



# St. Andrew's Newsletter 08 25/26

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**National Nurturing**  
School Award  
2025

## St Andrew's Primary School



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year.

This terms Christian value is Courage. Our value newsletter is below.

Please remember the deadline to apply for both Reception and Year 3 places for September 2026 is 11.59pm on Thursday 15 January 2026.

Best Wishes,

St Andrew's Team

 **DON'T FORGET**

**Thursday 15 January**  
is the deadline for applying for  
Primary School places for 2026

Primary School places will be confirmed  
on National Offer Day (16 April 2026)

 **LIGHTHOUSE**  
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

## Christian Value: Courage



### St Andrew's Primary School Christian Values Termly Newsletter 'Growing Together'

<p>Questions to think about...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you need courage to start on something new?</li> <li>• When did you last step outside your comfort zone to try something new?</li> <li>• Can you remember a time when you thought I've just got to keep trying?</li> </ul>	<p>Family activities...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mirror dance- pair up and look into a mirror. Create an imaginary boundary line, copy your partners moves then swap after a few minutes. Try to copy the exact moves your partner does in the mirror.</li> <li>• Make a list of daring feats you want to do or have done whether physically, mentally, or morally. Talk about how you have or could complete them!</li> </ul>
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#### COURAGE



**Quotes**

Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it. *(Mark Twain)*

If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed. *(David Viscott)*

A new person cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore. *(Andre Gide)*

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow. *(Mary Anne Radmacher)*

**Songs about courage...**

Roar—Katy Perry

Celine Dion—Courage

You raise me up—Westlife

Brave—Touch the sky



## Bedtime Stories

We are looking forward to welcoming your children into school for Bedtime Stories on Thursday 15th January at 4:30pm-5:15pm. If your child usually attends after school club on this day, please let their class teacher know and they will be collected from after school club and taken to Bedtime Stories. We will also need to be made aware if your child needs to go back to after school club once Bedtime Stories has finished.

## Nurture Hub News

Whole School Nurture and Boxall update

Following on from some parental and pupil feedback about whole school Nurture, Mrs Riley has been into all classes (Year 1-6) this week to deliver a session on each class' new Boxall target. These Boxall targets have been identified by looking at the whole class' Boxall profiles and looking at which strands and areas are a common area of development for the class. Mrs Riley has introduced the targets to the classes and each class has done some activities related to that target. Class teachers are going to follow up with the class target regularly in different ways over the coming terms.

The class targets are as follows-

Kingfishers- We will cope when we make a mistake in our work.

Jays- We will use kind words to speak to someone who is in our way or has something we need.

Owls- We will know how to regulate ourselves when we feel upset, angry or when things are difficult for us.

Kestrels- We will know how to regulate ourselves when we feel upset, angry or when things are difficult for us.

Falcons- We will develop our own sense of self-worth.

Eagles- We will develop our own sense of self-worth.

In order to support the whole school's understanding of Nurture UK, classes will also be learning about each principle in class assemblies over the coming terms. This will help them to understand what the principles mean and how we meet these principles at St Andrew's.

## 2026 is the National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading 2026 (NYR2026) is a UK-wide campaign, led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust<sup>1</sup>, to reverse the decline in reading for pleasure among all ages by making reading modern, social, and personally meaningful, aiming to spark a cultural shift with activities in schools, libraries, workplaces, and communities throughout the year, creating a lasting legacy beyond 2026

GET INVOLVED

**This year, we're bringing reading closer to culture**

In 2026, the National Year of Reading is reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around.

Explore how you can join the movement at home, in your setting, or across your community.

This link provides ideas and information on how to support your child with reading at home.

