



# St. Andrew's Newsletter 12 25/26

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**National Nurturing**  
School Award  
2025

## St Andrew's Primary School



Dear Parents / Carers,

We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day last week. The children and staff looked fantastic in their costumes and the day was full of big smiles and lots of reading. We started the day with a whole school assembly to share our favourite books and the importance of reading what we love. Robins and Kingfishers enjoyed a visit to Congresbury Library to enjoy stories. Key Stage 2 enjoyed a Footy Booky Quiz. Children across the school had the opportunity to swap classes and enjoy books with different teachers. Classes teamed up to do some buddy reading. Every child made a piece of bunting to recommend a book to their friends and these will be displayed around the school. It really was a lovely day. There are lots of photos for you to see on our Facebook page.



Yesterday after school, Year 6 did a brilliant job of fundraising for their Y6 camp by selling hot dogs. It was a very enjoyable event and the hot dogs were a welcome treat at the end of the school day! This year they have a target of raising £620.00 towards the cost of the coach. Yesterdays hot dog sale will have added even more to the pot and they are well on the way to reaching the target amount. Well done to all the Y6 pupils and adults that supported the event.

Fran Martin

## Christian Value: Forgiveness



## Nurture UK Information Evening- 31st March 2026

Nurture UK Information Evening- 31st March 2026, 5pm There will be an information evening about Nurture UK covering the following points-

- The 6 principles of Nurture and how we cover them at St Andrew's
- What the BOXALL profile assessment is and what we do with the information
- Whole class BOXALL targets
- Interventions (Haven/Nest)

If you would like to come along, please click on the following link and register your name and details. Nurture UK Information evening 31st March 2026

<https://forms.office.com/e/ztVyG0987v>

## MyChildAtSchool – new way of interaction with school.

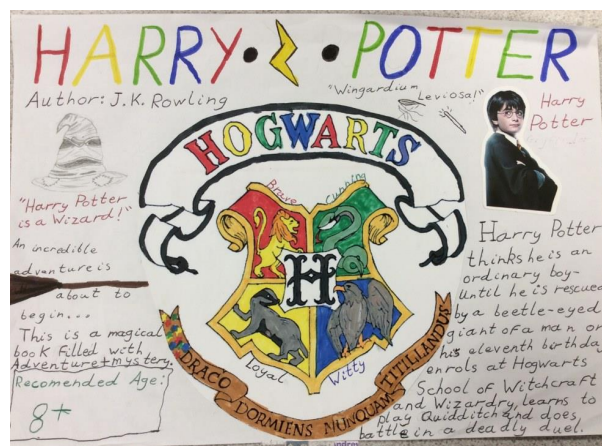
Exciting changes are coming to the way our school interacts with you. We have recently moved to a more efficient and fit for purpose data management system – Bromcom. One of many useful functionalities it has to offer is **MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)** portal for parents. MyChildAtSchool is an online portal that enables parents to view their child's performance at school in real time via any modern web browser (e.g. Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari etc.) and for today's busy parents, an app (for android or ios) which offers the same features. Anytime access to Attendance, Behaviour, Assessment and student reports, letters or important documents. Student timetables alongside the school calendar and fully customisable Exam Timetables and results pages mean schools can keep parents fully informed electronically. Communication through Push Notification (for the App), Announcements and important documents as well as enabling parent messaging to the school are all included features. Schools can even engage parents with their child's homework through the homework settings and they can use the Parent Evening bookings section to book or view their appointments. Secure booking and Online Payments for Clubs, Trips, with multiple settings for payments and purchases are also possible set ups we are looking into. As a school, we are planning on releasing the functionalities of the platform we consider most suitable and relevant to our families and staff members. We have taken a staggered approach. To start, we will release the booking system first – making it possible for the parents to book the Parent Evenings in March.

We recommend downloading MCAS app (picture below) –as it is very user friendly and easy to use.



## **Recommend a book competition**

Congratulations to Rachel in Year 6 and Zach in Year 2 for winning a £5 book voucher each to spend at the book fair next week, for their fabulous 'Recommend a book' poster. Well done to everyone who entered. We had a great number of entries which will all be displayed in the school library. Everyone who entered received a new book mark.



## We Love Reading - Teacher's Book Recommendations

Mr Collins Recommends - How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

How to Train Your Dragon teaches friendship, courage, and understanding others through the story of a boy who befriends a dragon. The characters learn to question stereotypes and work together to solve problems. Its exciting adventure, humour, and emotional moments make it engaging and meaningful for young readers.



## Scholastic Book Fair Book Fair

We are very excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair back in school this week. It will be in the hall everyday from **3.20pm-4.00pm on Thursday 12th March- Wednesday 18th March**. Please do come along to find a wonderful selection of new and exciting books. Books can be purchased via card payment.

