

St. Andrew's Newsletter 02 26/27

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St Andrew's Primary School

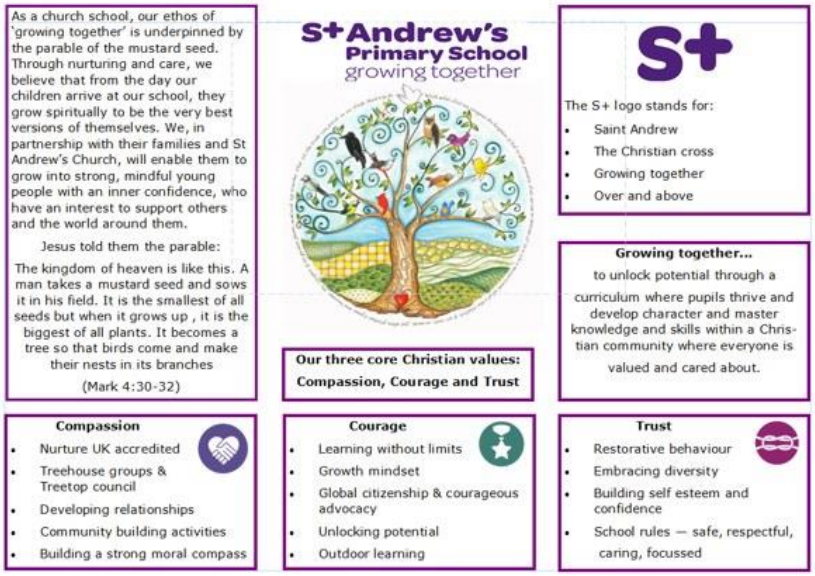


Vision and Values

As a school we have reviewed our Christian core values that support our school's vision of "Growing Together." We already have our three core Christian values of Compassion, Courage and Trust which will remain. At the end of last academic year, we asked all our stakeholders to share which values they felt were the most important in addition to the core values. After reviewing feedback from our school team, our pupils, our governors and our parents the 6 values that we will be focusing on going forward are:

- Compassion
- Courage
- Trust
- Respect
- Truthfulness
- Perseverance

At the start of each year, we always remind our pupils as to why we have the growing together vision and what it means. Your child should be able to talk to you about the bible story that underpins our growing together vision which is the parable of the mustard seed.



Each term we will focus on one of the values and this term we are focussing on Courage which links really well with the British value of Individual Liberty. We will be exploring how courage and individual liberty involves standing up for what is right and making choices even when it is difficult. It supports the idea of freedom to express yourself and act according to Individual liberty. For more details about this term's value of Courage , please see the Values newsletter below.

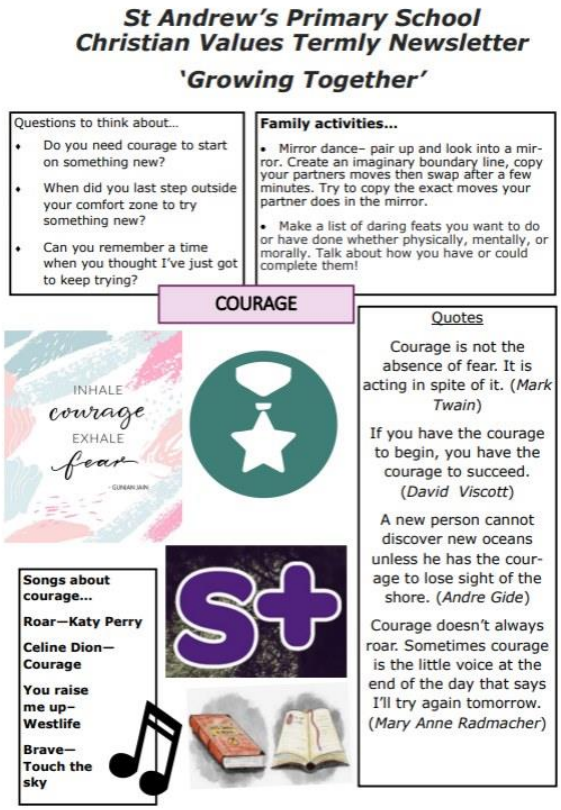
Fran Martin

Christian Vale - Courage

Our Christian value this term is COURAGE



Courage Newsletter



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

Questions to think about...

- Do you need courage to start on something new?
- When did you last step outside your comfort zone to try something new?
- Can you remember a time when you thought I've just got to keep trying?

Family activities...

- 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.
- 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!

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

Home School Agreement

As you are aware St Andrew's is a member of Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP). As a Trust we believe that children and young people flourish in their education when schools and families work together with mutual respect, open communication and a shared commitment to nurturing every child's potential. We value positive, professional relationships with our families and have formalised our processes, and expectations, in our home-school partnership.

As we start this new academic year I wanted to bring our partnership document to your attention. The LSP home-school partnership outlines the commitments we make as a trust of schools to you as parents/carers as well as the support and engagement we need from yourselves to ensure our shared purpose of happy and successful children can happen.