<https://goallin.org.uk/get-involved/families/>

If you have any questions about supporting your child with their reading, please speak to their teacher or me (sarah.gilbert@standrewsprimary.org)

Thank you for your support. Sarah Gilbert, Reading Lead

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.google.com/search?q=National+Literacy+Trust&sca\\_esv=0bef742b4fee5174&rlz=1C1GCEW\\_enG B1180GB1181&sxsrf=ANbL-n7\\_BafOA1YzEj4zZVCDiO6zreLuoA%3A1767872414722&ei=npdfaajlK-C7hblPp7KA6Aw&ved=2ahUKEwjlaP97fuRAxXxVUEAHYZaCDIQgK4QegQIARAC&uact=5&oq=what+is+national+year+of+reading&gs\\_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAilHdoYXQgaXMgYmF0aW9uYWwgeWVhcnVzYiByZWZkaW5nMgYQABgWGB4yBhAAGBYHjIGEAAYFhgeMgYQABgWGB4yBhAAGBYHjIGEAAYFhgeMgYQABgWGB4yBhAAGBYHjIGEAAYFhgeMgYQABgWGB5I7hxQAFj\\_GnAAeAGQAQCYAY0BoAGzFKoBBDI4LjS4AQPIAQD4AQGYAiCgAu8VwglKECMYgAQYigUYJ8ICcxAAAGIAEGLE DGIMBwglIEC4YgAQYsQMYgWCHAhYQLhiABBikBRhdGLEGDGIMBGMcBGNEDwglQEAAyAQYigUYQxixAxiDAcICC hAAGIAEGlOfGEPcAg4QABiABBikBRiRAsICDhAAGIAEGlOfGI0GGLEDwglIEAAyAQYsQPCAgQQIxgnwglOEC4YgAQYsQMYxw EY0QPCAgSQAABiABBikBRiRAsICDhAAGIAEGlOfGI0GGLEDwglIEAAyAQYChgLwglIEAAyAQYogTCAGUQABjvBcICC BAAGIKFGKIEwglIEAAyAQYigUYhgOYAwCSBwQyOC40oAf21wGyBwQyOC40uAfvFclHBJAuNC4yOMgHiAGACAE &scient=gws-wiz-serp&mstk=AUTExfBA3xlvVwP2pxcQxTcXTa6yDU-meGb11ngHoDskavmlQdnTGYml84Mj00ItP\\_asBQVFRUd0VYmb34B7fg46SKDrftX7oSp6-yJQ24tCBoSa\\_s02mdB0sJfWr1OCySbhu081B\\_iAtuRYnzEpiFYvCSMIqYEEt4xAy4b\\_NaeVwehkgHKovAS5uYmFQ9x ZH5HN0G1gZvJMgrzNcO3Rplg5PmKg7N0Qzv1nzG5hmrdeWogirWe-eX\\_6bH0k88DQPs0EFDAMQcJw-xBk2V24xnRQ1LhnnnR\\_MvMZJeErIHZ1UDEyVTP9mU5eZa0EZz2ZijrhRUSomJKI\\_vzOni5-JejTeX9\\_IBrwr4CnOHljDq1YFtv1&csui=3](https://www.google.com/search?q=National+Literacy+Trust&sca_esv=0bef742b4fee5174&rlz=1C1GCEW_enG B1180GB1181&sxsrf=ANbL-n7_BafOA1YzEj4zZVCDiO6zreLuoA%3A1767872414722&ei=npdfaajlK-C7hblPp7KA6Aw&ved=2ahUKEwjlaP97fuRAxXxVUEAHYZaCDIQgK4QegQIARAC&uact=5&oq=what+is+national+year+of+reading&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAilHdoYXQgaXMgYmF0aW9uYWwgeWVhcnVzYiByZWZkaW5nMgYQABgWGB4yBhAAGBYHjIGEAAYFhgeMgYQABgWGB4yBhAAGBYHjIGEAAYFhgeMgYQABgWGB4yBhAAGBYHjIGEAAYFhgeMgYQABgWGB5I7hxQAFj_GnAAeAGQAQCYAY0BoAGzFKoBBDI4LjS4AQPIAQD4AQGYAiCgAu8VwglKECMYgAQYigUYJ8ICcxAAAGIAEGLE DGIMBwglIEC4YgAQYsQMYgWCHAhYQLhiABBikBRhdGLEGDGIMBGMcBGNEDwglQEAAyAQYigUYQxixAxiDAcICC hAAGIAEGlOfGEPcAg4QABiABBikBRiRAsICDhAAGIAEGlOfGI0GGLEDwglIEAAyAQYsQPCAgQQIxgnwglOEC4YgAQYsQMYxw EY0QPCAgSQAABiABBikBRiRAsICDhAAGIAEGlOfGI0GGLEDwglIEAAyAQYChgLwglIEAAyAQYogTCAGUQABjvBcICC BAAGIKFGKIEwglIEAAyAQYigUYhgOYAwCSBwQyOC40oAf21wGyBwQyOC40uAfvFclHBJAuNC4yOMgHiAGACAE &scient=gws-wiz-serp&mstk=AUTExfBA3xlvVwP2pxcQxTcXTa6yDU-meGb11ngHoDskavmlQdnTGYml84Mj00ItP_asBQVFRUd0VYmb34B7fg46SKDrftX7oSp6-yJQ24tCBoSa_s02mdB0sJfWr1OCySbhu081B_iAtuRYnzEpiFYvCSMIqYEEt4xAy4b_NaeVwehkgHKovAS5uYmFQ9x ZH5HN0G1gZvJMgrzNcO3Rplg5PmKg7N0Qzv1nzG5hmrdeWogirWe-eX_6bH0k88DQPs0EFDAMQcJw-xBk2V24xnRQ1LhnnnR_MvMZJeErIHZ1UDEyVTP9mU5eZa0EZz2ZijrhRUSomJKI_vzOni5-JejTeX9_IBrwr4CnOHljDq1YFtv1&csui=3)

