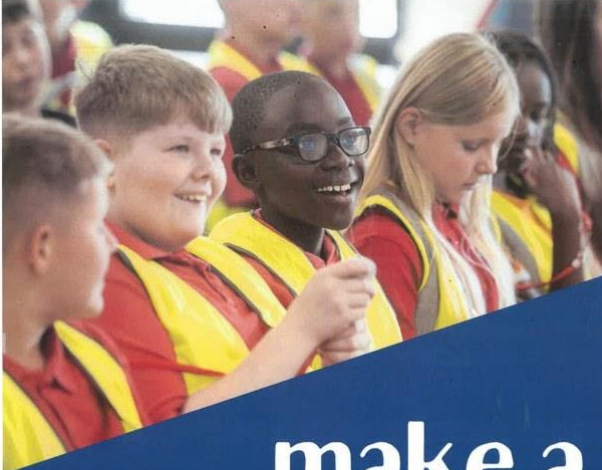
At the end of the session, we gather back in the cosy corner for a story or a debrief of the session. The pupils then return to class.

Laura Riley (Nurture teacher)

Eagles trip to Lifeskills

On January 8th, Eagles went to Lifeskills in Bristol which is a place that teaches you what to do if you are in an emergency or an uncomfortable situation. Our crew also learnt how to call the emergency services if you are in a real emergency. To get into Bristol, we went on a public bus which was a life skill in itself! The centre relies on volunteers to explain the different scenarios and at the end we made sure we said a very big thank you to them. We had a great afternoon!



Written by Jess & Holly on behalf of Eagles



**make a
difference**

Volunteer at Lifeskills

Work with children, enrich lives & learn new skills

 **0117 922 4511**
volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk 

Important Updates

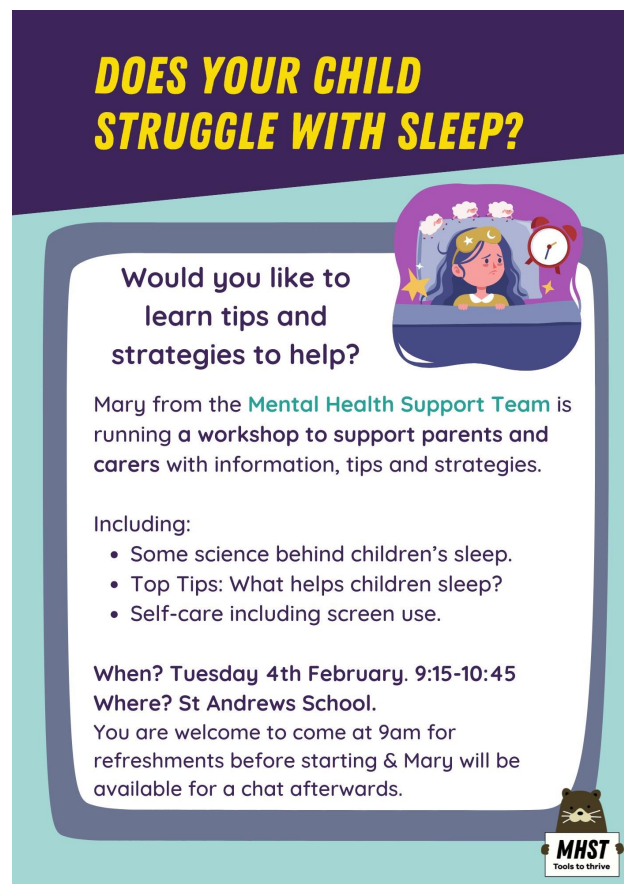
Updates from SENDco

I have now been in my role as SENDco (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator) for a year! I just wanted to remind you all of my contact details if you want to discuss any concerns you have with me. My dedicated SENDCo time is on a Tuesday but I am always contactable via email at sendco@standrewsprimary.org.uk

Katie White

EMHP Joining Us!

From next Tuesday, we have a new Educational Mental Health Practitioner joining us each week. Her name is Mary Ellis and she will be doing a wide range of different things in school including leading assemblies, workshops for parents and working 1:1 to support children's wellbeing. Mary will be running a workshop on sleep and screen time on Tuesday 4th February. The attached poster shares more information and Mary will be on the gate in the morning in the coming weeks.



DOES YOUR CHILD STRUGGLE WITH SLEEP?

Would you like to learn tips and strategies to help?

Mary from the **Mental Health Support Team** is running a workshop to support parents and carers with information, tips and strategies.

Including:

- Some science behind children's sleep.
- Top Tips: What helps children sleep?
- Self-care including screen use.

When? Tuesday 4th February. 9:15-10:45
Where? St Andrews School.

You are welcome to come at 9am for refreshments before starting & Mary will be available for a chat afterwards.

MHST
Tools to thrive

We love Reading!



Mrs Dyson- I am the seed that grew a tree

I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree is recommended for children because it introduces them to the beauty of poetry and the natural world through a collection of nature-themed poems for each day of the year. Its vibrant illustrations and diverse selection of poems inspire a love for language, seasonal changes, and the environment, making it a wonderful addition to a child's reading journey.

Dietary Needs



Please keep us updated if there is any change to your child's dietary needs. It is very important that we know of any allergies or intolerances.

Thank you.

Pupils that have gone above and beyond



Celebration Worship



Celebration Worship 20th December

Kingfisher Crew - Arthur, Hedley

Jay Crew - Ozzie, Amber

Owl Crew - Arlo, Abigail

Kestrel Crew - Rishini, Billy

Falcon Crew - Amelia, Ashton

Eagle Crew - Callum, Evie

Attendance for this Academic Year so far

Attendance for this academic year to 09 January 2025

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.54%	96.65%	93.94%	97.57%	89.86%	94.94%	95.13%

Sports Clubs

Please see below our sports clubs offer for Term 3. Please contact PH Active to book a space. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, we may be able to help with payment. Please contact the school office before signing up.

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
	£33.90 6 Weeks		£33.90 6 weeks	
	Mr Jenkins		Mr Jenkins	

All clubs run **3:15pm - 4:15pm**
Clubs start the week commencing **06/01/2025**.

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

Community News


CONGRESBURY YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

**YOUTH CLUB
JUNIOR GROUP
AGE 8-11
AFTER SCHOOL
WEDNESDAYS 3.15 - 5**


**11+ YOUTH CLUB NIGHT
6.30 - 8.30**

JOIN US! FIRST TIME FREE

A range of activities and a safe space to meet friends
New members are welcome
£2.20 per session
For more info Email: karen@congsyp.org.uk



PIC•COLLAGE



MINECRAFT CLUB

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



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.

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

WHERE


Yatton Library
 BS49 4HJ

WHEN


Sat 25th January 2025
 9:45am - 12:45pm

codingbug.co.uk

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



Scan to book

 facebook.com/codingbug/

Primary School Instrumental Days!
 Join with other musicians in the area
 and play in a large ensemble. Make
 new friends and learn new skills.



Where: South Glos, North Somerset and B&NES

When: Various dates in January

Who: Primary aged children in Years 3-6

Instruments: Woodwind and Brass,
 Strings, Acoustic Guitars

How: Sign up below

More information: ask your child's instrumental
 teacher or email music@wema.org.uk



Book a space: <https://www.wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres>
 Scroll down to Instrumental Days

Free for students entitled to Pupil Premium

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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

INSET Days for 2024 – 2025

Friday 14 February

Monday 2 June

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

Contacts

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