



St. Andrew's Newsletter 02 25-26

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National Nurturing
School Award
2025

Christian Value



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

St Andrew's Primary School



Dear Parents and carers,

It was great to see so many families coming to school for the “Meet the teacher” sessions. If you were unable to come, but would like to know what was covered, we will be uploading the PowerPoints to Crew Pages in due course.

All the crews are now settled into new routines and are learning the new curriculum for their year group. So far it is pleasing to see that pupils are arriving and are ready to learn on time. Last year, thanks to the working partnership between parents and school we improved our attendance figures. Attendance and punctuality continue to be a national concern however with the support and work that we offered our attendance figures were above national by the end of the school year.

We still need to continue working on this area as the impact of a pupil not attending can be huge. Please see the diagram below that illustrates how important attending is.

On a hugely positive note we want to celebrate with you that our outcome data for pupil attainment last year was particularly strong at the key measures. We are really proud of these results and ALL are above national. Please see the link below to our data should you be interested in viewing our end of year results:

<https://www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk/page/?title=School+Performance+Data&pid=107>

Fran Martin

Important Information regarding Parent Pay

We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding. Please continue to use Parent Pay as you have been doing and do not download any Apps. Parent Pay does not have an App. Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group. Swift action to report the app has been made and are Parent Pay are working closely with Apple to have it removed.



Bikes and scooters

Just a reminder that if your child brings a bike or a scooter to school they must get off it as soon as they enter the playground. It can be stored in the bike shed. The reason for asking this is for Health and Safety reasons. The playground is a busy place and it is easy for a child on a bike or scooter to hit someone whilst on it. We had an incident last week where a younger child was knocked over by a child riding their bike from the gym equipment.

Footwear

Our school uniform asks that children wear “Appropriate and sensible footwear (darker colours, no trainers)”. There are a number of children that are wearing trainers to school as school shoes that are mesh like and not leather or a leather like material. As a result, they are getting very wet during wet weather and are not suitable. If your child is wearing black leather trainers, we ask that there are no coloured stripes or logos showing.

School gate

Now that Robin crew are starting school at the same time as the rest of the school we thought it would be a helpful reminder about school opening time and punctuality.

The **official start of the school day** and start of registration is at **8.45am** and we strongly encourage all children to arrive on time. Registration is open from 8:45 – 8:55.

The school gates are opened earlier than the start of the school day at 8:40am.

The front school gate is locked at 8.55am when the registers close and so the gate near to Robin crew starts to be shut before 8:55am. All arrivals after 8:55am will need to access school via the school office.

Pupils arriving after 9:00am will be marked as late (L).

Lucky Pot Rodeo Lunch on Thursday 2nd October.

LUCKY POT RODEO LUNCH
2 October 2025

Mains
Macaroni Cheese with optional toppings
Choose from
Pulled Chicken, Crispy Onions or BBQ Sauce

Cowboy Pie
(Sausage & Baked Bean pie topped with Mash Potato)

Spaghetti & Texan Sauce with optional toppings
Choose from
Pulled Chicken or Crispy Chick Pea
(Allergen free)

Sides
Crudités
Garlic Bread Slice
Salad Bar

Dessert
Funfetti Cookie
Fresh Fruit

WIN
2 lucky pots in each year group win a seat at the VIP Table!
All winners are entered into a Grand Prize Draw across the Trust to win a BRAND NEW BIKE!

Don't miss out on the free Lucky Pot Rodeo Lunch on Thursday 2nd October. All children ordering lunch (FREE OF CHARGE!) on that day will have a chance to win a seat at the VIP Table. The winners will be entered into Grand Prize Draw across the Trust to win a BRAND NEW BIKE!

Book Fair at St Andrew's Primary

SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE Book FAIR

FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR*

READING GIVES YOU SUPERPOWERS!

**Friday 3rd - Wednesday 8th
October**

3.20pm-4pm

In the School Hall

Card payment if possible please.

All books purchased help to raise money to buy books for the school.

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in **£5, £10, £15, £20 and £25**. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.
All books subject to availability. Book range may vary.

Attendance for this academic year so far

YFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.35%	96.88%	99.43%	99.11%	97.04%	96.13%	96.90%

Pupils that have gone beyond and above



Celebration Assembly



Celebration Assembly 12th September 2025

Kingfisher Crew	Kayden	Logan
Jay Crew	Vienna	Kian
Owl Crew	Alice	Isabelle
Kestrel Crew	Freya	Florence
Falcon Crew	George	Celeste
Eagle Crew	Ashton	Leela

Celebration Assembly 19th September 2025

Kingfisher Crew	Isabelle	William
Jay Crew	Theodora	Ray
Owl Crew	Eva	Jacob
Kestrel Crew	Harriet	Robyn
Falcon Crew	Una-Rose	Hadley
Eagle Crew	Leela	Sam S

Mental Health Support Team Workshops.



Does your child experience stress, worries, or anxiety?

Would you like to learn some strategies to support them? If so, join us for this workshop to explore this topic.

I'm Mary, I support children and families with their emotional wellbeing at St Andrews School as an Education Mental Health Practitioner. I'm looking forward to meeting you all!

What the workshop will cover:

This session covers what anxiety is and our body's response to anxiety, focusing on our thoughts, feelings, physical sensations and behaviours. We normalise that everyone gets anxious while exploring when anxiety can be unhelpful and what keeps it going. As well as learning about anxiety, we will cover some strategies to help support your child.

