



St. Andrew's Newsletter 16 25/26

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National Nurturing
School Award
2025

St Andrew's Primary School



Firstly, a huge shout out to our wonderful Year 6 children who last week had their SATS tests. We couldn't have been prouder of how they conducted themselves and how hard they worked to try their best. This week they are having a very well-deserved week in Devon at Rock and Rapid activity centre. Yesterday, they spent the day on the river raft building, kayaking and paddle boarding. Mr Quinton has reported that they are all throwing themselves into the activities and having great fun! All the photos that have been taken each day can be found on the school website on the Eagle Crew page.





Our school vision is growing together!

Our vision, **“growing together”** , unlocks pupils’ potential to thrive, developing character encouraging inclusivity. We nurture **growing together inwardly** (towards God), **outwardly** (developing skills and talents) and **in service** (to others). Living out core values of **courage, compassion and trust**, our community grows spiritually to be the best versions of themselves.

Last Friday , our pupils collectively demonstrated growing together in service by fundraising for a charity called Gympanzees by holding a non-school uniform day. Demonstrating the British value of democracy, they voted for the charity that they wanted to support during Treetop groups. Gympanzees are a Bristol charity whose mission is to raise money to create fully inclusive spaces that improve health outcomes for disabled children by offering regular exercise and therapeutic play.

The children proudly raised £91.13 Well done to them all.

We would like to wish all our families a lovely may half term holiday. The long range weather forecast looks like it promises to be sunny – fingers crossed! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June.

Fran Martin

Changes to FSM eligibility from September 2026

From the start of the 2026-2027 academic year, the DfE is delivering an expansion to Free School

Meal (FSM) eligibility to include all pupils from households in receipt of Universal Credit. We are

awaiting clear guidance from the DfE and as soon as we have more information we will share it with all the parents.

We Love Reading - Teacher's Book Recommendations

Mrs Baird recommends Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

Ruby's Worry shows how worries can grow if we keep them to ourselves and how talking to someone can help. The story helps children understand their feelings and learn healthy ways to deal with anxiety. Its simple language and friendly illustrations make the message easy for young readers to understand.



PTA News and Updates



UPCOMING EVENTS



FUN RUN

JUNE 20TH JUNE 20TH

SAVE THE DATE

The PTA Fun Run will be happening on Saturday June 20th 2026 as part of the annual village fete.

A LETTER WITH DETAILS ABOUT THIS EVENT IS COMING HOME THIS WEEK.

This popular event is back again and will take place on **Sat 20th June** as part of the village fete. We'd love to see as many of you participating as possible. It's a fun local event to be part of!

Thank you to this year's sponsors of medals and race numbers:



FUN RUN MARSHALLS NEEDED



For this event to run safely and smoothly, we would love some course marshals for the fun run. You'd only be required from about 12.30-1.30pm on the day.
If you can help, please message Fliss on 07970368622.

FRIDAY 12th JUNE

The Bags 2 School charity and the St Andrew's PTA are holding another recycled clothing collection. The PTA will receive a donation for every kilo collected.



PLEASE BRING IN YOUR BIN BAGS BY 9am ON FRIDAY 12th JUNE AND LEAVE THEM IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

If you need to arrange an earlier drop off, please give them to the school office.

FRI 22nd May & WED 22nd JULY

End of term non-uniform day.
Suggested donation £1 per child.

Congresbury Library Read to the Beat Summer Challenge

We're delighted to tell you that the Summer Reading Challenge is back in North Somerset Libraries this year! The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to encourage four to 11-year-olds to keep reading books over the summer and help them boost their reading skills. Last year over 2500 children took part in North Somerset, and we want to reach even more this year. We are also inviting pre-schoolers to take part this year, with a special mini challenge.

We have also been lucky enough to be gifted a prize for the school with the highest percentage of participants - one reading-themed Wall Art project from Wall Art by Promote Your School, including design, print and installation. (See attached terms and conditions for more details)

Our exciting partnership with Universal Music Group UK will open doors for children to explore the creative power of reading and music. The link between music and storytelling

runs deep. Think rhythm, self-expression, and creativity. Children will have the opportunity to hear from inspiring musicians at the top of their game, championing the joy of reading.

The official Read to the Beat Collection includes books about musicians, characters discovering music, sound science, cultural traditions, rhythm, storytelling through sound, breaking down barriers to music, creative expression and following your dreams.

