



St. Andrew's Newsletter 05 25-26

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National Nurturing
School Award
2025

Christian Value: Compassion



St Andrew's Primary School



Dear Parents / Carers,

This term we are focussing on the Christian value of compassion. Please see the termly values newsletter that explains this in more detail. In keeping with the compassion focus, in previous years, our school has supported “Every Child Needs Christmas” local campaign for the families of underprivileged children. Together, we have always collected lots of gifts that have been delivered by school staff to the charity organisers to distribute locally. If you feel that you are able to give a gift and make a difference to a child in the local area, please drop these off at the school office by **Wednesday 3rd December**. The charity suggests gifts of £5-£10 for a child that is 0-16 years and unwrapped (there is a discrepancy re the suggested financial amounts between the poster and what is on their Facebook page).

EVERY CHILD NEEDS
CHRISTMAS!



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Donate brand new
gifts only

HOW TO DONATE:

DONATE A NEW, SEALED, NON-
EDIBLE GIFT £7-£10 TO ONE OF
OUR DROP OFF POINTS.

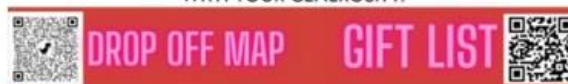
OR

USE OUR GIFT LIST BELOW AND IT
COMES STRAIGHT TO HQ.



CAMPAIGN UPDATES- WWW.FB.COM/CHILDSXMAS

HELP A CHILD IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS
WITH YOUR GENEROSITY.



Yesterday, Eagle Crew made the short walk from school to the Memorial Hall to take part in the St. Andrew's Church Armistice Service. The service was well attended by members of the congregation, local residents and the business community. At 10:55am the traffic was stopped outside of the hall. All of the children listened keenly and took part in the service showing their deep respect and understanding for the occasion. Following the two-minute silence and some final words from Matt, the children made their way back to school. Many

of the adults present at the service took time to comment to Mr Quinton personally how impressed they were with the children's behaviour and understanding of the occasion.

The rest of the school took part in two-minute silence in their classroom's with their crew as part of their class worship which was centred around the meaning of remembrance.



We have some staffing updates to share. A welcome to Mrs Youde to our Learning partner team. Sadly, we need to share that Mrs Rees is unwell and won't be at school for some time. She has started cancer treatment. Parents of Robin crew are already aware but Mrs Rees was happy for this information to be shared with all our families as she has been a Learning partner for so many of your children's crews. We are all thinking of her at this difficult time and have her in our thoughts.

Fran Martin

Compassion Newsletter

**St Andrew's Primary School
Christian Values Termly Newsletter**

'Growing Together'

COMPASSION



Questions to think about...

- Have you shown an act of kindness today?
- How does practising compassion make you happy?
- Do you think of everyone you meet as offering an opportunity to be kind?
- Do you know who Anne Frank is?

Bible stories

One of the bible stories that we will read is the Good Samaritan. We will be discussing that Jesus told this story to show us that everyone in need is our neighbour even when they are not our special friends.



Leading up the end of the term, we will focus on the Christmas story and the coming of Jesus.



Family activities...

- Each write a kind note for one another
- Take a look at some videos on the 'make-a-wish' website and read a story together
- Notice when someone in your family is feeling down and offer to lend a hand




Quotes and Stories

No one has ever become poor by giving. (From the diary of Anne Frank)

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness. (Seneca, a Roman philosopher)

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. (Aesop)

Nurture Hub

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 place in a different group other than their crew. Children develop relationships with children across the school.

- Wellbeing and anti-bullying leaflets on display after being spoken about in treetops for children to refer back to if they need support.
- Anti-bullying ambassadors- children within the school that can offer support to children and to raise awareness.
- Whole school displays reflect our school values and show how they underpin all the things that we do as a school



- 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.

Reading at home with your child

Reading at home with your child.

Research consistently shows that parents reading to their children, especially during Key Stage 2 (ages 7-11), has significant and lasting positive impacts on literacy development, language skills, and overall academic success. While the frequency of shared reading tends to decline as children get older, maintaining this practice is crucial for fostering a love of reading and supporting children's learning.

Reading to children is a powerful tool that offers a wide range of benefits, impacting their language development, academic success, social-emotional skills, and overall well-being. Reading with your children, regardless of age, is crucial for fostering a love of reading and setting them up for a successful future.

Click on the links below to find recommendations of books to read with your child. Many of these books can be borrowed for free from the school library or from your local library.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/booklists/100-best-books/>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/browse-by-age>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

Find top tips on the link below for supporting your child to read at home. The 'Library and Reading for Pleasure' section of our school website also has links to offer support.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/book-lists-for-children-and-young-people/>

Thank you for your on-going support.

If you have any questions about supporting your child with their reading please do ask your child's teacher or chat to Mrs Gilbert.

Young Carer Club

A Young Carer is a young person, Under 18, who provides care for family members with health or disability challenges.

St Andrew's has a thriving Young Carer club. We meet once a term on a Tuesday, 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

We will shortly be sending out a questionnaire to all families.

In the meantime, If you think your child could be a Young Carer and may benefit from our club, please contact me in confidence.

Julie.mayo@standrewsprimary.org.uk.

School Nursing Offer

The school nursing team are able to offer parents several sessions throughout the year. At the moment these sessions are:

Family Foundations - supporting with successful family dynamics

Toilet Talk - supporting bladder and bowels

Sweet dreams - helping your child to sleep well

There are a maximum of 8 places on each session. If you are interested in attending any of these, please contact Mrs Mayo on julie.mayo@standrewsprimary.org.uk or catch me on the gate in the mornings.