Friday 10th October from 2:00-3:00pm

Understanding Emotions: Tools to Thrive

A workshop run by the Mental Health Support Team.

Does your child experience big feelings can feel overwhelming and scary?

What the workshop will cover:

Big feelings can feel overwhelming and scary. Often this can mean that young people find it difficult to communicate how they are feeling in a healthy way. This session provides psychoeducation around big feelings. It explores what 'big feelings' are, why a child might experience these, and introduces some practical strategies and tools to help with managing big feelings.

Friday 21st November from 2:00-3:00pm

Does your child sometimes seem to struggle with feeling low or sad for periods of time?

Would you like to learn some strategies to support them? If so, join us for this workshop to explore this topic.

What the workshop will cover:

Within this session we will think about how low-mood can have an impact on the way that we think, feel and what we do. This session uses psychoeducation to explore the 'vicious cycle of low mood', as well as introduce strategies that can help to break this cycle. We explore how our behaviours i.e. the things we do or do not do can impact our thoughts and the way that we feel. We then consider how increasing our activities in a meaningful way can have a positive impact on our mood and overall wellbeing.

Friday 30th January 2026 from 2:00-3:00pm

Community News

The Family Support Fayre



Resources and Information for families supporting children 0 - 25 years with additional needs and/or disabilities

12th
November
2025

Winter Gardens
South Parade
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 1AJ

NORTH PS WT
SOMERSET
PARENT CARERS WORKING TOGETHER

FREE FOOTBALL SESSION

Start your minis journey now!



WHY CHOOSE CTEC MINIS?

- PROFESSIONAL COACHES
- 3G AND GRASS FACILITY (THE MONEY MATES STADIUM, DAVIS LANE, CLEVEDON, BS21 6TG)
- FREE SEASON TICKET TO CLEVEDON TOWN HOME GAMES
- MASCOT OPPORTUNITIES
- SMALL GROUPS FOR MAXIMUM ATTENTION

SCHOOL YEAR RECEPTION AND YEAR 1
ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE MONEYMATES HAND STADIUM, CLEVEDON, BS21 6TG

OUR SESSIONS ARE FREE!
How to become a mini?
Email Ctfcminis@outlook.com




OCTOBER FOOTBALL FUNDAYS

BOOTS, ASTROS, SHIN PADS AND PACK LUNCH REQUIRED
£16 PER PLAYER

Tuesday 28th October
 Wednesday 29th October
 Thursday 30th October
 9am-3pm
 The North Somerset Community Stadium, Clevedon, BS21 6TG

- FUN ACTIVITIES
- LOADS OF GAMES
- ANYONE WELCOME
- SCHOOL YEAR 1-7

TO BOOK Email Laura@nsfootball.co.uk

Church Car Park Resurfacing

Work has been scheduled to tarmac Church Drive from Tuesday 28th October. It is anticipated that the road will be closed to enable this work to happen, both on Tuesday and Wednesday, with it then reopening on Thursday 30th October. We hope that, as this will be done during the October half term, any disruption to yourselves will be minimal.

School Calendar Dates

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

Monday 03 November 2025

Friday 16 January 2026

Friday 13 February 2026

Friday 27 March 2026

Annual Planner - Dates to Remember

Dates to Remember 2025 - 2026

Supporting Your Child with Reading Parent Session: Thursday 25th September @ 5:00-5:45

Book Fair Delivered: Thursday 2nd October

Parents Evening: Tuesday 14th October @ 4:00-7:00pm

Parents Evening: Thursday 16th October @ 3:40-6:40pm

Robins Stay & Play: Saturday 18th October

Worship for Parents Eagles : Monday 20th October @ 2:45pm

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 24th October

Bikeability Level 2 Y6: Tuesday 25th November @ AM and PM

Bikeability Level 2 Y6: Wednesday 26th November @ AM or PM

Bikeability Level 1 Y4: Wednesday 26th November @ AM or PM

PTA Christmas Shopping: Friday 5th December

Worship for Parents Falcons: Monday 8th December @ 2:45pm

Nativity Performance to Parents: Wednesday 10th December @ PM

Nativity Performance to Parents: Thursday 11th December @ AM

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day: 12th December

PTA Christmas Fair: Friday 12th December

Fish N Chip Disco for Y6: **TBC**

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS2: Thursday 18th December @ 9:30am

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 19th December

Worship for Parents Owls: Monday 9th February @ 2:45pm

PTA Mufti Day: Thursday 12th February

World Book Day: Thursday 5th March

Family Breakfast: 27th February

Parents Evening: Tuesday 24th March @ 4:00-7:00pm

Parents Evening: Thursday 26th March @ 3:40-6:40pm

Worship for Parents Kingfishers: Monday 30th March @ 2:45pm

Y6 Lifeskills: Tuesday 31st March @ PM

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS1: Thursday 2nd April

PTA Mufti Day: Thursday 2nd April

PTA Easter Egg Hunt: Thursday 2nd April

SATs Week & SATs Breakfast: Monday 11th – Friday 15th May

Worship for Parents Kestrels: Monday 18th May @ 2:45pm

Y6 Camp: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 22nd May

Sports Day KS2 – Wednesday 17th June

Permission to Play: Friday 3rd July

Worship for Parents Jays: Monday 6th July @ 2:45pm

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS2: Thursday 16th July

Y6 Leavers Service: **TBC**

PTA Mufti Day: Wednesday 22nd July

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