



# St. Andrew's Newsletter 13 2025

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**National Nurturing**  
School Award  
2025

## Christian Value

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



WOW! WOW! WOW! What a magical night! Last night, we had the most incredible evening courtesy of our Eagle crew. They hosted their parents, carers and families to a Great British Retro meal and a performance of understanding for their Greek unit of a work. We are very appreciative to everyone that came and supported the fundraising event with us.

Our vision is “Growing Together” outwardly, inwardly and in service. It was a perfect showcasing of how much our pupils had learnt in their History lessons; how they were able to recite poems; create a dramatic dance, sing songs and for some playing the piano solo. It was a huge performance of their understanding of what they had learnt!

What is special is how it demonstrated how much they have grown together in their character and personal development. Their team work was amazing throughout the preparation and the meal itself. Together they: went to Tesco to buy the ingredients; prepared the food; decorated the hall and tables; served the tables and all with a huge smile, enthusiasm, confidence and impeccable manners! It highlighted to Eagles how good it feels to “give in service” by giving something back to their families and together fundraising for their camp.

It was an evening that couldn't have gone ahead without the support from our St Andrew's team. Thank you to Miss Dace for preparing and organising the event with the children. Thank you to our support staff Mrs Mayo, Mrs Riddiford and Ms Rennolds for their amazing culinary skills and generosity with their time.

It was a wonderful family breakfast as always on World Book day! It was so lovely to see 98 families enjoying breakfast together. I would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank Mrs Mayo for coordinating all of the orders for everyone ahead of the event; for sourcing all of the food and for running the kitchen from 6am in the morning! We had lots of other fantastic support from the St Andrew's team to enable this event to go ahead and we thoroughly enjoyed putting on the breakfast for you. Everyone made a huge effort to dress up too!

As Reading leader, Mrs Gilbert, led a World Book Day themed worship. Many of our St Andrew's team together learnt and preformed a poem to the delight of the children. We have had a Book fair running after school to not only raise money for the school but to also support raising the profile of the pleasure of reading. Thanks to Mrs Gilbert for making it the day that it was.

We have some very exciting news to share with you! One of our parents has successfully applied at their workplace for a Nationwide Building Society Colleague Grant application for £10,000! Our PTA were fundraising for an outdoor classroom on the field and this funding will be a huge support in being able to purchase it! We will share more information about it once we have a final plan in place. We are really thankful for this parent's ability to be able to apply for this funding and their time in applying. In times when funding in schools is at an all time low, we wondered if any of our other parents might also have similar funding streams to apply for at work to support our school?

We have some staffing news to share with you. We would like to welcome Mrs Chishiranova, Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Nott to our Learning Partner team. In addition, Mrs Hutchinson- Wright has been appointed to cover Mrs Dyson's maternity leave in Robin crew. She will be starting in Term 5 and has already been to school to start making connections with the pupils of this crew. I am sure everyone will be very welcoming towards them.

Just a reminder that there are Parent /carer Consultation meetings next week on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March. We look forward to sharing your child's work and progress with

you. Just a reminder that Falcon crew will have theirs on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Fran Martin

## World Book Day



### World book day 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

What a fabulous time we had celebrating World Book day 2025! It was wonderful to see the children dressed up as many different characters. To promote a love of poetry, this year the staff dressed up poems and enjoyed sharing their poems (hung round their neck) with the children throughout the day. We enjoyed a delicious Family Breakfast followed by a variety of fun activities in each class. At the end of the day we all met in the hall to celebrate reading, share all the fabulous costumes and enjoy a special poetry performance from the staff. Well done St Andrew's. What a great day we have had full of fun and a celebration of reading. Thank you to everyone who joined us for breakfast and for your support with costumes.

I have been blown away by the huge number of entries for each category of the competition I set. The enthusiasm and effort is amazing. What a talented bunch of children we have! It was so hard to judge so with the help of other staff member the winners for each category are as follows...



#### Book Baking

Kasper (Kestrels)



#### Paper plate character

Lily B (Kingfishers)



#### Acrostic poem

Lily G (Robins)



#### Comic strip

Rachel D (Falcons)



#### Get caught reading photo

Poppy C (Jays)

Congratulations to our winners and a huge well done to everyone who entered.





## The Great British Retro Feast

Last night, our class (Eagles) served our families and carers a delicious feast consisting of melon boats, shepherd's pie and pineapple-upside-down cake. We also provided them with entertainment too: poetry, songs and even a dance which we had been working on for a while. This was all in aid of raising money for the coach to our Year 6 camp. Everyone had an amazing evening which was filled with smiles and laughter. It was one of the best highlights of our year so far.

We have to say a HUGE thank you all of the parents and carers who were able to attend. We also need to say a ENORMOUS thank you to Tesco who very kindly donated over £100 of food towards our meal. The BIGGEST thank you has to go to Mrs Mayo, Mrs Riddiford & Ms Reynolds

who gave-up their free time to support us with the meal. Another BIG thank you goes to Mrs Martin who came back to help us in the evening too.