National Child Measurement Programme

As part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), all children in Reception and Year 6 are offered height and weight checks at school each year. These checks help monitor children's growth across the country and help the NHS and local councils in planning health and leisure services to support healthy lifestyles. Sirona - School Nursing Team will be in school to carry out those checks for Year 6 children on Monday 15th December.

Mental Health Support

North Somerset Public Health Team have recently commissioned a free mental health wellbeing support package from Qwell for parents and carers. The service offers free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support. Support includes a supportive online community, counsellor support, practical advice and information as well as access to a range of emotional wellbeing tools. Please see the poster below for more information.



Free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support in North Somerset for all parents & carers.

Whatever you're going through, we're here to help

- Connect with our supportive online community
- Find practical advice and information
- Chat anonymously with a counsellor
- Access a range of emotional wellbeing tools




Get support today
qwell.io

Understanding Emotions Workshop



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? 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:
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



Smartphone safety and Cyberbullying

Kooth are holding a free 45 minute webinar for families on smartphone safety and cyberbullying on **Thursday 20th November from 6pm.**

They will share practical tips on how to help children deal with potential problems, how parents can spot signs of cyberbullying and what action to take. The webinar will include information on:

- •How their phone grabs and holds their attention
- •The pressure they may feel to be online
- •What cyberbullying might look like
- •The impacts of social media and bullying
- •How you can help young people stay safe
- •How they can build a positive online space - information about Kooth for them and Qwell for parents/carers

If you would like to attend, please use the sign up link below.

Kooth-webinar for families: smartphone safety & cyberbullying¹

After School Sports Clubs - Have your Say

After-school sports clubs in Term 3 - Have your say!

We would like to make sure that the after-school sports clubs at St Andrews Primary are fun and enjoyable for all children. Please talk to your child(ren) and let us know what would their favourite sport of choice to do after school would be. Please click on the link below to provide us with your answer by Friday, 21st November, so we can discuss with PH Active - our clubs provider. Please fill in separately for each child - one form equals one vote!

What after-school sports clubs would your child like to attend in term 3? – Fill in form²

¹<https://connect.kooth.com/events/event/for-families-smartphone-safety-and-cyberbullying-20-nov>

²<https://forms.office.com/e/Vy0kgYpw9X>

Times Tables Rockstars Event



Music Tuition



WEST OF ENGLAND
MUSIC
AND ARTS



Our Music Centres bring together young musicians to perform in ensembles and groups, build skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Take part in concerts
- Make friends

MUSIC
CENTRES



Sessions run on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings during term time. Open to all - from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups, orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell, Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres



Pupils that have gone above and beyond



Celebration Assembly



Celebration Assembly 17th October 2025

Robin Crew	Louis Henry
Kingfisher Crew	Nevaeh Rhys
Jay Crew	Lily S Riley
Owl Crew	Claydon Ellis
Kestrel Crew	Josh B Ruben
Falcon Crew	Kasper Jonah
Eagle Crew	Dolly Lukas

Children In Need - Friday 14th November

Don't forget this Friday 14th November is Children In Need. Children are welcome to wear something yellow or spotty to school. Children In Need merchandise is also acceptable.

Please make any donations you wish to directly to Children In Need via the link <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/default-2>



PTA Christmas Shopping



Once again, the PTA are thrilled to be inviting the children to take part in a Christmas shopping event. This really is a fun event when the children make their own choices for Christmas gifts, write their own labels and wrap the presents that they have chosen for family and friends.

This event will be held during school hours on Friday 5th December. Letters have now been sent home with children. If you wish to participate, please complete and return the form to the school office by Monday 17th November.

Holiday, Activity and Food

Does your child receive benefits related free school meals? If so they are entitled to free HAF activities during the holiday season and the bookings are now live. Please see the flyer below for more information.



Children who receive benefits related free school meals are entitled to free HAF activity days over the Winter holidays.

Bookings go live on Friday 7th November at 9am

SAVE THE DATE

HAF NORTH SOMERSET
Holiday Activities & Food

Click here for the link to our booking platform

The poster features a red 'SAVE THE DATE' stamp, a snowman, a winter hat, and icons for a fork and knife, a target, and a book. The background is decorated with snowflakes.

Community News

Congresbury Wreath Making



Christmas wreath workshops
Saturday 6th Dec

Young people's workshop
10-12.30 £15.00

Adult Workshop
1-3pm £20

To book email:
sarah@congsyp.org.uk

The poster features a background of a Christmas wreath with holly leaves and berries. There is an illustration of a yellow teacup and saucer with a star on the lid. A logo for 'Congresbury Youth Project' is visible in the bottom left corner.

Coding Club



MINECRAFT CLUB
Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers

Coding in Minecraft

This is fun monthly club where children learn how to make mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code.

Suitable for children aged 7 – 12.

For more information and to register:
codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/

WHERE
Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN
Saturday 22nd November 2025
From 10:00am - 12:30pm

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



 facebook.com/codingbug/

School Calendar Dates

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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

PTA Christmas Shopping Deadline : Monday 17th November

VIP Club: Monday 17th November 2025

Cheddar School Trip : Friday 21st November Yr 4,5,6

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

Every Child Needs Christmas Drop off Deadline : Wednesday 3rd 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

National Child Measuring Programme Monday 15th December Year 6 AM

Fish N Chip Disco for Y6: TBC

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

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 19th December

KS2 Sports Festival Monday 12th January 2026 PM

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 Wednesday 17th June KS2AM / KS1PM

Reserved Sports Day Wednesday 24th June KS2AM / KS1 PM

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

Contacts

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