The Home-School Agreement talks about working positively together and the communications with staff. This is on the LSP website: Lighthouse Schools Partnership -

Guidance on policies and raising concerns[1] and includes a section on building respectful working relationships. Parents should support this by:

- Addressing concerns directly with staff via agreed channels (e.g. emails to school office, scheduled meetings)
- Using calm, constructive language in all interactions

• Starting with the assumption that we are all trying to do our very best

• Celebrating staff efforts through positive feedback

Attendance Matters

Attendance



Here
Everyday
Ready
On time

We are thrilled to share that for week ending 11th September, the attendance for St Andrew's was **98.56%**

We are asking every family to help us to keep this figure high by ensuring your child attends school every day possible.

Why does it matter?



They don't miss important learning



They stay connected with friends



They build confidence and skills

If your child is genuinely unwell then they must stay at home however, if your child is just feeling a little "under the weather" or reluctant, getting them through the gate and into school makes a huge difference.

Attendance Figures

Attendance for this academic year to 24/09/2026

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	92%	97.3%	98%	98%	99%	97%

[1] https://www.lsp.org.uk/page/?title=Guidance+on+policies+and+raising+concerns&pid=118

A welcome from Dr Lewis

Welcome to St Andrew's Primary School - a member of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP)

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Polite Reminder - Waiting for the school gate to open



Please can we remind parents / carers and children to wait close to the school gate in the morning until it is open. There have been a few occasions recently where children have been running around the parked cars and shrubbery area outside the school reception. These are not safe places for children to be waiting and playing. Thank you for your support.

Important Allergy Awareness Reminder



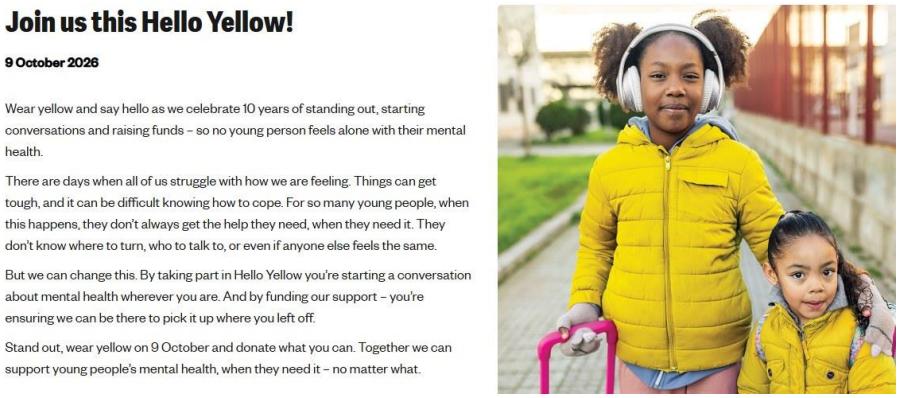
At St Andrew's, the safety and wellbeing of all our children is always our priority. We have a pupil in school with a severe (anaphylactic) egg allergy and would be very grateful for your support in helping us keep them safe.We kindly ask families, where possible, to avoid sending eggs into school as part of packed lunches or snacks. This includes items such as egg sandwiches and hard-boiled eggs.T

hank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Hello Yellow - Friday 9th October - Mental Health Awareness

On Friday 9th October we would like to welcome your children to wear something Yellow to school for the day, This is to raise awareness and support young people's mental health. If you would like to make a donation you can do so directly through Hello Yellow Young Minds

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/



Join us this Hello Yellow!

9 October 2026

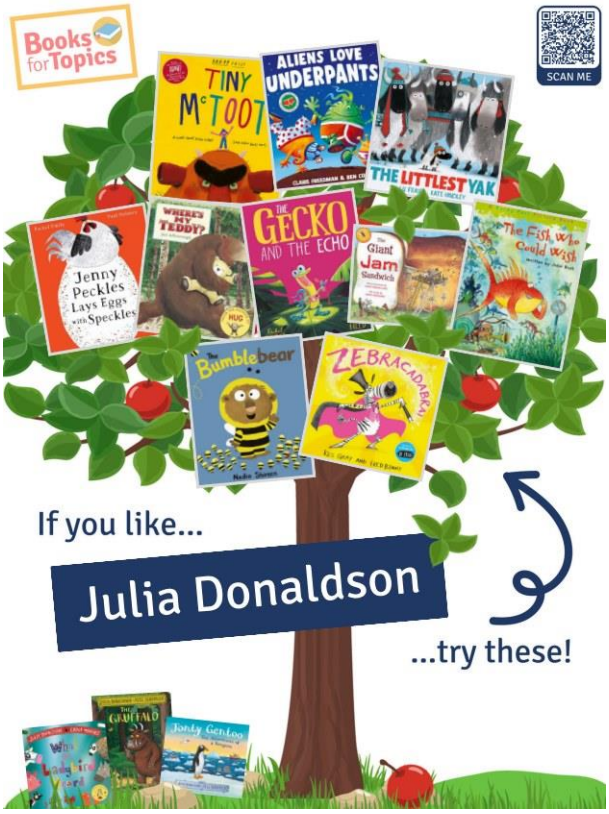
Wear yellow and say hello as we celebrate 10 years of standing out, starting conversations and raising funds – so no young person feels alone with their mental health.