Written by Eagles Crew

## Year 6 Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought books for our sale on World Book Day - we raised just under £100 which will go towards our coach to camp.

Written by Holly on behalf of Eagles Crew



## Red Nose Day



RED NOSE DAY Friday, 21st March

Children in Need is on Friday 21st March this year. We would love to celebrate and invite your child to wear something red or a red nose day merchandise nose.

We will not be collecting money directly but please support Comic Relief by donating on their website

directly <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/FV93BnQ5PYjcUGFHGMVOe>

## Local Fundraising

### **Fundraiser for Weston Hospice**

One of our parents at St Andrew's, Jo will be running The London Marathon next month to raise money for Weston Hospice. As part of her fundraising, she will be running a "guess the name of the teddy bear" competition.

Jo will be in the KS1 playground, after school on the Tuesday 1st April if anyone would like to participate.

### **Fundraiser for Children's Hospice South West**

On Thursday 3rd April, after school, fundraisers from Children's Hospice South West, will be selling knitted chicks, hedgehogs etc. each containing chocolate eggs. Price £1 per chick.

Thank you

Penny Baker

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## We Love Reading!



Mrs Wilson recommends *Little People, Big Dreams*.

The *Little People, Big Dreams* series introduces children to inspiring figures from history, showing them how big achievements start with small dreams. With simple storytelling and engaging illustrations, these books encourage young readers to believe in themselves and follow their passions.

## Pupils that have gone above and beyond



### Celebration Worship

#### Celebration Worship 7th March

**Robin Crew** - Esme, Elliot

**Kingfisher Crew** - Arthur, Margot

**Jay Crew** - Aubree, Claydon

**Owl Crew** - Ruben, Florence

**Kestrel Crew** - Caleb, Jack

**Falcon Crew** - Christopher, Fearne

**Eagle Crew** - Gui, Ella

#### Celebration Worship 14th March

**Robin Crew** - Whole Crew

**Kingfisher Crew** - Arlo, Piper

**Jay Crew** - Rosie, Eva

**Owl Crew** - Josh, Isabelle

**Kestrel Crew** - Celeste, George

**Falcon Crew** - James, Ella

**Eagle Crew** - Esmee, Theo W



## Attendance for this academic year so far

**Attendance for this academic year to 20 March 2025**

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.95%	96.67%	95.33%	97.46%	91.06%	94.71%	95.34%

## Community News

**WRINGTON  
TABLE TOP SALE**



**10TH MAY 2025  
2:00PM - 4:00 PM**

WRINGTON MEMORIAL  
HALL, SILVER STREET

**Hot drinks, cakes, ice  
creams and childrens  
games**

**£10 PER TABLE, BOOKING IN ADVANCE ONLY  
TO BOOK, CONTACT SARAH GILBERT  
SARAHFRB@HOTMAIL.COM**

**ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS WRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL CAMP**




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### Houston Dental Practice taking new NHS patients

We have been notified by Houston Dental Practice in Weston-super-Mare that they are now accepting new NHS patients under 18 years old. If you are interested then please contact them on 01934 622824.

### WEMA



## **PRIMARY CHOIR DAY – HOLIDAY COURSES**

### **Monday 7th April and / or Wednesday 9th April**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day Monday 7th April or Wednesday 9th April 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with other children in the area and have fun singing in a choir under the guidance of our highly skilled West of England Music and Arts teachers.

Did you know that singing in a choir is not only fun but develops musical skills, helps build social skills, improves self-confidence and relieves stress.

To be able to join this Junior Choir Day your child must be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

#### **WHERE AND WHEN:**

Monday 7th April Haywood Village Academy, Whitney Crescent, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 8ES

Monday 7th April Unity Oldland Methodist Church, West Street, Oldland Common, BS30 9QS

Wednesday 9th April St Peter's Church, between Church Road North and Church Road South, Portishead, BS20 8EN

You may attend a Monday and Wednesday course if you wish. You will need to apply for both separately.

**TIME:** 9am – 3.30pm. Parents / Carers are invited for a short performance at 3.15pm.

**WHAT TO BRING:** packed lunch and drinks for the day

**WHAT TO WEAR:** comfortable clothing

**COST:** £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

**HOW TO SIGN UP AND PAY:** <https://wema.org.uk/Easter-Sing>

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so early booking recommended. Bookings will close on 3rd April or earlier if all the places have been filled.

I do hope your young musician can join us for this exciting opportunity.

If you have any further questions, please email: [music@wema.org.uk](mailto:music@wema.org.uk)

Best wishes

Alice Bodiley

Programme Leader: Groups and Courses

West of England Music and Arts

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ENGLAND**

## 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:**

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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