## Contact Data and Consent

If you have any changes to your emergency contacts, address or contact details please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure our system is up to date. Please also remember that you can review and change your preferences for areas of consent at any time. Just get in touch with the office and we can help.

## Privacy Notices

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Privacy notices have been circulated to all parents previously but please remember if you would ever like a copy then either call into the school office or refer to the information within the Policies section on the school website. This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

## Census Day - Thursday 15th January

Census Day is fast approaching and we would like to remind you that every child is entitled to a free school meal on Thursday 15th January. You will need to make your selection via the Aspens site. There is also an opportunity to win a Bike and seats at the VIP table. Information on the competition and menus are below.

# STREET FOOD Burger Bar

FOOD FESTIVAL



## Burgers

### AMERICAN CHEESEBURGER

BEEF BURGER WITH AMERICAN CHEESE SLICE, LETTUCE & TOMATO

### SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN BURGER

BATTERED CHICKEN BURGER WITH LETTUCE & TOMATO

### CAPTAIN'S FISH BURGER

FISH FINGERS WITH LETTUCE & TOMATO

### GOLDEN CRUMBED VEGGIE BURGER

ALLERGY FREE BEAN & VEG BURGER WITH AMERICAN CHEESE SLICE, LETTUCE & TOMATO

## Dips

KETCHUP

MAYO

## Sides

SEASONED POTATO WEDGES

CARROT & CUCUMBER STICKS

## Desserts

### COCOA COOKIE SANDWICH

COCOA COOKIES SANDWICHED TOGETHER WITH A BUTTERCREAM

### ORANGE SQUASH CUP CAKE

HOT & TASTY



Get ready for our Burger Bar offer!

15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

A FOOD EXPERIENCE you'll never forget!



DON'T MISS OUT

THIS IS A ONE-DAY-ONLY EVENT - AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

MAKE YOUR CHOICE

HEAD TO THE SELECT SYSTEM TO REGISTER AND PICK YOUR MEAL. DON'T MISS OUT!

If you have not used the Select system before, please reach out to your school office and get your school and child code before registering.



select.system-services.com/



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HELP BURGER MAN WITH A BUNTASTIC NAME



WIN!

Today is an extra-special, super-duper FREE day! Help us name Burger Man and if your name is the yummiest, silliest, or coolest... YOU COULD WIN!

2 runners up in each year group win a seat at the VIP Table!

All entries are entered into a Grand Prize Draw across the Trust to WIN A BRAND NEW BIKE!