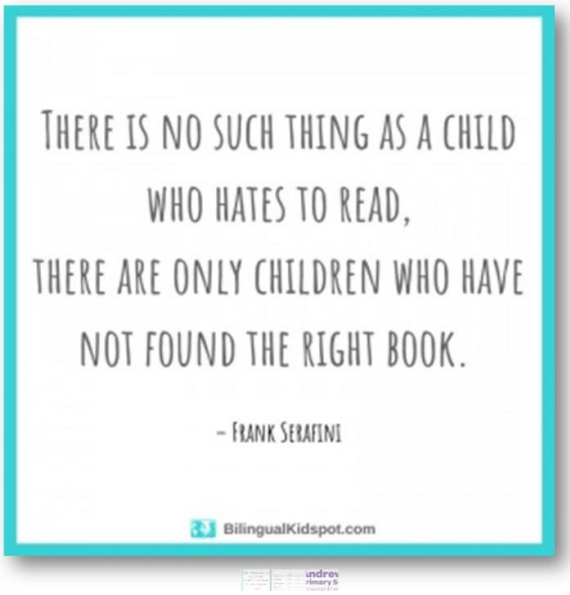
There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same.

But we can change this. By taking part in Hello Yellow you're starting a conversation about mental health wherever you are. And by funding our support – you're ensuring we can be there to pick it up where you left off.

Stand out, wear yellow on 9 October and donate what you can. Together we can support young people's mental health, when they need it – no matter what.

Readers for Life





Our goal in reading is to create 'readers for life'. We want our children to love reading for pleasure and for this to be part of their lives. We are always keen to find books the children love to read and support you to recommend books to your child. We will be including a recommended read poster in each newsletter to support you in finding quality books that your child might be interested in. If you would like to find out more, please visit https://www.booksfortopics.com/reading-for-pleasure/ or https://www.thereaderteacher.com/bookmatch for ideas and recommendations. Our staff

are always on hand to offer recommendations as well so please do speak to member of the team.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Gilbert (Reading lead)

Reading Workshop

Thank you to those parents who came to the Reading workshop this week. For anyone who was unable to make it, the slides are on the website under crew learning- the library and reading for pleasure. There is a link at the bottom of the page to open the presentation.



St Andrew's Book Fair - Friday 3rd October-Wednesday 8th October

The book Fair is coming to school next week! It will be open Friday 3rd October until Wednesday 8th October. Please pop in to the hall at 3.15pm to explore loads of great books for all ages. The school receives donations from any books purchased which will allow us to buy new books for the library. We can accept card or cash payments but will not be able to offer change. Please bring the card with you as you will be asked to add card details. Thank you



Walking home from school

It is school policy that only children in Year 5 and 6 can walk home on their own if we have parent's permission in writing. If you provided us with such a permission last year, we assume that you are still happy for your child to walk home on their own this year. Please let the office know if anything has changed.

Time to apply - Transferring to secondary school

My ref: Transfer to Secondary School
Contact: School Admissions Team
Email: admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk
Website: www.n-somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions

North Somerset Council

School Admissions Team
North Somerset Council
Town Hall
Walliscote Grove Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 1UJ

Dear Parent/Carer,

Transfer to Secondary School in September 2027

Children in current Year 6 are due to transfer to secondary school to Year 7 in September 2027. If your child is due to transfer to secondary school, you will need to apply for a school place.

Applications for secondary school places open on **12 September 2026**.

The closing date for applications is 11.59pm on **31 October 2026**.

We strongly recommend that you apply by the closing date. Applications received after this date may be treated as late and could affect the schools that can be considered for your child.

We recommend that you read our Parent Guide before making your application. The guide contains important information about the application process, how school places are allocated and how to make sure your preferences are considered correctly.
You can find the Parent Guide on our website: Parent guides to starting or changing school | North Somerset Council

You can apply online using the 'Apply for a school place online' link on our website: Submit your application for a school place | North Somerset Council

If you have previously registered for our online service, you can log in using your existing email address and password. If you have not used the service before, you can create a new account.

Before submitting your application, please check that the information held under 'My Account' is correct and up to date. In particular, please make sure your contact details and address are correct, as this information may be important when your application is considered.

Once you have submitted your online application, you will receive an email confirming that your application has been received.

If you are unable to apply online, you can submit a paper application form. This is available from the same webpage.

You can name up to three preferred schools on your application. We recommend that you use all three preferences. Listing three schools does not reduce your chance of being offered your first preference. It simply gives you the opportunity to express your preferences for more than one school.

Please consider your preferences carefully and make sure you understand the admission arrangements for each school you name.





Free School Meals - Important Reminder on the Application Process

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware there are a number of changes to Free School Meals eligibility from the start of this academic year:• Eligibility is being expanded for all children and young people who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit.• Transitional protection ended at the end of July 2026 (Transactional protection had been in place since April 2018 and

meant that pupils becoming eligible for free meals under the benefits-based criteria retained their entitlement for 6 years, even if their household circumstances changed).

If your child(ren) already receive(s) free school meals:

As a result of these changes all pupils currently in receipt of free school meals will need to reapply for Free School Meals to take advantage of this benefit in the current academic year.

