



St. Andrew's Newsletter 07 25/26

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National Nurturing
School Award
2025

Christian Value: Compassion



St Andrew's Primary School



Dear Parents / Carers,

Working in a school at this time of the year is always a privilege and equally very busy!

Last week, Year 6 went to the Old School Rooms and sang carols at the Christmas dinner festivities with our local community. They had excellent feedback and it was a special moment for everyone involved and a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to live out service to their community.



Last Friday, we had one of our favourite annual events – Christmas Shopping day! The children absolutely love choosing family and carers gifts. It is a delight to watch them deliberating over gifts and then being supported at the “wrapping stations”! A huge thankyou to the parents that came and spent the day supporting this event and to the parent that spent a significant period of time collecting all the amazing gifts for the children to choose. Thank you for all the kind gift donations for the “Every child Needs a Christmas” campaign again this year. We dropped all of the gifts to the drop off point yesterday and I am sure they will make many children very happy.



This week we have had the pleasure of watching our nativity , “Hey Ewe” – a perfect start to the run up to Christmas festivities. The children were incredible and it was a joy to watch! The children were courageous and rose to the occasion: performing songs, actions, acting, dancing and just simply being very engaging! We were very proud of them all and they certainly spread a huge amount of Christmas cheer!



Tomorrow , is our PTA run Christmas fair from 4:30 – 6:30 pm . The PTA have been working tirelessly for weeks preparing for the event . On behalf of the Governing body and the staff team of St Andrew’s I would like to express how appreciative we are of all of the PTAs hard work as well as the parents and our team that will be volunteering on the night – THANK YOU! Tomorrow is also Christmas dinner day and wearing a Christmas jumper – we look forward to enjoying this together as a school.

Next week, the festivities continue! On Monday, every class will be going to the Church to enjoy “Experience Christmas” where the Christmas story is brought alive by the members of the church team. On Tuesday, KS2 will be enjoying a Christmas carol sing along in the church together. On Wednesday Year 6 will enjoy their “Fish and Chip” disco and supper together.

Christmas can feel a bit overwhelming for many reasons – endless lists and places to be . But Christmas is also a time for joy and a time for love; I hope that you are able to feel these over the festive period. If I am not able to see you before we break up, I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. Take care and we look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 5th January 2026.**

Fran Martin

Bedtime Stories

We are working hard to develop a love for reading at St. Andrew’s. We would like to invite children in Robins, Kingfishers, Jays, Owls and Kestrels to come back to school on Thursday 14th January at 4.30-5.15pm for bedtime stories with the teachers. Children in classes Reception - Year 4 are invited to come back to school in their pyjamas, with their favourite

teddy, to enjoy some stories in their classroom with a teacher. We will also be giving the children a drink and a biscuit to enjoy while listening to the stories. This is a drop off event.

Please complete the form below if your child would like to attend. Please fill in one form for each child.

Bedtime Stories- Thursday 14th January 4.30pm-5.15pm – Fill in form¹

Nurture Hub News

Nurture principle- All behaviour is communication

St Andrews 'Child talk': Our behaviour tells our story.

Everyone that works in the school understands that children's behaviour is a way of communicating. The children themselves might not understand what they are trying to communicate and might not yet be at a stage where they can articulate their thoughts and feelings but the adults around them are always curious and asking questions. Why are they displaying these behaviours? What has triggered these behaviours? Adults can then name emotions that the children might be feeling- "I wonder if you are feeling..." and "I'm wondering why you are feeling like that." Children can then be supported to regulate their emotions which will allow them to have better control over their behaviour. As explained in the previous newsletter, we use zones of regulation at St Andrews to help children identify the feelings that they have and as a school we are beginning to look at tools that can help us move between the zones so that we are in a good place for learning. This does not mean that all behaviour is tolerated, but it is understood. Behaviour is dealt with consistently so the children know what will happen next. Restorative conversations support this and give children the time to reflect on their behaviour and come up with strategies that will help them next time.

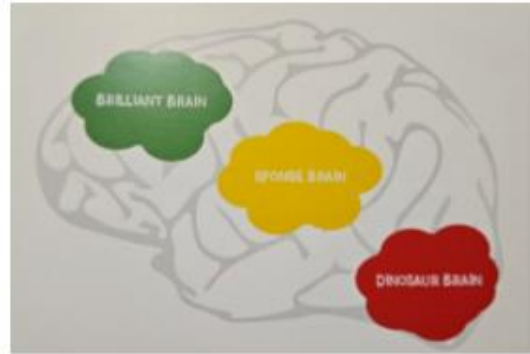
In the Haven, we have also been looking at some books that help us understand how our brain works and the reason why our behaviour is sometimes uncontrollable. It talks about 3 different parts of our brain...

Brilliant brain is similar to being in the green zone of regulation. We are able to listen, behave well and control our behaviour.

Sponge brain stores everything that has ever happened to us.

Dinosaur brain controls all the basic things we do. Dinosaur brain wants to keep us safe but it reacts quickly and means we are not in control of our behaviour.

¹<https://forms.office.com/e/c3LK1vaFXc>



Become a Trustee

 **LIGHTHOUSE**
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

**COULD YOU HELP CREATE A
BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN
AND SCHOOLS IN YOUR AREA?**

Becoming a Trustee is a rewarding and enriching opportunity to assist in shaping the future of our schools and helping staff and pupils to flourish

<https://www.lsp.org.uk/couldyoubeatrustee>

After School Activities

PH Active have some new activities that will be running after school next term including Dance and Gymnastics. Please see the flyer below for more details.

