



St. Andrew's Newsletter 15 2025

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National Nurturing
School Award
2025

Christian Value



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



Welcome back to Term 5. We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

Every year we ask parents/carers to complete a survey about their child / children's experience at St. Andrew's. This takes place across all the schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, giving us really valuable information about your views and helps the school to further support pupils in future. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey by Friday 9th May.

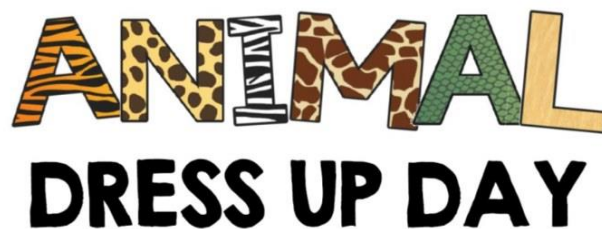
Please click this link to complete the survey:

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

Thank you for your support.

Fran Martin

Dress Up as an Animal Day!



To raise money for our charity, the World Wildlife Fund, our Treetops groups decided, along with our Treetops leaders, to have a Dress Up as an Animal Day! This will be on Friday 16th May, we look forward to seeing all the children.

Y6 Camp Fundraising

Myself, Evie, Isla, Callum, Rory and Kasper (from Y4) on Saturday 5th April walked from the school gates to Crooke's Peak (approx. 8.5 miles) via the Strawberry Line to raise money for the coach to our Y6 camp. It felt really thrilling at first but it got more and more tiring as we went on. Great news! We raised £285 for camp! Thank to everyone who donated money.

Written by Ivy, Eagles Crew





Children's Hospice South West

To the children, parents, carers, staff and Headteacher of St. Andrew's school.

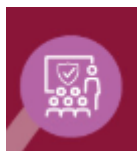
Very many thanks for supporting the charity Children's Hospice South West by buying lots of chicks, hedgehogs and minions, containing chocolate eggs, on 3rd April 2025.

You helped us raise £144.

Well done and thank you.

Penny Baker

Nurture UK Principles



Nurture Principle: Our school and classrooms are safe spaces.

St Andrews 'Child talk': Our classrooms are always safe spaces.

One of the 6 principles of nurture is that the school and classrooms are safe spaces for all children. If the children feel safe and secure within their school, they are able to learn more effectively. The classrooms should be welcoming and inviting for all and the relationships the children develop with the adults in their classrooms are vitally important in order for the children to succeed in their social, emotional and mental health as well as academically.

Here are just some of the ways St Andrew's creates a safe, secure space for children.

- All classes have a zones of regulation board that the children access daily. This helps the children to know that they are valued and so are their feelings. It also means adults (and other children) can recognise how others are feeling and offer them the nurture and support they need.



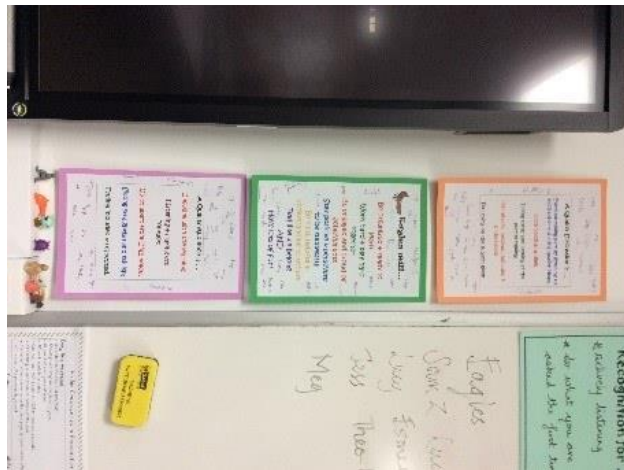


- Classes have visual timetable using widget symbols to give consistency across the school. This means that the children feel safe in knowing what is going to happen that day. The children can see visually what they have done and what is coming up. Often the routines of the day are predictable and the children feel secure knowing this and can concentrate on what they need to be doing at that time.
- Classes have a calm area/relaxation space with a box of resources to support regulation. This means that children have a space they can go to if they need the time and space to self-regulate.
- Children have a sense of belonging to their crew.





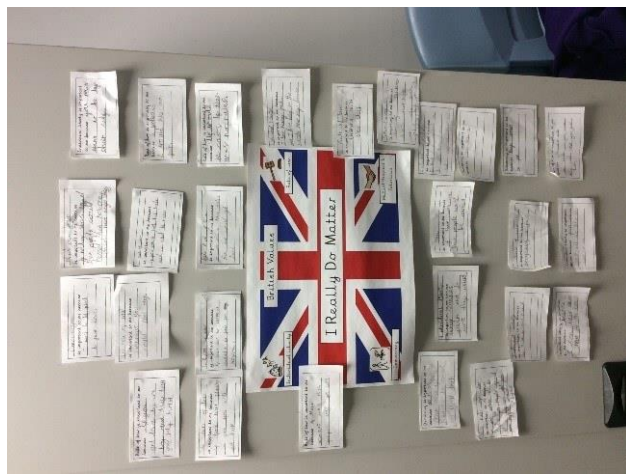
- Children have a sense of belonging and accountability in their class by helping to devise and then sign a class contract.