Please use the below link to the Free School Meals Checker to check your eligibility and to apply for FSM.

https://fsm.lgfl.net/

Free School Meals provide eligible pupils with a free school lunch during the school day. Registering for Free School Meals may also bring additional funding into school through pupil premium.

For more information about the changes to free school meals please visit Lighthouse Schools Partnership website:

https://www.lsp.org.uk/fsm-changes

Changes to FSM eligibility from September 2026

Free School Meals Expansion and Changes from September 2026 As you are probably aware, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free hot school lunch. This initiative was introduced by the Government in 2014 and aims to ensure that all children can benefit from a hot meal at lunchtime. Additionally, your child might be eligible for Free School Meals programme based on your income or personal circumstances. Children may be eligible for a free school meal on this basis, if parents are in receipt of one or more of the below benefits.

The income threshold to qualify is that of £7,400:

- Income support
- Child tax credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Income based Job seeker's allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Income related Employment support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

It has recently been announced that FSM programme is going to expand as of September 2026 to include families receiving Universal Credit, who will be able to access free school meals. If your child is joining Reception class in September 2026 and you believe that you are entitled to claim for a free school meal because you are in receipt of one or more of the above benefits, or you are receiving Universal Credit it is essential that you apply for the FSM benefit (even though all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are already entitled to a free school lunch). This also applies to families who receive Universal Credit and whose children are already attending school. This is important because Pupil Premium funding to schools is relevant to the number of pupils who are entitled to receive free school meals. If parents who receive such benefits do not apply for free school meals, then the school will not receive the maximum funding to re-invest into the education of your child. Additionally, if you are not currently entitled but your circumstances change, it is really important that you still submit an application. Please call into the office and speak to one of the team, who will be pleased to help you with any questions you may have.

The second big change is that the transitional protection policy will no longer apply to children entitled to Free School Meals and it will terminate at the end of the 2025-26 academic year. This means that the eligibility for FSM will only be granted for one academic year at a time.

Re-checks for each child will be required every year going forward. All existing pupils in receipt of free school meals will need to have their entitlement re-checked before the start of September 2026, over the summer break. Anyone who was awarded FSMs over 2 years ago would have applied via an old system. These parents/carers, as well as parents of the children joining Reception in September 2026 will need to apply/reapply via their North Somerset Citizen's account (which is the same as the one used for School Admissions applications), before September 2026, but not sooner than from the beginning of August. To apply please use this link: https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school Please contact school office if you have any questions or need support in applying. Unfortunately, North Somerset Council have advised that the schools cannot apply on parents' behalf, however, we are happy to guide you through the process and help wherever we can.

CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

From September 2026, more families will be eligible for Free School Meals

Applying could save you up to £495 per child, per year, on school lunches

FREE SCHOOL MEAL EXPANSION

More families may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) from September 2026, when families receiving Universal Credit will be able to access free school meals. There will be two types of Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026:

TARGETED FSM

Continues to be based on the existing £7,400 income threshold.

EXPANDED FSM (NEW)

Applies to meals only. Covers pupils whose households are in receipt of Universal Credit

IMPORTANT: While eligibility to Expanded FSM will be automatically granted to all recipients of Universal Credit, families will still need to apply to receive this benefit.

RECHECKS FOR ALL PUPILS CURRENTLY IN RECEIPT OF FSM

Since 2018, there has been a Free School Meal transitional protection policy to ensure that children didn't lose their free school meals if their family's income increased. This meant that free school meals entitlement has been typically looked in until the end of the child's current phase of education (e.g. end of primary or secondary school).

This protection is ending at the end of the 2025-26 academic year.

This means that all existing pupils in receipt of free school meals will need to have their entitlement rechecked before the start of September 2026. If your family's earnings exceed the FSM threshold, your child(ren) will lose their eligibility and pay for school meals from September 2026.

In most cases, these rechecks will be automatic and no action will be required by parents

