

St. Andrew's Newsletter

No: 01 || Thursday 21 September 2023

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Term 1 - Monday 04 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023
Term 2 - Monday 30 October 2023 to Wednesday 20 December 2023
Term 3 - Thursday 04 January 2024 to Friday 09 February 2024
Term 4 - Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5 - Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6 - Monday 03 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

INSET Days for 2023 – 2024

Friday 20 October 2023
Friday 17 November 2023
Monday 19 February 2024
Monday 3 June 2024

Dates to Remember:

Friday 29 September – Bags2School collection

Wednesday 04 October – Flu Immunisations

Meet the Teacher 2:45pm-3:15pm:

Monday 02 October – Falcon Crew

Tuesday 03 October – Kestrel Crew

Wednesday 04 October – Kingfisher Crew

Wednesday 04 October – Eagle Crew

Thursday 05 October – Owl Crew

Friday 06 October – Jay Crew

Friday 13 October – PTA Hot Chocolate and Uniform Sale

Tuesday 10 October (4pm-6pm) – Parent Evenings

Thursday 19 October (3:30pm-6pm) - Parent Evenings

Thursday 19 October – Non-uniform day

Friday 01 December – PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 05 December – School Photo Day (individual and sibling photos)

Wednesday 06 December (2:15 pm) – Nativity Performance KS1

Thursday 07 December (9:30 am) - Nativity Performance KS1

School Website: www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk

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

School Office e-mail Address: office@standrewsprimary.org.uk

School Phone Number: 01934 832505

Dear Parents and carers,

We would like to invite parents and carers to “Meet the teacher” meetings ahead of parents’ consultation meetings later in the term. This is a perfect opportunity for you to meet your child’s class teacher(s) and for them to share important information with you about the academic year ahead. All meetings will be at 2:45 – 3:15 ahead of pick up time. If you are unable to attend, there will be PowerPoint of the key info that can be shared. We will have the meetings in the hall so you can access school through the hall back doors rather than the school office.

The dates and timings are as follows:

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Monday 02 October – Falcon Crew

Tuesday 03 October – Kestrel Crew

Wednesday 04 October – Kingfisher Crew

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Friday 06 October – Jay Crew

There won't be a meeting for Robin crew parents as they met Mrs Dyson at the home visits at the start of this term.

It is the season where we all can pick up mild illnesses of colds and coughs! This week, at the DfE's request, the Chief Medical Officer has written a letter to Headteachers to provide a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance - setting out the health benefits of regular school attendance.

The key message is that it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. **However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.** There is a really helpful document that give guidance on common illnesses and what to do including if your child has COVID:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

With this in mind, the School Nursing Team – Sirona will be holding Flu Nasal Vaccination session in school on **Wednesday, 04 October**. They kindly request for parents to fill in an online e-consult form to advise if they wish for their child/children to be vaccinated. The deadline for submitting the form is **Monday, 02 October at 9am**. More details and a link to the form in the letter from Sirona below. Please be advised that the school does not collect consent/lack of consent information for the Medical Team.

Fran Martin
Headteacher

School Milk Services

All children until the age of 5 receive milk in school as a part of the nationwide programme. Those parents who would like their children to keep receiving milk after their 5th birthday need to register with School Milk Services to buy the milk. You can register online through our supplier's website:

www.schoolmilkservices.co.uk/parents



School Immunisation Team
3 Station Road
Pill
Bristol
BS20 0AB
4th September 2023
Dear Parent/ Carer

Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

This autumn all children from Reception to Year 11 are being offered a flu vaccine as part of the School Vaccination Programme. This letter explains why children are being offered this vaccine and explains how to let us know whether or not you would like your child to be vaccinated.

Children are being offered the vaccinations to protect them from flu, minimise the circulation of the virus this winter and to reduce disruption to their education, and the potential impact on the NHS. The vaccinations will be given by Sirona care & health, who run all the School Immunisation Programmes in our area.

The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray.

Please complete the consent form below, indicating whether you wish your child to have the vaccine. If you don't have access to the internet, you can request a paper copy from your child's school.

Link to the nasal flu consent form:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

Please complete the form as soon as possible, the consent system will be closed at 9am 2 working days before the session. Your school will tell you the date of the session once it is confirmed.

Please ensure you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccination

If your child is not able to attend school on the day of the Immunisation session they can attend a catch-up clinic at a later date. Your school will send out information about these clinics after the school session.

