



St. Andrew's Newsletter 14 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.



Hasn't this gorgeous Spring time weather been a refreshing change! The term has flown by . I hope that you found Parents'/ Carers' consultation meetings supportive in finding out what your child(ren) has been learning. If you were unable to attend , please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. They will be more than happy to have a phone call conversation or arrange at time after school.

Tomorrow, we have the PTA Easter hunt to look forward to. It is also a non-school uniform day to also support the PTA's fundraising. Please donate £1 for this fundraiser.

I have some staffing updates to share with you. After 30 years at St Andrew's, Mrs Arney has made the decision that this will be her last academic year as a teacher. Miss Dace similarly will also be leaving teaching after 26 years at St Andrew's in July. Both of them have made a significant difference to the Congresbury community over this incredibly long period of time. We will miss them terribly and we are very grateful for their hard work and commitment to our school. We will mark their leaving more nearer the time in July.

We would also like to wish Mrs Dyson a wonderful maternity leave that start at Easter. We are all looking forward to meeting baby Dyson in the near future! We would also like to wish Mrs Virgo and Mrs Stuckey good luck in their new career ventures and thank them for all their hard work.

Fran Martin

Local Fundraising

Please see below message from on of our Parents.

On Saturday 22nd March Rachel, Zach and Josh ran a book and cake fundraising sale to raise money for 2 charities: Steps and NRAS. Steps helps people who have been affected by various lower limb conditions including talipes. Zach was born with bilateral talipes which meant he had to have full leg casts and physiotherapy was used to manipulate his feet into a normal position and then he wore special boots and a bar until he was 5. He continues to have to do regular special exercises and have regular check ups. I was also diagnosed with juvenile arthritis when I was 16 and now have rheumatoid arthritis hence us choosing these 2 charities to support.

On Sunday 30th March I ran the Gloucester half marathon to fundraise too and the children are coming along to support as it's Mother's Day! They were all keen to do their own bit of fundraising though which was what they did on Saturday 22nd March. They spent 2 and a half hours outside the front of our house selling preloved books they'd sorted and cakes they'd helped make. In total they made an impressive £136.05 and were so pleased with the amount they'd been able to make. I said I'd share their efforts with you all and also give Zach the opportunity to perhaps talk about his special feet with his friends.

Thank you for reading!

The Darvills



Books and Blankets



The reading ambassadors would like to introduce 'books and blankets' at lunchtimes after Easter. This will be an opportunity for children on both playgrounds to enjoy sharing books during lunchtimes. The reading ambassadors will be on hand to offer recommendations and share books with children. We are looking for blankets that we could have for this initiative. Please send any donations to school after Easter.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Gilbert and The Reading Ambassadors

New Books

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair in March. We earned lots of £127.50 worth of rewards. We have used this, and previous rewards, to buy lots of lovely new books for our library and classroom book corners.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Gilbert and The Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised...**£127.50** !
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

 SCHOLASTIC

We Love Reading!



Mrs Lake recommends Charlotte's Web.

Charlotte's Web teaches children about friendship, kindness, and the beauty of life through the touching bond between a pig named Wilbur and a clever spider, Charlotte. Its heartfelt storytelling and themes of love and loss make it a timeless and meaningful read for young readers.

Feel Fab Easter

Miss Dyer has set our pupils, for the Easter half term, a Feel Fab Easter challenge.

If pupils would like to participate, then please return the completed sheet to Miss Dyer and she will present your child with a certificate.

Hope they all have fun.

Feel FAB Easter

Find your Happy Beans



Name _____

How many  

did yOu cOLlect?



Can you 'Feel Fab' this Easter and be an Active, Healthy and Happy Bean? Physical literacy is our relationship with movement and physical activity throughout life. These activities are a positive way of helping us stay active, benefiting our health and wellbeing. Tick off 3 to earn a gold certificate available from your teacher at school or can you even collect everything to spell Easter Fun! Make sure one of them is Fitness! Always get permission from your parents or a responsible adult before doing any of the activities and if you can get any of your family involved, even better!

<p>Egg time! Decorate some hard-boiled eggs... perhaps your favourite singer, teacher, actor or sportsperson?</p>	<p>Artistic - do something creative to increase your mindfulness. You could draw, paint, dance every day.</p>	<p>Spend time thinking of others. Can you help someone every day or make them feel special?</p>	<p>Try something new to keep fit. It could be rope skipping, making up an exercise circuit round the house or garden, or skate boarding. It's up to you!</p>
<p>Enjoy a walk in the great outdoors or a local green space. Enjoy each other's company. What can you see?</p>	<p>Relax. Take time for yourself, taking part in something that you enjoy. Quality sleep is really important to your wider well-being.</p>	<p>Fitness - do something every day to improve your fitness. Try to be active for at least 60 minutes a day.</p>	<p>Universe. Star gazing is a fantastic mindfulness activity - what can you spot? E.g. planets, stars etc.</p>
<p>New ways to be active during your holiday! If you have more time why not try one of the activities at the Active Recovery Hub https://www.yourschoolgames.com/active-recovery/</p> 			