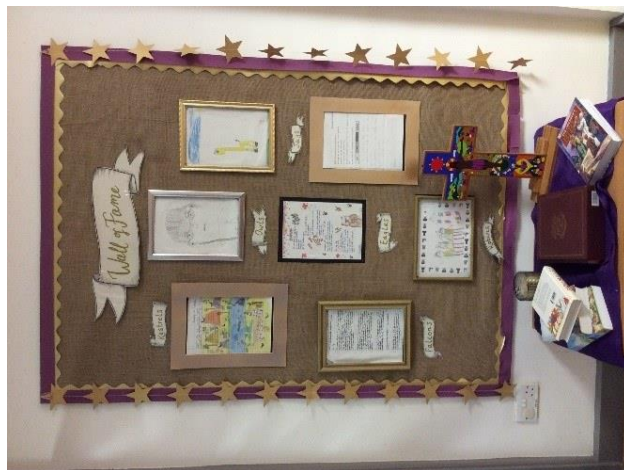
- Children have a sense of belonging in their class when they take part in collaborative art or their work is displayed along with all the other children's in their class.







- Recognition boards for children displaying certain values or qualities. This is a way to show children that they have been noticed doing the right thing and encourages the same behaviour in the future.
- All children are part of a treetops group which is led by some Y6 pupils and has a mixture of year groups. This is another example of them being a part of something and having a



- Well-being and safeguarding displays around the school for children- signposting them to resources and support should they need it.



- Staff picture displays so children feel safe and secure knowing who is who and they know who are the trusted adults they can speak to if they need to.



Dietary Needs

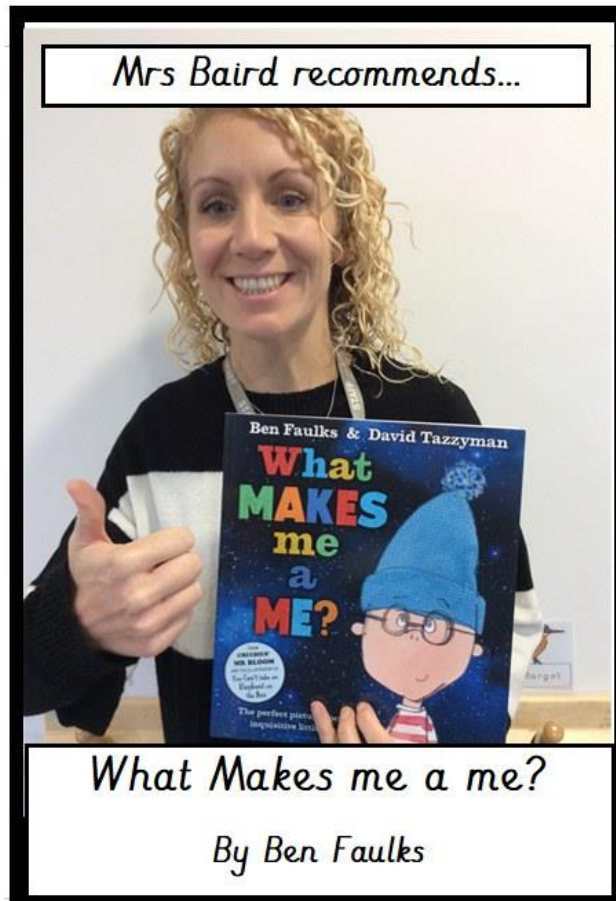


Please keep us updated if there is any change to your child's dietary needs. It is very important that we know of any allergies or

intolerance's.

Thank you.

We Love Reading!



Mrs Baird recommends What Makes me a me?

This book explores identity and individuality in a fun, playful way, helping children understand that they are special just as they are. With engaging illustrations and thought-provoking questions, it encourages kids to celebrate what makes them unique.

Pupils that have gone above and beyond



Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship 4th April

Robin Crew - Samuel, Logan

Kingfisher Crew - Riley, Mabel

Jay Crew - Oscar, Adeline

Owl Crew - Elise, Lottie, Abigail

Kestrel Crew - Harry, Jack

Falcon Crew - Ella, Annabel

Eagle Crew - Theo H, Evelyn



VIP Monday

VIP Monday 31st March

Eagle Crew - Meg, Amelie, Martha, Rory, Ralph, Sam G



Attendance for this academic year so far

Attendance for this academic year to 24 April 2025

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.06%	96.62%	95.67%	97.43%	91.26%	94.99%	95.52%

Care for the Family


Time Out For Parents Handling Anger in the Family

Positive Parenting Time Out for Parents courses from Care for the Family provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship.