After School **Sports clubs**

At
St Andrews Primary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dance (All Years)	No Club	Gymnastics (All Years)	Multi Sports (All Years)	No Club
£29.75* (5 Weeks)		£35.70 (6 Weeks)	£35.70 (6 Weeks)	
Mr Denton		Miss Wellman	Archie M	

All clubs run **3:20pm - 4:20pm**
Clubs start the week commencing **05/01/2026**
***No club running 12/01/2026**

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

Yoga Club

There are also still spaces available for Yoga Club starting after school on Wednesdays next term. If you would like to sign your child up, please use the link - After School Clubs Terms 2 and 3 – Fill in form².

Congresbury Tennis Club

Congresbury Tennis Club would like to extend an offer to children at St Andrew's Primary in years 3-6. The offer includes 6 weeks of coaching every Wednesday starting on 7th January for £30. Children would be picked up from school at 3:15pm and walked by Tennis Club Coach to the Congresbury Tennis Club. Parents would pick children up directly from the Tennis Club at 4:30pm. Please be advised that payments, administration and all

²<https://forms.office.com/e/df6uKjwf5h>

communications relating to this club will be managed by Congresbury Tennis Club as the provider of this service, not the school. Please also bear in mind that from the moment of pick up by the coach, the children will be under the care of the Coach and their safety remains the responsibility of the adult running the club. Should you need to advise your child cannot attend the club/or discuss anything, please inform the coach directly on: 07414772701.

ST ANDREW'S Primary School Afterschool TENNIS CLUB




-  **Run by LTA Accredited & DBS checked tennis coaches!**
-  **Children are picked up from school and walked safely to the tennis club!**
-  **Fun and engaging classes for years 3 and above!**
-  **Pick up at the tennis club after the session finishes!**



Information!	Contact	How to book a trial?
STARTS 7 th January 2025	 Tom Smith Head Coach at Congresbury TC tomi@congresburytc.net 07414772701	Scan the QR Code or click the link to sign up! 
TRIALS 26 th November / 10 th December 2024		
TIME 3:15pm - 4:30pm		
WHERE Stonewell Drive, BS49 4DW		
WHO For years 3, 4, 5 & 6!		
COST £30 for 6 weeks of coaching!		





PTA St. Andrew's Xmas Fair Friday 12th December

Join us at St. Andrew's primary school for our annual fair including party games, Santa's grotto, refreshments from the bar & canteen, arts & crafts, a superb lego challenge and the chance to win £150 from our fantastic Xmas raffle.

Buy your raffle tickets now to win one of many cash prizes, extravagant hampers and tons of other amazing offerings. You can get tickets in advance from the school office or on the night.

Please bring cash for stalls. Bar/canteen accepts cards

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Pupils that have gone above and beyond



Celebration Assembly



Celebration assembly 28/11/2025

Robin Crew George Olivia

Kingfisher Crew River Poppy

Jay Crew Dylan Mabel

Owl Crew Poppy Penelope

Kestrel Crew Willow Sophia

Falcon Crew Olivia Eliza

Eagle Crew Ella Annabel

Celebration Assembly 05/12/2025

Robin Crew Cillian Georgie

Kingfisher Crew Stanley Muizah

Jay Crew Oscar Ivy

Owl Crew Louis Delilah

Kestrel Crew Rocco Isabelle

Falcon Crew Una-Rose Celeste

Eagle Crew James Alannah

Community News

Christmas Church Services

Congresbury families are invited to celebrate Christmas with New Creation Churches!

- Carol Service – Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm
- Crib Service – Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December at 3pm, with the chance for children to make their own Christingle

This year, St Andrew's Church is decorated with a magical Narnia theme, exploring the messages of the beloved children's books. The church is open daily, and families are welcome to visit and enjoy the displays.

Details of all Christmas services and events can be found at [NewCreationChurches.org.uk/Christmas](https://newcreationchurches.org.uk/Christmas)³

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Christmas Football Camp



A promotional poster for Priority Football's Christmas Football Camp. The top half features a large group photo of children and adults on a football pitch. Below this is the Priority Football logo, a shield with a soccer ball and the text 'PRIORITY FOOTBALL'. The main title 'CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMP!' is in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. Below the title, it says 'A DAY PACKED FULL OF FOOTBALL FUN AT NAILSEA SCHOOL' and 'MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER'. A dark blue bar contains the text 'Year 1 - Year 8 (9:00am - 3:30pm) Reception (9:00am - 1:00pm)'. The bottom section is split into two panels: 'A WEEK'S WORTH OF FOOTBALL IN A DAY!' on the left and 'PUMA CAMP DAY (GIRLS ONLY CAMP)' on the right. A central circular graphic with a QR code says 'SCAN HERE TO BOOK'. At the bottom, a blue bar contains the text '£25 per day | Early drop-offs available | KS1 visit from Santa!' and 'Book online: www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps Pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004 | Nailsea School'.

PRIORITY FOOTBALL

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMP!

A DAY PACKED FULL OF FOOTBALL FUN AT NAILSEA SCHOOL
MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER

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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

Friday 16 January 2026

Friday 13 February 2026

Friday 27 March 2026

Annual Planner - Dates to Remember

Dates to Remember 2025 - 2026

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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