For more information about the Nasal Flu vaccination programme please see [Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

If your child is unable to accept the nasal flu vaccine due to the porcine gelatine content or due to immunosuppression we are able to offer an IM Flu injection at a community clinic, to book an appointment for this please contact the School Immunisation Team on the details below.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact the School Immunisation Team on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Yours faithfully,

Karen Evans
Head of Specialist Services for Children and Sirona Integrated
Immunisation Services

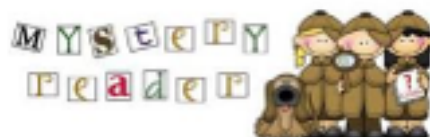
Reading volunteers



We are always looking for volunteers to come into classes and hear the children read. If you have any spare time on a regular or ad hoc basis and would like to come in and support reading we would love to hear from you. Please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time. We really appreciate your support and it makes a huge difference to the children.

Mystery Reader

We always want to celebrate our love of reading at St Andrew's and we would like parents to share theirs too. Would you like to be a 'mystery reader' and come in and share a story of your choice with your child's class? Speak to your child's teacher but don't tell your child! Keep it a secret and enjoy the look on their face when the mystery reader for the day is revealed. We are very happy to provide stories or suggestions.



Library

To promote reading for pleasure all the children will be visiting the library each week to choose a book to enjoy sharing at home. We are looking for some volunteers to support us in running our fabulous library. Do you have a spare afternoon, morning or couple of hours each week? We would love some help in returning books, keeping the books in order, supporting children to choose books and updating our book stock. If you are interested in offering some help in the Library please speak to Mrs Gilbert (email below). Thank you.



Book Fair

Books will be available to buy from the book fair in the hall on Friday 6th October, Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th. 3.15-4.00pm.

Early reading parents' meeting

I will be running two meetings on **Thursday 12th October** to explain how we teach early reading at St Andrew's and how you can support your child at home.

Session 1- 2.45pm-3.10pm

Session 2 – 5.30pm-6pm

We hope these times can accommodate as many people as possible.

If you have any questions about reading please speak to your child's teacher or email me

Sarah.gilbert@standrewsprimary.org.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support.

BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome back to a new school year of fun PTA events. There will be a lot of opportunities for you to support fun events that raised valuable funds for St Andrew's school. Any donations, small or large, are always appreciated.

Here is an outline of some of the events that we have coming up:



Sunday 8th October – The Plough – 7.30pm

Assemble a team and join the fun at a pub quiz raising money for St Andrew's school. This is an adults only event.



'HOT' CHOCOLATE



HOT CHOCOLATE AND UNIFORM SALE – Friday 13th Oct

After school in the hall. An opportunity to purchase second hand school uniform items before the winter sets in. We will also be selling hot chocolates (please bring a reusable cup if you can) and spring daffodil bulbs which have been kindly donated by



Wednesday 18th October – 7pm

We would love to see some new faces at our AGM. Please come and join us for the PTA AGM which is to be held at the school. No special skills needed – just enthusiasm!



NON - UNIFORM DAY – Thursday 19th October

Last day of term, children can come to school wearing non-uniform. There will be year 6 pupils collecting gold coin donations on the gate. Your support of our non-uniform days are always appreciated.

Quick Look- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Bags2School Clothing drop – Fri 29th Sept
- Plough Pub Quiz – Sun 8th Oct at 7.30pm
- Hot chocolate/ Daffodil bulb/ Used uniform sale – Fri 13th Oct after school
- PTA AGM – Wed 18th Oct at 7pm at school
- Non-uniform Day – Thurs 19th Oct – Please bring a gold coin donation
- PTA School Christmas Fair – Fri 1st Dec – 4.30-6.30pm
- Information about the Christmas card and Christmas shopping events to follow.

Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER – 4.30-6.30pm



Please get in touch if you would like to be part of our PTA team. We are a small but committed team and we would love more people to join the fun. Contact: standrewspta.secretary@gmail.com

St Andrew's
Primary School
growing together



FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Spread the word; it's our first collection of the year!

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



Bags 2 School will collect **GOOD QUALITY**:

- men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- paired shoes (tied together please) and socks
- accessories—hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, belts

Please be aware they will **NOT** collect:

- uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets, bedding, curtains, towels, soft toys or pieces of fabric

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR BIN BAGS BY 9AM ON FRIDAY 29 TH SEPTEMBER AND LEAVE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS EVENT.

STREET CRICKET

**FAST-PACED &
ALL ACTION!**

EVERY TUESDAY

**All Equipment is provided.
Wear whatever you like!**

**Weston Super Mare
Hutton Moor Leisure Centre
5-6pm**

**Yeovil
Westfield Acadmey
5-6pm**

**Bridgwater
Bridgwater College Academy
4.45-5.45pm**

**Taunton
Wellspring Leisure Centre
5-6pm**

School Years 4-7



**FREE
SESSIONS**



For more information and to book
please contact Steve Gass on 01823 352266
or email steve.gass@somersetcricketfoundation.org