



St. Andrew's Newsletter 20 2025

No: 20 || Thursday 10th July 2025



National Nurturing
School Award
2025

Christian Value



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



This is the last newsletter of the year!

Yesterday we had move up day for most classes. It was great to see the enthusiasm of pupils moving up to the next year's class – one year older and excited for the next stage in their school journey. "Meet the teacher" dates have been set for September. It is important that you attend these meetings to find out the expectations for the year for your child. Further to the separate email shared, these dates are at the top of the newsletter in "upcoming dates".

Permission to Play didn't disappoint! Pupils and adults enjoyed various activities from parachute games, construction, water fights, blind folded trails in the wood, dancing in the hall and junk modelling. Thank you to the PTA who very kindly bought ice creams for everyone when the ice cream van arrived in the Church playground.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that came to the end of year celebration of learning afternoon. It was lovely to see such enthused and proud pupils showing their work and achievements from across the year.

As the academic year draws to an end, it is time to say a very fond goodbye to some of our staff. It is with sad news that Miss Page is progressing in her career and moving onto to a secondary school office position. We will miss her cheeriness and support as front of office and I am sure you will agree that she has been fantastic in this role. Mrs Nott and Mrs Chishiranova will be leaving as learning partners and we thank them for their support this year. Although Mrs Wilson won't be in a class regularly next year, we are really pleased that she will be returning as a known supply teacher as she has fit in so well within our teaching team.

Finally, a very sad goodbye to both Mrs Arney and Miss Dace. I cannot quite believe they won't be returning in September. Both have been loyal and dedicated members of our teaching team for over 20 years. They have made a huge impact on many pupils' lives throughout this time – always putting the child first and supporting pupils to reach their potential with a focus on growth mindsets. They will be sorely missed and we wish them both well as they pursue new careers.

In September, we will welcome Mr Collins, Ms Caldwell, Miss Slee and Mrs Stevens to the St Andrew's teaching team. Mrs Lewis will be joining the office team. Mrs White and Mrs Davies will be joining our Learning partner team.

Sadly, it now time for saying a fond farewell to our current Year 6 pupils. They have been an absolute credit to our school this year. We are proud of their many achievements from supporting our younger pupils; stunning fundraising efforts for camp and their EXCELLENT SATs results to name a few. We will enjoy celebrating their time at St Andrew's at the leavers service on Monday 21st July. We have every confidence that they can do whatever they put their mind to in the future. We wish them every success at their new schools in September! To the Y6 families that no longer will have children at our school from September, I would like to thank you for your support and partnership during your child's journey at St Andrew's.

A thank you needs to go to our governing body for their hard work in supporting the school this year especially in the lead up to and during the OFSTED inspection. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the regular PTA members and those parents that also helped at fundraising events. The hard work of the parents that support these events is invaluable and very much appreciated – thank you so much you really are incredible!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a fabulous summer holiday when it arrives. We look forward to: welcoming you all back in September, settling in our new Robin crew, for another successful year and many more learning and enrichment opportunities for our children.

Take care

Fran Martin

Meet the Teacher Dates

Please find below all Meet the Teacher Dates for Y1-Y6 classes in September 2025.

Teacher/ Class	Meet the Teacher Date
Mrs Gee & Mrs Gilbert/ Kingfisher	17/9 @ 2:45pm
Miss Slee/ Jay	16/9 @ 2:45pm
Mr Wilson/ Owl	15/9 @ 2:45pm
Mr Collins/ Kestrel	18/9 @ 2:45pm
Ms Caldwell/ Falcon	19/9 @ 2:45pm
Mr Quinton & Mrs Stevens/ Eagle	17/9 @ 2:45pm

Special Thank You

St Andrew's would like to say a massive thank you to Congresbury Community Café for donating £1,050 to the school for some new iPads for the children. This will make a huge difference to our resources and is wonderful news to share with you all.