Recent research shows that children's enjoyment and engagement in reading is in decline, despite research from the OECD showing that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more important than either parents' educational background or household income. The Summer Reading Challenge supports children to get excited about reading throughout the summer, helping to maintain their reading at a time when engagement can often dip.

- It's totally free to take part.
- Children can sign up in North Somerset Libraries from Saturday 4 July
- If they read any 6 library books of their choice, they will collect a sticker per book for their challenge folder.
- If they complete the challenge by Saturday 12 September, they will receive a certificate and medal while stocks last.

The Summer Reading Challenge:

- Significantly **improves reading confidence** and independence.
- Ensures pupils are **ready for their return to school**, preventing the summer reading 'dip'.
- Aids the **successful transition** between year groups and key stages.
- Contributes to *all* pupils' **achievement**.
- Encourages **extra-curricular activity** – encouraging family engagement with reading.
- Develops links between your school, the library and the **wider community**.

READING AGENCY **UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP**

READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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READ to the BEAT

Saturday 4 July 2024 – Saturday 12 September 2026

If you're starting school this September, you can join in on the Summer Reading Challenge!

Just sign up at your local library from Saturday 4 July 2026, read 6 books (with a grown up if you want) by the 12 September, and you could earn a certificate and medal!

We've got lots of events happening over the summer holidays too - for more details talk to your local library.

Save the Date HAF Summer Activities

If your child is in receipt of benefit related free school meals, please see the flyer below. North Somerset Council are providing some exciting activities through out the summer. The booking system goes live on the 12th June. Details on how to book are below.



This summer we have a wide range of activities on offer across North Somerset, including a variety of sports activities, swimming sessions, family activities, farm visits, arts and crafts, gymnastics, teenage-specific activities, and sessions at Mendip Activity Centre, alongside many other exciting opportunities for children and young people.

After School Sports Clubs - Term 6

PH Active are back again next term continuing to provide some exciting sports activities for the children after school. There are a couple of different activities for the children to try. Please see details on the flyer below. Booking is directly with PH Active.

After School Sports Clubs

St Andrews Primary School

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dance (All years)	Gymnastics (All years)	Multi-Sports (All years)
£47.60 (8 weeks)	£47.60 (8 weeks)	£41.65 (7 weeks)
Charlie H	Archie M	Archie M

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

Clubs start the week commencing **01/06/2026**

Our after-school clubs are a fantastic opportunity for your children to enhance their learning and physical development in a safe and enjoyable environment.

PH ActiveEd™ **Book Here**

Children who have gone above and beyond



Celebration Assembly



Friday 8th May

Robin Crew: Archer Adaline

Kingfisher Crew: Alice Stanley

Jay Crew: Alfie Theadora

Owl Crew: Delilah Rosie

Kestrel Crew: Josh D Charlotte

Falcon Crew: Olivia Caleb

Friday 15th May

Robin Crew: Charlie Archie

Kingfisher Crew: Lily Oscar

Jay Crew: Oscar Arlo

Owl Crew: Lila Salman


Kestrel Crew: Scarlet - Rose Elise

Falcon Crew: Ivy Jonah

Eagle Crew: Whole Class

Community News

AI Workshop



AI with the micro:bit

Explore machine learning at the AI Lab for children. In this hands-on workshop, children will take their first gentle steps into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and explore how machines learn using the micro:bit.

What they'll learn



- ✔ What is machine learning
- ✔ What an AI model is
- ✔ How to train a model with data
- ✔ How to train the micro:bit
- ✔ Problem solving and teamwork

WHERE
Clevedon library
37 Old Church Road
Clevedon
BS21 6NN

WHEN
Saturday 6th June
10:00 – 12:00

FOR AGES
Children aged 8–12 years
For curious beginners and those up for a fun challenge

HOW TO JOIN
Scan the QR code to join and book a spot.
Limited spaces available!
<https://codingbug.co.uk/ai-lab/>



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

Contacts

Dates to Remember 2025 - 2026

Y6 Camp: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 22nd May

Sports Day Wednesday 17th June KS2AM / KS1PM

Kestrels School Trip to Avalon Archaeology - Tuesday 30th June

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

School Production Bongo Bandits KS2 Thursday 16th July

School Production Bongo Bandits KS2 Friday 17th July

Y6 Leavers Service: **TBC**

PTA Mufti Day: Wednesday 22nd July

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