## Parent Reading Survey

We are always looking for ways to improve reading at St Andrew's. We would be very grateful if you could spend a couple of minutes completing the survey below. Thank you to those parents who have already completed it.

Parent Reading Survey February 2026 – Fill in form<sup>1</sup>

## School Council Update

St Andrew's School council update

Our school council is made up of 2 children from each year (Years 1-6) and 4 further children from Year 6 who are the voice of the treetops.

We have met a few times to discuss things we would like to do this year. These are the things we have discussed so far-

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<sup>1</sup><https://forms.office.com/e/ztVyG0987v>

## Playground equipment

We have talked to the school about what playground equipment they would like. These are the things we are trying to get-

- Tag belts
- A new set of Basketball nets
- A new set of Football goals

## Charity

As a council, we have decided to raise money for the Charity Gympanzees. They are trying to build a play facility for disabled children in Bristol. This is their goal:

“By the end of 2026, we’ll open the UK’s first fully inclusive exercise and play facility; pioneering a new model of access and inclusion. Over time, we’ll build a nationwide network of centres, creating life-changing opportunities for disabled children, young people, and their families.”

We have come up with some ideas of how we might like to fundraise for the charity but the details are still being finalised.

Our ideas so far are:

- Guess the name of the Teddy
- Lemonade/Ice lolly sale in the Summer
- Come in your own clothes day

By Rachel, Year 6 Secretary.

## Holiday Activities and Food Easter Bookings

**Easter HAF bookings will go live at 9:00am on Friday 13th March** and can be booked via our online booking system:

**Eequ · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.<sup>2</sup>**

As a reminder, children and young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals can access up to 4 sessions this Easter HAF provision.

The HAF Team

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<sup>2</sup><https://eequ.org/northsomerset haf>

**SAVE THE DATE** #HAF2026

Bookings go live  
**Friday 13th March at 9am**

Young people who receive benefits related free school meals are invited to book onto our free HAF Spring Activities.

**HAF** NORTH SOMERSET  
Holiday Activities & Food

For more information about HAF please visit: About the HAF programme | North Somerset Council

## Comic Relief - Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March 2026



This year Comic Relief's Red Nose Day is Friday 20th March 2026. We would like to invite the children to wear either something red or any Red Nose Day merchandise, clothing and or Red Nose to mark the occasion. We will not be taking donations. We ask that you donate directly to Comic Relief by following the link below

[https://donation.comicrelief.com/?cartId=rnd26&\\_gl=1\\*1ctoifz\\*\\_gcl\\_aw\\*R0NMLjE3NzMzM](https://donation.comicrelief.com/?cartId=rnd26&_gl=1*1ctoifz*_gcl_aw*R0NMLjE3NzMzM)

[TUyNDMuRUFJYUIRb2JDaE1JdmFIVGhhS2Frd01WNXBWUUJoMWtrQ1IBRUFBWUFTQUFFZ0tHSFBEX0J3RQ..\\* gcl au\\*NjA0MzMxOTg4LjE3NzMzMTUyNDI.](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation)

## Children's Hospice South West Fundraiser

On Wednesday 1st April Children's Hospice South West will be holding a fundraising event after school. Children can purchase knitted chicks filled with chocolate and other items for £1.00

## Children's safety and wellbeing online

The Government has launched a national consultation on how to improve children's safety and wellbeing online. The consultation, Growing up in the online world, is currently open and will close on Tuesday 26 May 2026 . We would like to encouraged all parents/carers to take part. Please find the link to the survey

below.<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

## Pupils who have gone above and beyond



## Celebration Assembly



**Friday 6th March 2026**

**Robin Crew: Adamandios Louis**

**Kingfisher Crew: Max Zach**

**Jay Crew: Crimea Leah-Mae**

**Owl Crew: Jacob Asher**

**Kestrel Crew: Samuel Charlie**

**Falcon Crew: Mason Celeste**

**Eagle Crew: Toby Reuben**

**Top Table**

**Kestrel Crew: Edward**

**Owl Crew: Louis**

**Jay Crew: Mabel**

**Kingfisher Crew: Lily**

## After School Sports Clubs

PH Active are back again next term continuing to provide some exciting sports activities for the children after school. If you would like your child to attend, please book directly with PH Active. Information is on the flyer below.