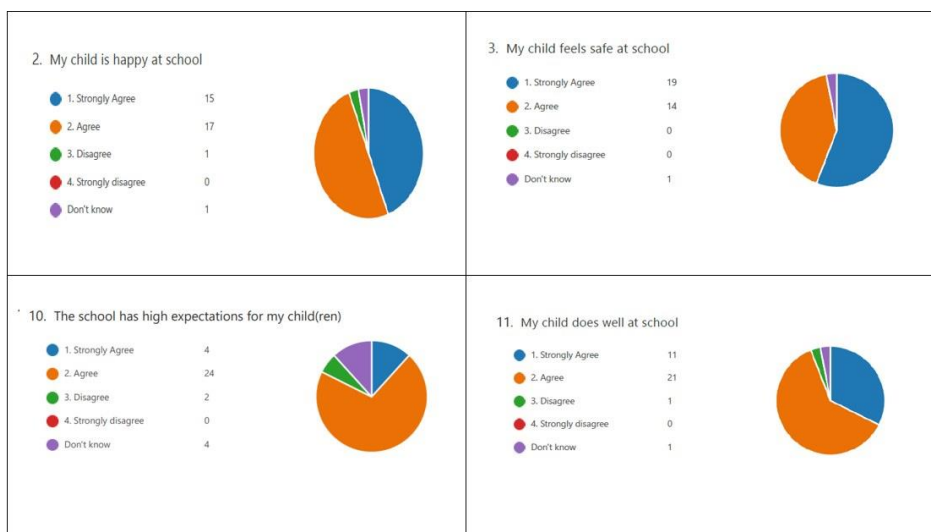




LSP Annual Parent and Carer Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the LSP annual parent and carer questionnaire. This year we had 34 returns which was less than last year of 54. As school leaders and Governors, we have reviewed all of your responses and considered strengths across our school as well as areas families are saying that we could look to develop further.

We were delighted that 32/34 responses said that they would recommend our school to another parent/ carer. 94% of families said that their child is happy at school; 97% said their child feels safe; 82% said the school has high expectations and 94% said their child does well at school.



There were 27 responses to the questions about what are the three best things about the school. It is difficult to capture all of these however they fall into broadly 3 main headlines: caring staff, outstanding outdoor environment and caring and inclusive culture/ethos.

Some of the feedback comments were:

"The teachers and school adults work hard to provide a caring and happy environment. The school continues to include fun things in the timetable like forest school and permission to play day. The focus on nurture and emotional literacy is great."

"Caring, inclusive, lots of extra-curricular options,"

"Supportive staff- the school feels well led; it feels like a community school; great grounds and learning environment,"

"Kind, caring, child centric,"

"Really great school with clear investment and enthusiasm from all staff."

"It feels safe, there's a wide variety of things going on, the staff are kind and approachable."

"Thank you to Mrs Martin, Mrs Mayo and all the other staff who do the welcoming in the playground in the morning (rain or shine!). It is such a wonderful thing that you are so visible and committed to knowing the children,"

The feedback to what 3 things we could improve on varies. Again, we can broadly group the suggestions into three areas: stretch and support for all learners; enrichment, clubs, and wider curriculum opportunities and parental engagement.

Last year, we reviewed feedback and as a result aimed to improve communications and engagement. In the 2024 survey 61% said that the school made them aware of what their child was learning. In the 2025 survey 85% said that we did. We have improved this area by providing a whole academic year set of calendar dates of key events that was published as a single document and then on the fortnightly newsletter; more regular crew page updates on the website; more crew Facebook posts; continued with "Meet the teacher" presentations in September, termly overviews/ knowledge organisers to share what pupils were learning. This also supported responses that this year 91% of parents said that school let them know how their child was doing.

As the questionnaires are anonymised, we are unable to respond to any specific comments. We would encourage anyone who would like school to address an issue to speak directly to the class teacher or make an appointment with a member of our senior leadership team. Alternatively, our governors are more than happy to listen to feedback. We believe that we are approachable and resolve issues quickly if we are aware of them.

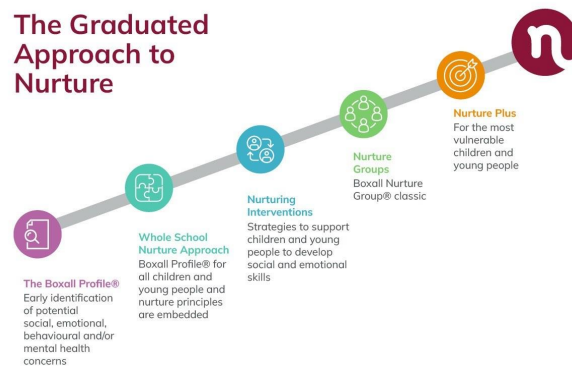
Nurture UK Principles



Nurture principle- The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing

St Andrews 'child talk'- We listen and support each other.

As I hope you have seen over the course of the last few newsletters, St Andrews puts a huge emphasis on the importance of nurture as a whole school approach. We look at the whole child not just how they are doing academically and we have a graduated nurture approach to support all children. The 6 principles run through everything we do as a school and we know that early identification of any concerns is vitally important to support children and families. Every child in the whole school is profiled using the Boxall profile so that we can see if there are any underlying concerns for children and to ensure no child is missed. Once concerns are identified we put in nurturing interventions that are ran by Mrs Mayo in the Nest. The Haven is another intervention for children that we feel will benefit from the support of a nurture group.



WEMA Music Lessons

If your child is interested in our school music lessons with WEMA, then parents/carers can register for lessons through their website using the link below:

<http://www.wema.org.uk/register>

Please see leaflet attached.



INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

Instrumental and vocal lessons at school are provided by teachers from West of England Music & Arts (WEMA)

LESSON OPTIONS

30 minutes individual x 10 lessons	£244
20 minutes individual x 10 lessons	£163
30 minutes paired x 10 lessons	£120
Group x 10 lessons	£ 82



Inquire within school about possible remissions if your child is registered as receiving income-based Pupil Premium funding. Tick the box on the WEMA sign-up page if eligible. WEMA will then contact you to discuss final arrangements.



INSTRUMENT HIRE

Instruments are not provided by the school. However, there is a wide range of instruments that can be hired from WEMA music hub. These are free to hire for students receiving Pupil Premium. Contact WEMA directly by adding hire to your application or emailing: music@wema.org.uk

For more details go to:
Learn to Play - WEMA

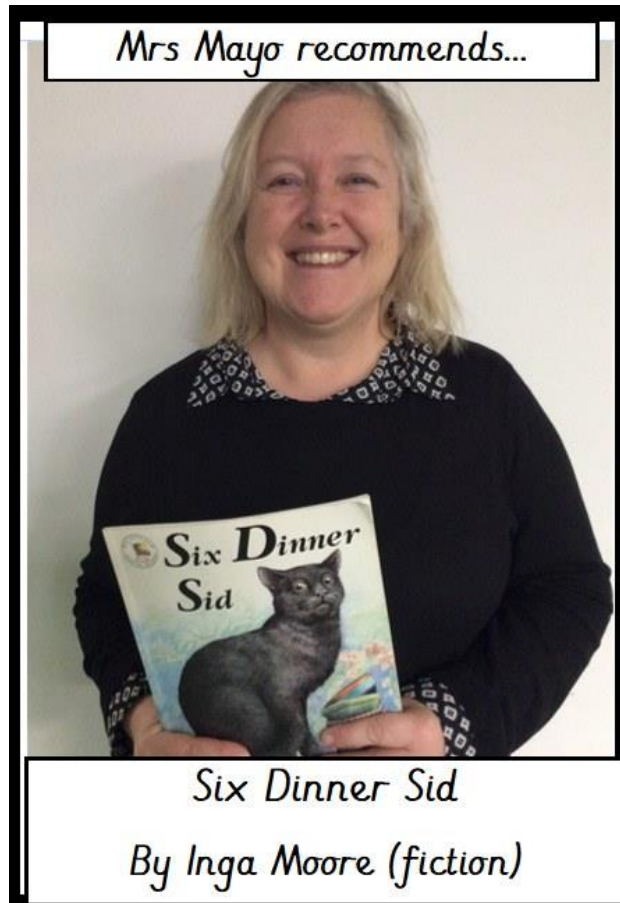


Lighthouse School Partnership Preparing for School Booklet

Please see below link for Lighthouse School Partnership Preparing for School booklet:

<https://www.lsp.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=690&type=pdf>

We Love Reading!



Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore is a humorous story about a clever cat named Sid who enjoys the luxury of six dinners a day by cleverly pretending to be six different cats. With delightful illustrations and a funny tale, it teaches children about the consequences of deceit in a lighthearted way.

Attendance for this academic year so far

Attendance for this academic year to 10 July 2025

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.86%	96.43%	95.23%	96.89%	91.45%	94.69%	95.87%

HAF - North Somerset

SUMMER HAF ACTIVITIES BOOKING FAST

We have some amazing activities on offer this summer for the children. Whether the children are into their football and take part in our creative kick's activity, multi-sports with sports coaches at various locations across North Somerset, arts and crafts in Yatton with Art in Action or gymnastics at the gymnastics Academy in Portishead, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We also have some activities which are for all the family to enjoy together, whether its board games at the Stables games room or swimming together at Hutton moor. There is plenty of opportunities for all and these activities also include a nutritious meal. All for FREE if on the benefits related free school meals register.

All the above activities and more can be found here - <https://eequ.org/northsomersethaf>

I have also attached the details of free cricket sessions that are on over the summer which children and young people can get involved with.

Thank you again for your support with this. The activities are booking up fast which is great to see.

Kind regards

The HAF Team



DYNAMOS CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP



AGES
9-12

FREE SESSION

DATE:
THURSDAY 28 AUGUST

TIME:
10AM - 2PM

VENUE:
WORLE CENTRE, 58 NEW BRISTOL ROAD, WESTON-SUPER-MARE BS22 6AQ

USE CODE:
MLZES





SCAN TO BOOK



ALL STARS CRICKET



AGES
5-8

DATE:
WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST

TIME:
10AM - 2PM

VENUE:
WORLE CENTRE, 58 NEW BRISTOL ROAD, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, BS22 6AQ

USE CODE:
LHNP5

Note: Parent/responsible adult required to stay



FREE SESSION



SCAN TO BOOK



Community News

YATTON LIBRARY NEWSLETTER JULY 2025



THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE IS BACK



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is launching on Saturday 5th July, with the theme 'Story Garden'.