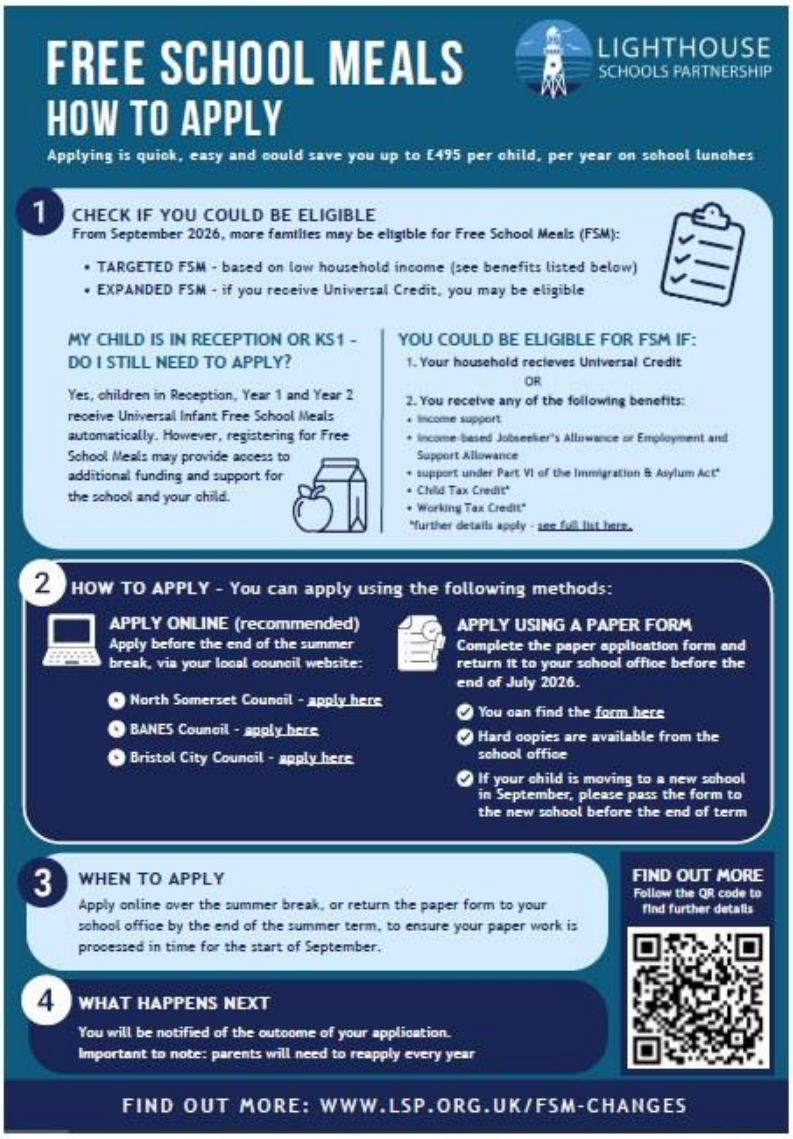
NORTH SOMERSET SCHOOLS ONLY

Anyone who was awarded FSMs over 2 years ago would have applied via an old system. These parents/carers will need to reapply via their North Somerset Citizen's account.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS THAT BENEFITS PUPILS

Pupil Premium is extra funding given to schools for every child whose family is entitled for Targeted Free School Meals. This money makes a big different to schools and the eligible pupils. It is often used for extra resources, school trips and additional staff. Pupil Premium will continue to be paid to schools for those pupils who have been covered by the transitional protection arrangements outlined above.

FIND OUT MORE: WWW.LSP.ORG.UK/FSM-CHANGES



St Andrew's young carer group

St Andrew's has an active Young Carer group.

We meet once a term on a Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm in The Haven and do activities, baking and other art and craft. It is a great opportunity to meet other Young Carers.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 13th October**

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to message me in confidence Julie.mayo@standrewsprimary.org.uk

Reception intake 2027 School Tours



Parenting Village

Just a reminder about the Villages:

The drop-in is a relaxed and friendly place where parents, and professionals from a range of services are on hand to offer support, a listening ear, advice, and signposting. Parents can also find further information about the Advanced Parenting Groups[2] and how these might help to support them. Parents of children all ages welcome, Free refreshments. Free to attend.

North Somerset Parent Carers - NSPCWT[3] *support for parents around SEND*

[2] https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/children-young-people-families/family-hubs-north-somerset/advanced-parenting-groups
[3] https://www.nspcwt.org/

Education & Virtual School – *"Would you like to know more about your child's transition to secondary school? Do you have any questions about the process? Come along and meet Katie Bray Virtual School Extended duties lead and Laura Pfister Re-integration officer, from North Somerset Council."*

Educational Psychologist – *Anna Lipscomb will be joining parenting village*

Send & you - *Providing information, advice and support about SEND to children, young people and their parents and carers.* Home - SEND and You[4]

School Nursing *– The school nursing team from Sirona will be joining to share what support they can offer young people and their families.*

Castle Batch Family Hub *(First Friday of each month 09:30 - 11:00)*

- **October** (02/10/2026) – **NSPCWT, Send & You, Education & Virtual School, Educational Psychologist, School Nursing**
- **November** (06/11/2026) – **NSPCWT, School Nursing**
- **December** (04/12/2026) - **NSPCWT, School Nursing**

Clevedon Library *(Third Monday of each month 09:30 - 11:00)*

- **September** (21/09/2026) - **NSPCWT, Education & Virtual School, School Nursing**
- **October** (19/10/2026) – **NSPCWT, School Nursing**
- **November** (16/11/2026) – **NSPCWT, School Nursing, Educational Psychologist**
- **December** – No parenting village - CHRISTMAS

[4] https://www.sendandyou.org.uk/

Burger Bar - Thursday 1st October

In conjunction with Aspens, our Trust-wide caterer, St Andrew's Primary would like to invite your child to a **Street Food Burger Bar lunch on Thursday 1st October.**

All children at St Andrew's are invited to enjoy a free lunchtime meal on this day.

For this special event Aspens will be serving a selection of burgers, dips and sides. A street food Burger Bar style menu. We are grateful to Aspens and the local supply chain for partnering with us for the feast.

We would like all children to take this opportunity to try the excellent hot meals served in our school.

To make the lunch more special, each child who orders a meal on the day will be in with the chance of finding a lucky plate. Those who find a lucky plate will br entered into a school draw to win a family ticket to Puxton Park.

Your child's participation in this event will assist St Andrew's Primary school with future funding. This venture is completely **FREE** to your child and will make a huge difference to us as a school. So please support us by ordering a **free meal**. You could always pack your child's usual lunch just in case they prefer it to the one served on the day.