## After School **Sports Clubs**

### St Andrews Primary School

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Netball & Basketball (All Years)	Gymnastics (All Years)	Multi-Sports (All Years)
£35.70 (6 Weeks)	£35.70 (6 Weeks)	£35.70 (6 Weeks)
Owen J	Archie M	Archie M

All clubs run **3:20-4:20pm**

Clubs start the week commencing **23/02/2026**


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**


## Community News

### Toad Tales - Amphibians and Other Local Wildlife



Congresbury  
Community Library

**Toad Tales: Amphibians  
& Other Local Wildlife**




**An illustrated talk by Sheila Gundry**  
Head of Operations for Frog Life

**Thursday 26 March 2026, 7:30pm in the  
Methodist Hall, High Street, Congresbury BS49 5JA**

Tickets £4 from Congresbury Library, Tel:01934 426200  
email: [congresburylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:congresburylibrary@gmail.com)

Congresbury Parish Council  
Managed by Volunteers and Congresbury Parish Council  
Station Road, Congresbury, Bristol BS49 5DX



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## Forest Sessions



# FAMILY FOREST SESSIONS

**For families of children with learning disabilities and autism.**

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Outdoor games, campfire cooking, tool work, nature crafts, socialise with other SEN families, and more!



**SIGN UP:**




**TIME & PLACE:**  
@Worle centre  
58 New Bristol Road  
Weston-super-Mare,  
BS22 6AQ  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Morning session: 10:00-12:00  
Afternoon session: 13:00-15:00

To find out more, email  
Rachael.scrase@brandontrust.org  
or visit our socials: @BrandonPlaylink



## Scouting Volunteers



**Scouts**  
Avon

### Volunteer in the Scouting County of Avon

Volunteer, your way evenings, weekends, or behind the scenes. Pick a role that fits your life


We're looking for

- Trustees
- TeamLead Volunteers
- Section Volunteers
- Treasurers
- Chairs

No experience needed. Training provided for every role

Sound good? Scan the QR code or follow the link below

[volunteer@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@avonscouts.org.uk)  
[www.avonscouts.org.uk/join](http://www.avonscouts.org.uk/join)  
[#SkillsForLife](https://twitter.com/SkillsForLife)



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My name is Mel Woolley and I'm the Local Growth Officer for Wiltshire and Avon Scouts. We are currently encouraging more adults across the area to volunteer with Scouts so that more local children can access the opportunities Scouting offers. Through Scouts, young people take part in activities such as outdoor adventures, camps, community projects and skill-building experiences that help them develop confidence, teamwork and resilience. However, to provide these opportunities for more children, we need more volunteers to support local Scout groups. Many adults first get involved in Scouts because their child joins a group, and then discover how rewarding it can be to help young people try new things and grow in confidence.

Mel Woolley Local Growth Officer – Wiltshire & Avon

[Mel.Woolley@scouts.org.uk](mailto:Mel.Woolley@scouts.org.uk)

## Easter Athletics Sessions



**NORTH SOMERSET AC  
EASTER 2026 FUNDAYS**



**A HIGH-QUALITY OPTION FOR YOUR CHILD  
FROM THE AWARD-WINNING CLUB & COACH**

CLEVEDON SCHOOL BS21 6AH  
AGES 8-12  
£26 PER DAY  
10.00AM – 4.00PM

TUESDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2026  
MONDAY APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 2026

LED BY NSAC HEAD COACH CHRIS MILLARD  
SUPPORTED BY NSAC AMBASSADORS  
COACH TO ATHLETE RATIO 1;6 MINIMUM  
\* ALL ABILITIES WELCOME \*

HIGH JUMP, SPRINTS, HURDLES, LOADS OF RELAYS, THROWS, GAMES &  
CHALLENGES (INCLUDING LIGHTNING STRIKE, THE ELIMINATOR, RUN  
THE GAUNTLET, TREASURE HUNT AND MORE!)

\* MEDALS TO BE WON & CERTIFICATES TO BE EARN'T \*

VISIT [fundays@nsac.org.uk](mailto:fundays@nsac.org.uk) FOR BOOKING DETAILS  
Or Email [christsbg@bluevonder.co.uk](mailto:christsbg@bluevonder.co.uk)

## School Calendar Dates

### Term Dates 2025 - 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 27 March 2026**

### Term Dates 2026-2027

Term 1 - Thursday 3rd September 2026 - Friday 23rd October 2026

Term 2 - Monday 2nd November 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026

Term 3- Monday 4th January 2027 - Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4 - Monday 22nd February 2027 - Thursday 25th March 2027

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

Term 6 - Monday 7th June 2027 - Friday 23rd July 2027

### **INSET days 2026-2027**

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Friday 20th November 2026

Friday 15th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

## **Annual Planner - Dates to Remember**

### **Dates to Remember 2025 - 2026**

#### **Comic Relief Red Nose Day: Friday 20th March 2026**

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

North Somerset Schools Dance Festival Tuesday 24th March 2026 @PM

#### **National Child Measuring Programme in Reception on Friday 20th March**

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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