We also have a mini challenge for preschool children to take part in. Come in from the 5th July to register and find out all about it and the other activities we will be running alongside.



CRAFT WORKSHOPS

We have some fantastic craft sessions lined up for children during the Summer Holiday, come along any Tuesday from 2-3pm



Bat Survey



Join the North Somerset Bat Survey! Discover your local wildlife and contribute to conservation

www.batconservationresearchlab.co.uk/north-somerset-bat-survey

Email: northsomersetbats@bath.ac.uk



Children can come in to the library and colour in a bat or do a dot to dot to put up on our display board

Book of the month

Elsie, our work experience student didn't love reading until the Percy Jackson books were recommended by her cousin when she was 9. Elsie instantly fell in love with the series and is still in love with it today at the age of 15



Upcoming Event

Mel and Ceilidh from SUPER CULTURE will be hosting a children's event at the library on Thursday 24th July 1:30 - 2:15pm. This will include stories, rhymes and activities. Expect lots of fun.

SUMMER TOUCH RUGBY FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS



- **FREE TO ALL • ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**
 - **GREAT CHANCE TO BUILD SKILLS & FITNESS**
 - **HANGSTONE FIELDS (BS49 4HS)**
 - **EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30 – 8:00pm**
- Contact Matt on 07780 611613

SPOT THE ODD OBJECT!

THIS SUMMER, CLEVEDON SHOPS WILL BE HIDING SOMETHING ODD IN THEIR WINDOWS. CAN YOU SPOT WHAT DOESN'T BELONG?

Over 60 shops taking part!

£100 top prize

+ more to win!

£5 per entry form (cash only)

BUY FROM:

- The Stationery House
- Spinning Weal
- Books on the Hill



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE JACK HAZELDINE FOUNDATION
THEJHF.ORG



TRAIL RUNS: 21ST JULY – 29TH AUGUST

Warning: Do Not Give Children Under the Age of 7 Slush Ice Drinks Containing Glycerol and Limit the Amount Given to Older Children.



A fresh warning has been issued by the Food Development Agency about not giving slush ice drinks containing glycerol to children under the age of 7. Due to further recent glycerol intoxication incidents the 2023 stated age limit has been increased from 4 years to 7 and the guidance strengthened. However, they have not gone so far as to ban it for that age group. Consumed at high levels, glycerol can cause very low blood sugar levels and unconsciousness in young children.

Please respond to register your interest and you will be sent a link the day before to the email address you have provided

Parent Summer Webinars

Tuesday 29th July: Introduction to Anxiety
 Wednesday 20th August: Introduction to Low Mood
 Thursday 28th August: Understanding Emotions: Tools to Thrive

Bex & Naomi
 Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs)

An informal and relaxed series of webinars, exploring three topic areas of child mental health. We will discuss signs and symptoms to look out for, as well as tools and skills you can use to support your young person, who may be struggling with their emotional wellbeing.

Provided by:
Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



Over Summer the MHST are offering a series of webinars for parents/carers on the topics:

- Introducing to Anxiety
- Introduction to Low Mood
- Understanding Emotions: Tools to Thrive

To join, all parents/carers have to do is register interest on a Type Form link and then nearer the time the MHST will be in contact with a link to the webinar that they can join on.

The type form link is: <https://otrbristol.typeform.com/to/EoZZQgp5>



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 6PM-7.15PM

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*Yatton Youth Club
 Rock Road, Yatton, BS44 4JE*

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LEARN NEW SKILLS

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9AM TILL 1PM**

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1 21st - 25th July

2 28th July - 1st Aug

3 4th - 8th August

4 11th - 15th August

5 18th - 22nd August

6 26th - 28th August

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 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

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Term 1 - Thursday 03 September 2026 to Friday 23 October 2026

Term 2 - Monday 02 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026

Term 3 - Monday 04 January 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027

Term 4 - Monday 22 February 2027 to Thursday 25 March 2027

Term 5 - Monday 12 April 2027 to Friday 28 May 2027

Term 6 - Monday 07 June 2027 to Friday 23 July 2027

Upcoming Dates:

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS2: Thursday 17th July

Y6 Leavers Service: Monday 21st July

PTA Mufti Day: Tuesday 22nd July

Y3 Meet the Teacher: Monday 15th September @ 2:45pm

Y2 Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 16th September @ 2:45pm

Y6 & Y1 Meet the Teacher: Wednesday 17th September @ 2:45pm

Y4 Meet the Teacher - Thursday 18th September @ 2:45pm

Y5 Meet the Teacher - Friday 19th September @ 2:45pm

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