## Mental Health Support

### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Young MindsHelp and advice to understand how you are feeling, find ways to feel better or support someone who is struggling. This link is to a guide for Young People, Parents and Carers and a Parental helpline.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

## Low Mood Workshop - Cancelled

Please note the workshop planned for Friday 30th January on 'Low Mood' is cancelled.

## A message from Mary EMHP

*Hello, I wanted to put a message out in the newsletter to let you know that I am moving on from my current role within the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and so will no longer be at St Andrew's. I have really enjoyed being part of the school community as your EMHP and*

*it has been a pleasure getting to know some of the students and families here. Thank you to everyone who has been open to working with the MHST! Mary'*

## WEMA Discovery Days



# DISCOVERY DAYS

## at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit:  
[wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres](http://wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres)



## Sofia's Story

As many of you will already know, one of our students at St Andrew's, Sofia has been diagnosed with a hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT), an inherited genetic disorder also known as Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome characterised by the development of

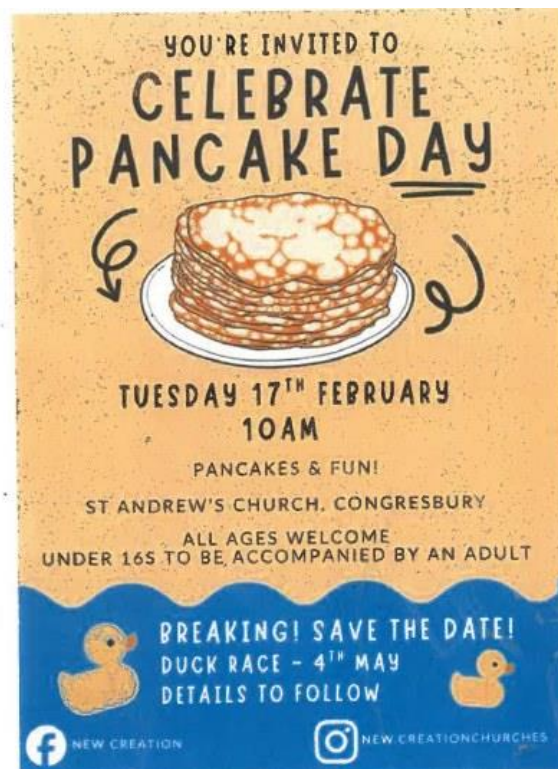
AVMs. Her story has been in the news and on lots of different websites over the last few days. Her parents along with staff would like to share some of the articles Sofia is in. We are incredible proud of Sofia's bravery and resilience and look forward to supporting Sofia in her recovery journey.

[https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/sofia-hill-spinal-arteriovenous-malformation-avm-walking-b2895131.html?utm\\_campaign=lighteradlayout](https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/sofia-hill-spinal-arteriovenous-malformation-avm-walking-b2895131.html?utm_campaign=lighteradlayout)

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/health/i-thought-daughter-leg-injury-36503291>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c6203pd0ddvo>

## Community News



January Jumble  
**& Table Top**  
**SALE**

**SATURDAY  
 24TH JANUARY  
 10AM-12NOON**

PRELOVED ITEMS,  
 CLEAN CLOTHES,  
 TOYS, UNWANTED  
 GIFTS ETC

REFRESHMENTS  
 AVAILABLE

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CONGRESBURY**  
 DONATIONS WELCOME.

Sell items yourself - 1/2 trestle table £5 - Set up 9:15 Saturday  
 Or drop off items at church Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd.



## CAMEO

A lively, friendly group of people who enjoy various speakers at CAMEO – which stands for Come And Meet Each Other, held second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Methodist Hall, includes tea or coffee and biscuit for £2. Doors open 7pm

**Next Talk 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 by  
 Ian Morton & Dave Miles  
 The History of Guiding & Scouting  
 in Congresbury**



## Local Transport



## School Calendar Dates

### Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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

KS2 Sports Festival Monday 12th January 2026 PM

Bedtime Stories - Thursday 15th January 4:30pm-5:15pm

Census Day: Thursday 15th January

**School INSET day Friday 16th January 2026**

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

School Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Education-Website/St-Andrews-Primary-School-Congresbury-631401120595092/>

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