



St. Andrew's Newsletter 17 25/26

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National Nurturing
School Award
2025

St Andrew's Primary School



Welcome back to Term 6! Term 6 is notoriously a very busy term in the school year. On the one hand we are preparing for our Year 6 to be moving onto to their new secondary schools and at the other end of the school preparing for our new Reception pupils. Transition arrangements for both are well under way and we are looking forward to meeting the parents of our new Reception pupils on the 18th June. Meanwhile, the rest of the school have been working really hard this week with their end of year quizzes to assess how well they have understood the curriculum. Year 1 have been having their phonics tests and year 4 are completing their Multiplication checks! Our pupils have shown a huge amount of effort completing them and have really tried their best. After the busy assessment period, we have lots of annual events to look forward to : Sports Days on the 17th June; a visit to Formula 1; Permission to Play day; SS Great Britain trip for Year 2 and a visit to Avalon Archaeology for Year 4. Year 6 have auditioned for parts in the Y6 school production of Bongo Bandits this week and we are looking forward to rehearsals starting. Mr Wilson has already started rehearsals for the production with the KS2 choir

Fran Martin

Christian Value - Respect



Respect Newsletter

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

RESPECT

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give respect → get respect


RESPECT

Questions to think about...

- Why is self-respect important?
- Who do you respect?
- Why do they deserve it?
- How do you feel when people don't show you respect?
- What are the ways we can show respect?

This term we will be learning about these bible stories:

Jesus and the Roman Centurion.



Do unto others as you would have them done unto you. Matthew 7 v12

Jesus in the Temple

Quotes

Nobody can be happy without self-respect. (*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*)


Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it. (*J Johnson*)

Respect—give it to get it! (*Anon*)

Respect people's feelings. Even if it doesn't mean anything to you, it could mean everything to them. (*J Johnson*)

Family activities... to discuss in times of conflict...

- Ketchup Squirt - to show that any rude or unkind comments are impossible to take back and we should think before we speak.
- Discuss—What does respect look and sound like?
- Draw a mind map or poster of respectful words and phrases and tick them off every time you use them.



Sun-cream, Sunhats and Sunglasses!



Sun-cream, Sunhats and Sunglasses! As the nicer weather arrives, please can you ensure that you send your child into school with a named sunhat and also sunglasses if they wear them. Unfortunately, as you can imagine, we do not have the time to apply sun-cream to all of the children in every class! So please apply before school and send you child into school with a named bottle of cream which they will need to apply themselves.

Fidget Toys



Please could we ask that fidget toys are only brought into school to support children with a known need. These need to be agreed with the class teacher. We have a selection for fidget toys in school to support children so please don't feel that this is something that parents are required to provide. Recently, there have been lots that are getting broken and damaged which is causing upset and problems which are impacting on learning time. As a rule, we

don't allow children to bring toys into school. If you have any questions, please do let your child's class teacher know.

Piano Lessons at St Andrew's Primary

Hi All My name is Nicky and I teach piano at St Andrews and have done for a few years now. I consider myself very lucky to work in this lovely school. I'm writing as the year 6's are leaving 5 empty spaces of 20 minute lessons and wondering if any of you would like your children to take this opportunity to learn in school. The lessons are on Tuesday mornings and the children are collected from their classrooms at the correct time. Year 3/4 is a great time to start playing although these spaces are open to anyone. If you are interested please contact the school for the information to sign up. Thank you and look forward to starting some more new piano players. 😊🎹 Nicky (WEMA)



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 Plimbley recommends.....



A beautifully illustrated story about a little snowflake and a girl named Noelle, both searching for where they truly belong. It gently teaches children about hope, patience, and finding their perfect place in the world.

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- Bookings open 12th June

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.

PTA Bags 2 School - Friday 12th June

We wanted to remind you about your Bag2School collection which is booked for **Friday 12 June 2026** Please take a look at the website for what we can(not) take: <https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect> Please remember to keep the bags dry during inclement weather.