To order log in to SELECT and choose the meal as usual. If you need any support with this, please contact school office.

If you choose not to order a meal, please make sure your child brings lunch from home.


STREET FOOD Burger Bar
FOOD FESTIVAL
HI, I'M GERKINTRUDE
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1ST OCTOBER 2026
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FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!
MAKE YOUR CHOICE
HEAD TO THE SELECT SYSTEM TO REGISTER AND PICK YOUR MEAL. DON'T MISS OUT!
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select.aspens-services.com/

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Burgers

BEEF BURGER

BEEF BURGER WITH LETTUCE & TOMATO

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Dips

KETCHUP

MAYO

Sides

SEASONED POTATO WEDGES

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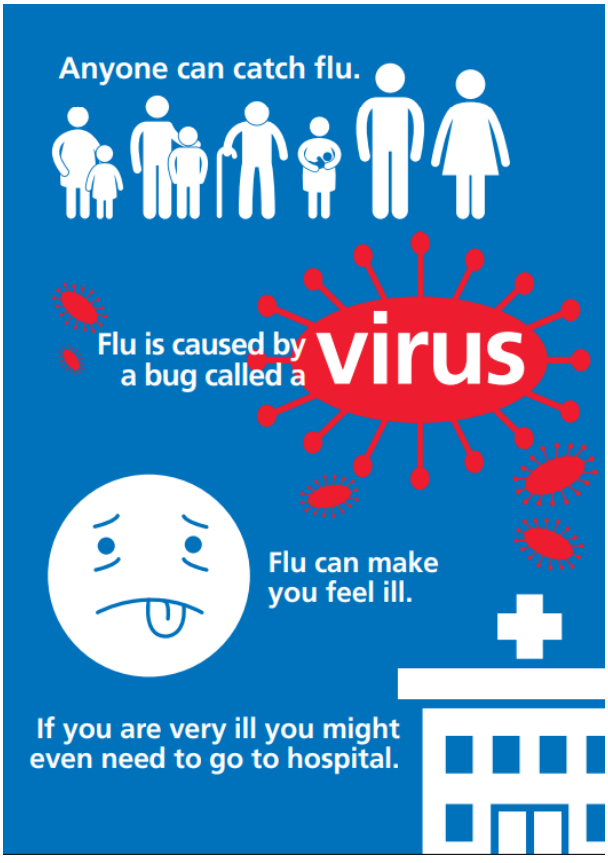
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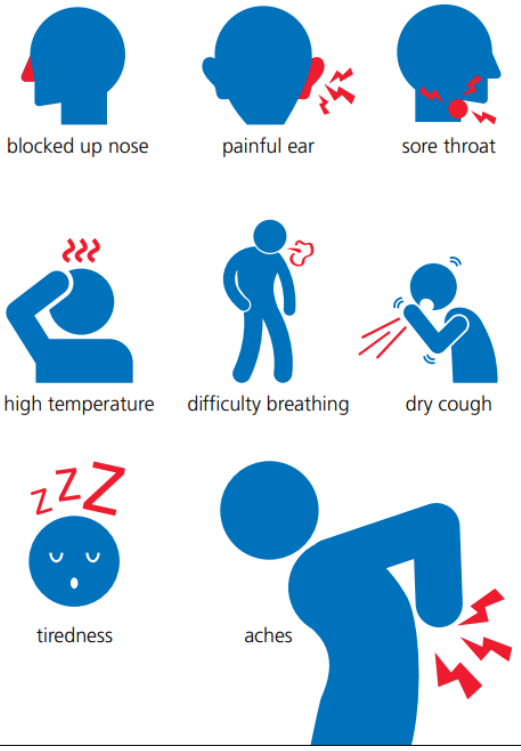
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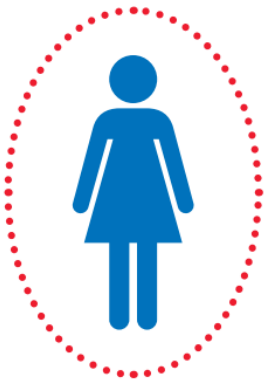
NHS Flu Immunisation Information



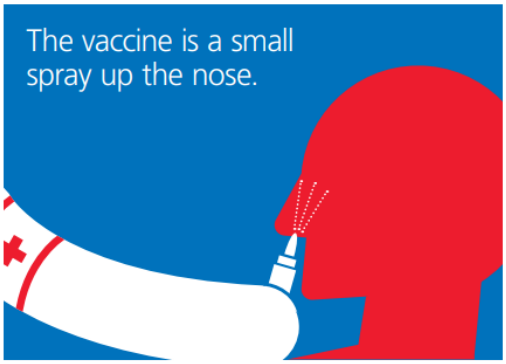


Here are the signs of flu.





Having a vaccine can help stop you catching flu.