If you have children aged 5 to 16, then *Time Out for Parents – Handling Anger in the Family* is for you. Over four sessions, you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to help you and your children deal with the ordinary, everyday anger that all families experience.

The Sessions

- Session 1 Managing our anger – part 1
- Session 2 Managing our anger – part 2
- Session 3 Helping children manage anger – part 1
- Session 4 Helping children manage anger – part 2



Care for the Family Tovey House, Cleppa Park, Newport NP10 8BA
Tel (029) 2081 0800. www.cff.org.uk
Care for the Family – a Christian response to a world of need.
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TIME OUT FOR PARENTS




HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 16

COMING SOON!
 Thursdays: 15th & 22nd May, 5th & 12th June 2025
 8.00pm - 9.30pm
 Closing date for registration: 30th April
 Via Zoom (details upon registration)
 Course is free
 Handbook: £10 (voluntary donation)

To book contact:
 Jane Wheeler
 07790 647968
 Email:
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Common-sense, **jargon-free** information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and **boost your relationship**

HAF (Holiday Activities and Food)



Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to tell you about the HAF (holiday activities and food) provision for the summer holidays in North Somerset. This is a FREE provision for children who are in receipt of Benefits Related Free School Meals.

There are two types of Free School Meals available for children:

1. Benefits Related Free School Meals, which qualifies a child for free HAF activities These are available for children from families receiving certain qualifying benefits. Unlike Universal Free School Meals, these require parent/carers to apply. Besides providing meals during the school

term, qualifying children also gain access to funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions. Families can determine their eligibility by visiting the North Somerset Council website [Free school meals | North Somerset Council](#)

2. Universal Free School Meals These do not qualify a child for free HAF activities. Universal Infant Free School Meals are provided to all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. These meals are automatically available to children entering Reception and continue until the end of Year 2. Parents do not need to apply for these meals as they are granted universally to all eligible children within these school years.

Now would be a good time to get your child's application in for Benefits Related Free School Meals if you feel you might be entitled, ensuring that your application has been considered in time for the summer holiday HAF provision. This will help to avoid bookings being delayed on eligibility grounds. [You can find out more about how to apply here.](#)

[You can find out more about the North Somerset HAF Programme here.](#) Alternatively, please email HAF@n-somerset.gov.uk if you need any further help.

Kind regards

The HAF Team

Community News





Swimming Lessons Preparation for Summer

Explore learning to swim through story telling:

Build a Lego model, visit the farm, go on safari or be an astronaut in a rocket to the moon!

Development at all Stages
Age 3 to 22! Something for everyone.

Venues:

Redhill House, Lye Hole Lane, BS40 5TD
Sidcot School

- 30 years teaching experience
- term time only
- helper teachers
- opportunity to make up lessons.
- 350+ swimmers

Training for Teens also available

Stroke, speed and distance training
plus **Water polo and Underwater Hockey**

Contact Ruth

Mobile: 07919 103078 Email: ruth@ruthsswimschool.com

www.ruthsswimschool.com



2025 Holiday Camps

From around £16 /day [including trophy] *

Somerset Soccer Schools

With Richard Bourton



Reception - Year 8

10am - 3pm

<u>Kings of Wessex School, CHEDDAR BS27 3AQ 2025</u>		
MAY HALF TERM	Weds 28 to Fri 30 May incl	3 DAYS for £50*
SUMMER	Mon 11 to Fri 15 Aug incl	5 DAYS for £90

<u>CHURCHILL Sports Ground [By A38 traffic lights] BS40 5EL 2025</u>		
SUMMER	Mon 28 July to Fri 1 August incl	5 DAYS for £90

To celebrate 25 years of camps locally, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are offering more camps from around £16 /day*, **including a trophy per camp booking!!!**.

I am a well-qualified schoolteacher & coach, with over 35 years' experience and an excellent countywide reputation for bringing the best out of children of ALL abilities. I am classified by OFSTED as OUTSTANDING, a FA Licensed Coach & awarded by the Sports Council.

Our professionally organised courses reflect a high level of expertise.

- ***Skill Award trophy for each course booked***
- Extra awards for *"being the best & doing your best"*

For info & photos see facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools or somersetsoccerschools.com

Hope to see you soon *Richard* somersetsoccerschools@gmail.com

TO BOOK: just go to www.somersetsoccerschools.com/booking

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:

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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