PTA Fun Run

S+ Andrew's Primary School PTA
growing together

PTA Fun Run

Saturday 20th June 2026

Fun Run (1 mile)

Theme: David Attenborough's 100th birthday animal themed dress ups optional but encouraged

Join us in the KS1 playground
Warm up from: 12.45pm
Race starts: Approximately 1pm

Finish line will be in the Church Paddock
(route involves a loop through the village via Congresbury Football Club)

Please come and join in the fun. All ages welcome to run or ramble!
Trophies for the winning boy and girl in KS1 and KS2
All children participating get a medal at the finish.

Thank you to our sponsors:
Laminar Growth Partners (Medals and Trophies)
Debbie Fortune Estate Agents (Race Numbers)
Tesco Nailsea (Water)

Entry fee: £5 per child, £2 adult. Children in EYFS/KS1 must be accompanied by a paying adult runner. (This includes free entry into the Village Fete if you show your own race number/ sticker.)
If you wish to raise more funds for your school, this year there is a sponsored run option instead of the entry fee. Mendip Activity Centre have kindly offered a prize for the person who raises the most in sponsorship.

*Any adults arriving with a child entrant who are not running themselves are asked to please pay the Village Fete entrance fee at the gate.
Please hand completed entry forms and money into School Office by Friday 5th June.*

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.

 [**Book Here**](#)

Children who have gone above and beyond



Celebration Assembly



Friday 22nd May

Robin Crew: Adamandios Olivia

Kingfisher Crew: Kayden Myla

Jay Crew: Lottie Riley

Owl Crew: Amber Alice

Kestrel Crew: Harley Charlie

Falcon Crew: Un a-Rose Eliza

Friday 5th June

Robin Crew: Archie Adaline

Kingfisher Crew: Eliot Rhys

Jay Crew: Arthur Margot

Owl Crew: Penelope Ozzie

Kestrel Crew: Samuel Lottie

Falcon Crew: Harry George

Eagle Crew: Archer Ella-Mae

Community News

Local Summer Fun Days



RMC SPORTS

RMC SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

FUN ACTIVITIES
SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS & MORE!

Location	Dates
YATTON SCHOOL, YATTON	27th & 31st July 3rd, 7th, 10th, 14th, 17th, 21st, 24th, 28th August
CLAVERHAM CRICKET CLUB, YATTON	23rd, 29th, 30th July 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th August 2nd & 3rd September
ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, CLEDON	28th, 29th 30th July 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th, 27th August 1st & 2nd September

Activity	Standard Day	Extended Day
YATTON JFC FOOTBALL DAYS	09.00-15.00 £19.00	08.30-17.00 £27.00

YATTON JFC FOOTBALL DAYS
28th July
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August
1st September

TIMES:
STANDARD DAY 09.00-15.00
YAJFC MEMBER £17.00
NON YAJFC MEMBER £19.00

CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS OLD

OFSTED REGISTERED

TAX FREE CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

BOOK NOW <https://bookwhen.com/rmc sports>



Somerset Soccer School

Somerset Soccer Schools
With Richard Bourton

Reception - Year 8 **10am - 3pm**

<u>Kings of Wessex School - CHEDDAR</u> <u>BS27 3AQ</u> 2026
SUMMER Mon 10 to Fri 14 Aug incl 5 DAYS for £95

<u>CHURCHILL Sports Ground (By A38 traffic lights)</u> <u>BS40 5EL</u> 2026
SUMMER Mon 27 July to Fri 31 July incl 5 DAYS for £95

To celebrate 25 years of camps locally, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are offering more camps from £19 /day*, **including a trophy per camp booking!!!**

I am a well-qualified schoolteacher & coach, with over 35 years' experience and an excellent countywide reputation for bringing the best out of children of ALL abilities. I am classified by OFSTED as OUTSTANDING, a FA Licensed Coach & awarded by the Sports Council.

Our professionally organised courses reflect a high level of expertise.

- ***Skill Award trophy for each course booked***
- Extra awards for *"being the best & doing your best"*

For info & photos see facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools or somersetsoccerschools.com

Hope to see you soon *Richard* somersetsoccerschools@gmail.com

TO BOOK: just go to www.somersetsoccerschools.com/booking

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

Bags 2 School Friday 12th June AM

Sports Day Wednesday 17th June KS2AM / KS1PM

Kestrels School Trip to Avalon Archaeology - Tuesday 30th June

Reserved Sports Day Wednesday 1st July 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

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

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