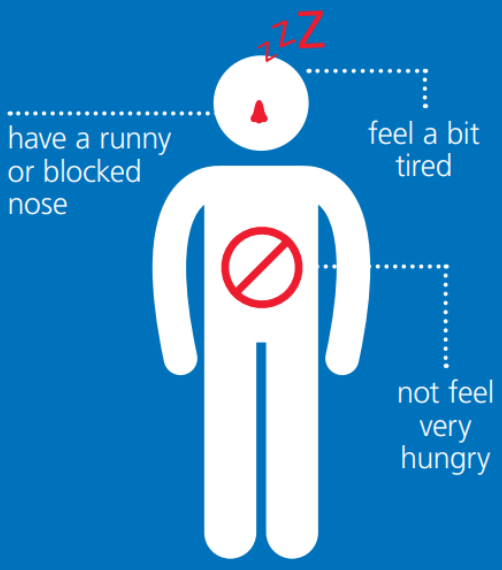
The best time to have a flu spray is in the autumn.

You need a flu spray every year as flu can change each year.

2021 2022 2023

Will the nasal spray make me feel ill?

After a nasal spray you may:



This will go away in a few days.



Rocksteady

Rocksteady Music School currently offer sessions at St Andrew's on a Thursday morning. There are still some spaces available so if you would like to find out more, please take a look at the flyer below.

ROCK STEADY

A BAND FOR EVERYONE



ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS IN YOUR SCHOOL

- Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- Instruments provided and no experience necessary.
- Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.

0330 113 0330
(Mon-Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs-Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com

BOOK TO START LESSONS THIS TERM!

ROCK STEADY

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!

Scan QR code to find out more!

98%
OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

94%
OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

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ROCK STEADY

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS

HERE IN SCHOOL



Amplifies confidence, wellbeing and social skills

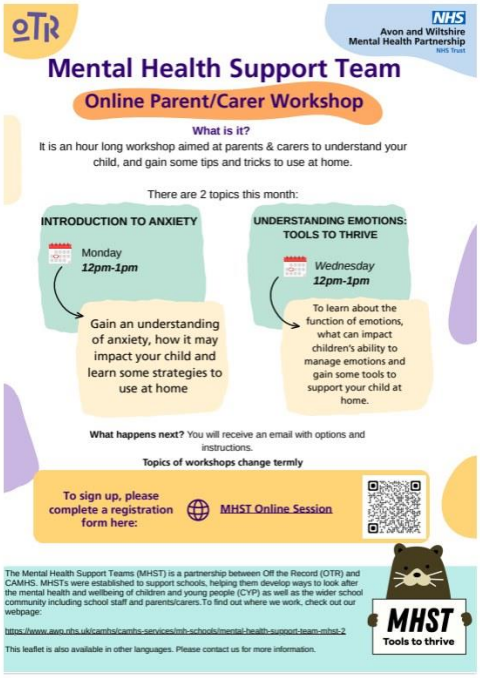
- **No experience required** and takes place in school.
- **All instruments** for lessons provided.
- Lessons led by **highly trained musicians.**
- Termly **school concerts** for friends and family.
- Ofqual-regulated, exam-free **Trinity Music qualification.**
- Learn up to 300 band, performance, and **musicianship skills.**

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!

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Mental Health Support Team



PH Active - After School Sports Clubs



Congresbury Tennis Club



St Andrews After School Tennis Club

Run by the Congresbury Tennis Club Coaching Team

Our fun and engaging after school tennis club is perfect for children in Year 1 and above who want to develop their skills, make friends, and enjoy the game!

- ⏰ Time: 3:15pm – 4:25pm
- 📍 Location: Congresbury Tennis Club (children are safely walked down by our coaches – just a 10-minute walk from school)
- 🎾 Activities: Rally skills, serving practice, match play, and building confidence on court
- 👥 Group size: Maximum of 10 children for quality coaching
- 💷 Cost: £30 for a 6-week block

Children will be collected from St Andrews reception at 3:15pm by our coaching team and walked safely to the tennis club. Parents will then collect them directly from the tennis club at 4:25pm.

Come and join us for some tennis fun after school – spaces are limited!

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CongresburyLTC/Coaching/Book/e88d1496-6bb2-4df3-a9af-ef1bb6535897

Drama Club - Stage Starlings

I'm delighted to invite your child to join **Stage Starlings**, our fun and creative after-school drama club, with a new term starting next Wednesday! Stage Starlings is open to students in years 3-6.

My name is Eleanor, and I'm a drama teacher and theatre director with extensive experience working with children and young people. I teach drama at Stagecoach Weston-super-Mare and am involved in directing and teaching with Lympsham Musical Theatre and Wrington Drama Club. Directing productions such as Frozen Jr at The Blakehay Theatre and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. I'm passionate about helping young performers discover their confidence, develop their skills and, most importantly, enjoy every moment of being creative.

Stage Starlings is designed to give children a welcoming, supportive space where they can express themselves, make new friends and have lots of fun. Through drama games, improvisation, character work and storytelling, students develop confidence, communication, teamwork and imagination. Whether your child loves being in the spotlight or is a little more reserved, there is a place for them at Stage Starlings. No previous drama experience is needed!

This term's details

- **Day:** Wednesdays
- **Time:** 3.15pm–4.15pm
- **Term dates:** Wednesday 16th September - Wednesday 21st October
- **Cost:** £7.50 per session
- **Full term:** 6 sessions, £45 in total

If your child is new to Stage Starlings and would like to give it a go before committing to the full term, they are very welcome to attend a **trial session for £7.50**. It's a lovely opportunity to meet the group, join in with the activities and see whether they enjoy it.