Pupils that have gone above and beyond



Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship 21st March

Robin Crew - William, Rhys

Kingfisher Crew - Ava-Mae, Lottie

Jay Crew - Evelyn, Wayne

Owl Crew - Megan, Oliver

Kestrel Crew - Eliza, Hadley

Falcon Crew - Dolly, Toby

Eagle Crew - Whole Crew

Celebration Worship 28th March

Robin Crew - Zach, Lily, Mila

Kingfisher Crew - Jocelyn, Daniel

Jay Crew - Ozzie, Zach

Owl Crew - Eddie, Elliot

Kestrel Crew - Matilda, Rishini

Falcon Crew - Danny, Leela

Eagle Crew - Alex, Sophie, Martha



Attendance for this academic year so far

Attendance for this academic year to 03 April 2025

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.89%	96.60%	95.54%	97.49%	91.19%	94.99%	95.47%


After-school Sports Clubs

After School Sports clubs
At
St Andrews Primary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Club	No club	Netball/ Basketball (All years)	Football (All years)	No Club
		£29.75 5 weeks	£29.75 5 weeks	
		Mr Jenkins	Mr Jenkins	

All clubs run **3:15pm - 4:15pm**
Clubs start the week commencing **21/04/2025**.
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

 PH ActiveEd™

Community News

Become a Travel Champion

Want to make a positive impact on your community and the environment?

Join our **Travel Champions** initiative and unlock exciting opportunities! 🏆

As a Travel Champion, you'll:

- 🌱 promote **sustainable travel**, like biking or taking the bus
- 🎓 build your **knowledge** and **leadership experience**
- 👤 have a voice in **council initiatives** in your local area
- 🚌 be eligible for **free bus travel** as a reward for your efforts!

This is your chance to lead by example and help create a greener, more connected community.

Ready to take the lead? Sign up today!

[Become a Travel Champion | North Somerset Council](#)

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT TRAVEL CHAMPION?

Hop on! Get your community travelling sustainably, and **you travel for free!**

Funded by UK Government

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North Somerset Council



EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

Week 1: April 7th - April 11th

Week 2: April 14th - April 17th

9am - 1pm

£22 per day

10% off for members
10% off per sibling

Use code
'EASTER'
to get
another
10% off!



BARCLAYS

BIG
TENNIS
WEEKEND



CONGRESBURY
— TENNIS CLUB —



COME AND GIVE TENNIS A GO!



SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2025



12:00 - 4:00



CONGRESBURY LTC
STONEWELL DRIVE
BS49 5DW

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE





It all starts with... **ALL STARS CRICKET**

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised backpack of goodies** including a bat, ball and t-shirt!

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk





**DYNAMOS
CRICKET**

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today



dynamoscricicket.co.uk



Games

Craft

HOLIDAY CLUB

St. Andrew's Church.
Banwell Congresbury
April

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th Banwell
Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th Congresbury
10am to 1.30pm
Friday 18th 9.30-12.00 Congresbury
12.30-2.00 Banwell

Find out about the

Easter Story

For more information or
to book a place please contact
The church office on
01934 833126

Fun

Food

or email

caz.carter@newcreationchurches.org.uk



**ST ANDREW'S
CHURCH**
(Congresbury)



PLANT AND CAKE SALE

in aid of Leavers' Bibles for our Schools
(St Andrew's, St Anne's and Banwell Schools)

SATURDAY 26 APRIL
10am – 12pm
at church

Refreshments available



Thank you for your support

Easter Holiday Junior Choir Days
Oldland Common or
Weston-super-Mare 7th April
Portishead 9th April

Time: 9am - 3.30pm

What: High quality singing course
in a fun and relaxed atmosphere
for KS2

How: Sign up below and come and give it a try

Bring: Packed lunch and drinks

Cost: £25 or free if entitled to pupil premium

Venue: Hayward Village Academy BS24 8ES
Unity Oldland Methodist Church BS30 9QS
St Peter's Church BS20 8EN



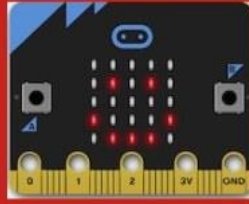
Book a space: <https://wema.org.uk/Easter-Sing>

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ENGLAND



CODING WORKSHOP

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:
<https://codingbug.co.uk/game-design-workshop/>

Scratch with the micro:bit

Learn how to use the micro:bit with Scratch. Create a remote control to move your characters. Detect, sound, motion and light.

Suitable for children aged 7 - 12 years old.

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Tuesday 8th April 2025
From 10.00am - 12.00pm

codingbug.co.uk

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



facebook.com/codingbug/



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Game Design

An interactive workshop for aspiring young game designers. Design a 2D game, create characters and make a story for your game.

Suitable for children aged 8 - 12 years old.

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Thursday 10th April 2025
From 10.00am - 12.00pm

codingbug.co.uk

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



facebook.com/codingbug/



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:

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 4th April

PTA Easter Egg Hunt: 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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