To sign up, please complete the booking form below:

https://forms.gle/TnJzkKVyow3CMFcG7

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at stagestarlings@gmail.com[5] and check out our instagram page to see what we get up to: https://www.instagram.com/stagestarlings/

I would love to welcome your child to Stage Starlings and look forward to another term of creativity, confidence-building and lots of laughter!

[5] mailto:stagestarlings@gmail.com

Best wishes,

-

Eleanor CashmanStage Starlings07870811931



Celebration Assembly



Friday 11tth September

Kingfisher Crew: Hudson Elsie

Jay Crew: River Logan

Owl Crew: Vienna Leah-Mae

Kestrel Crew: Delilah Jacob

Falcon Crew: Josh Scarlett Rose

Eagle Crew: Letty Celeste

Friday 18th September

Kingfisher Crew: Henry Charlie

Jay Crew: Kayden Myla

Owl Crew: Leo Posie

Kestrel Crew: Rosie Sonny

Falcon Crew: Sophia Emily

Eagle Crew: Daisy George

Community News

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Yatton Library News



Yatton Library Newsletter

01934 426100 YATTON.LIBRARY@N-SOMERSET.GOV.UK

SOCIAL MEDIA

Why not keep up with library news and events by following North Somerset Libraries on Facebook and Instagram. You may even get to see some of your local library ladies appear on the channel.

HALF TERM CRAFT

We will be running a Craft Workshop on THURSDAY 29th October at 10am.

Limited to 20 spaces, so arrive on time to ensure a slot.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS

We were blown away by how many children participated in our Summer Reading Challenge. It was wonderful to hear about all the books and challenges you enjoyed over the holidays.
A special thanks to everyone who contributed a colouring to our Yatton library festival scene (pictured above)

REGULAR CLUBS

Rhymetime - Mondays
9:30-10:00 & 10:15-10:45

Duplo Club - Mondays
9:30-11:30

Drawing Club - Tuesdays
3:15-4:30

Storytime - Thursdays
2:30-3:00

Lego Club - Saturdays
10:00-12:00

Community Pantomime



School Calendar Dates

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

Friday 20th November 2026

Friday 15th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Annual Planner - Dates to remember

Dates to Remember 2026 - 2027:

School Book Fair -Friday 3rd October until Wednesday 8th October.

Young carers meeting: Tuesday 13th October

Parents Evening: Tuesday 20th October @ 4:00-7:00pm

Worship for Parents Falcons: NEW DATE Monday 19th October moved from Monday 7th December @ 2:45pm

Parents Evening: Thursday 22ndth October @ 3:40-6:40pm

School Nursing Team Flu Nasal Immunisations 4th November 2026

Robins Stay & Play: Saturday 7th November 2026

Children In Need 2026 - Friday 13th November

PTA Disco Thursday 19th November 2026

Bikeability Level 2 : Monday 30th November @ AM and PM

Bikeability Level 2 Level 1 : Tuesday 1st December @ AM or PM

Individual School Photographs: Wednesday 2nd December

Bikeability Level 2 Tuesday 2nd December

Bikeability Wednesday Level 2 3rd December

PTA Christmas Shopping: Friday 4th December 2026

Bikeability Level 2 Tuesday 8th December

Worship for Parents Falcons: Monday 7th December @ 2:45pm

Nativity Performance to Parents: Wednesday 9th December

Nativity Performance to Parents: Thursday 10th December

Worship for Parents Eagles: NEW DATE Monday 14th December moved from 21st September @ 2:45pm

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 10th December

PTA Christmas Fair: Friday 11th December 2026

Year 6 Fish N Chip Disco Wednesday 16th December

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS2: Thursday 17th December 2026 9:30am

PTA Mufti Day: TBC

Worship for Parents Owls: Monday 8th February @ 2:45pm

Family Breakfast: Thursday 4th March

World Book Day: Thursday 4th March

Book Fair Delivered: Thursday 11th March

Parents Evening: Tuesday 23rd March @ 4:00-7:00pm

Parents Evening: Thursday 25th March @ 3:40-6:40pm

Worship for Parents Kingfishers: Monday 22nd March @ 2:45pm

Y6 Lifeskills: Tuesday 9th March

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS1: Thursday 18th March 9:30am

PTA Mufti Day: TBC

PTA Easter Egg Hunt: TBC

SATs Week & SATs Breakfast: Monday 10h – Thursday 13th May

Worship for Parents Kestrels: Monday 17th May @ 2:45pm

Y6 Camp: TBC

PTA Mufti Day: TBC

Sports Day KS2 – Monday 14th June moved from Friday 18th June KS2AM / KS1PM

Reserved Sports Day – Monday 28th June moved from Friday 2nd July KS2 AM / KS1 PM

Permission to Play: Friday 9th July

Class School Photography Tuesday 6th July AM

Worship for Parents Jays: Monday 5th July @ 2:45pm

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS2: Thursday 15th July 9:30am

Y6 Leavers Service: Thursday 22nd July

PTA Mufti Day: TBC

Contacts

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