

# St. Andrew's Newsletter

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## 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

Monday 4 September 2023  
Tuesday 5 September 2023  
Friday 20 October 2023  
Friday 17 November 2023  
Monday 19 February 2024  
Monday 3 June 2024

School Website: [www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk](http://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](mailto:office@standrewsprimary.org.uk)

School Phone Number: 01934 832505

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Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, welcome back to everyone! Whether you are returning after the summer break or joining us for the first time you are all very welcome. It has certainly been hot this week and typically great weather as the holidays have ended! Mrs Dyson has been making home visits to our Robin crew and their family/carers this week and we look forward to welcoming Robin pupils next week.

We would also like to warmly welcome Mr Quinton and Mrs Gilbert to our St Andrew's team. Mr Quinton is our newly appointed Deputy Headteacher and class teacher for Falcon crew. Mrs Gilbert is job sharing the teaching responsibility for Kingfisher crew. I am sure they will both become familiar faces over the next few weeks of the academic term.

It has been wonderful watching the children coming back to school and developing new relationships with the adults in their classrooms. It has been a real pleasure to see the children excited in their learning and equally excited to be together again. We understand that for some children the start of a new year can be overwhelming but hopefully everyone is beginning to adjust now. If your child is struggling, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher or our Pastoral Leader, Mrs Mayo.

As you can imagine at the start of the school year there is lots of school "housekeeping" for new parents and reminders for existing parents re school procedures. Hopefully all of the information in the remaining newsletter is supportive. As always, we have an open door policy and so please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's classteacher(s) via email or at pick up if there is anything you need clarifying further.

**Fran Martin**  
**Headteacher**

## **School Meals Menu for September - Information from Aspens**

There is a new menu for the new academic year packed full of pupil favourites and full of choices for all our young customers. Please note that the cold lunch (sandwiches) option has been removed from the menu for the autumn and winter, as we concentrate on the hot meals for this time of year. Feedback has shown that the hot topped pasta is more popular than the sandwich option so this remains on the menu alongside all our old favourites and new choices. The full menu is available on the school website <https://www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk/school-meals-information-and-menus/> and shortly will be on Select for booking.

## **Contact Data and Consent**

If you have any changes to your emergency contacts, address or contact details please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure our system is up to date.

Please also remember that you can review and change your preferences for areas of consent at any time. Just get in touch with the office and we can help.

## **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.

## **Privacy Notices**

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Privacy notices have been circulated to all parents previously but please remember if you would ever like a copy then either call into the school office or refer to the information within the Policies section on the school website. This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

## **Year 3 children**

Please can we remind parents that the children who have moved up to Year 3 need to provide their own fruit/dried fruit for break and that they are no longer entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal provided by the Government. If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal due to family circumstances please call into the office and speak to Mrs Plimbley.

## **Our school day timings**

- 8.45 am - Doors open and children allowed into classrooms
- 8.50 am - Official start of the school day and registration starts
- 8:55 am - School gates locked
- (Pupils arriving after 9:05am will be marked as late (L) - which still counts as present)
- 10.40 - 11.00 am - Morning break
- 12.00 - 1.00 pm - Lunch break
- 1:00 pm - afternoon registration
- 3.15 pm - School ends for all children.

The front playground gate will open from 3pm but the second gate will open in time for end of school day and collecting your child(ren).

## **Drop off and Collection**

In the morning please can all parents, with the exception of Robin crew, drop their child off before the second green gate by Robin's class. At 3:15 to support congestion, can parents collect their child(ren) and walk around the perimeter of our school. We appreciate your support with this.

## Attendance at School

We have to record the reason for children not being in school and in particular distinguish between being absent through sickness and attending an appointment for medical reasons.




In addition, a child is marked unauthorised absent for the whole morning if they are late for school and arrive after 9.30am without a valid reason.

To help us manage this system and to record our children in the best possible light can you please help us by:

- ✓ Telephoning the school office before 9.00am on the first day of absence due to illness. If we have not received a phone call on the day of absence by 9.30am we will try to contact you by phone to find out the whereabouts of your child. If we do not receive a reason the absence is recorded as unauthorised in the school register.
- ✓ Ensuring your child arrives at school on time. Punctuality is incredibly important and your child will be marked as late from 9:05 am
- ✓ Not booking holidays outside of the main school holiday dates. These will only be authorised by the Head Teacher under exceptional circumstances in line with the North Somerset attendance policy. If unauthorised holiday is taken a penalty warning letter will be issued and possibly a fine. Further detailed information regarding our trust wide attendance policy is available on our website.

## SAFEGUARDING

Our latest policy on safeguarding will be ratified by Governors and will soon be available on our school website. If you have any questions concerning pupil safety or safeguarding generally, please contact the school office and they will help direct you to the best person to help.

		
<b>Fran Martin</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead	<b>Julie Mayo</b> Designated Safeguarding Deputy	<b>Mrs Carol Motteram</b> Safeguarding Governor

## Medical Matters

If your child requires medication in school at any time please ask for a 'Request for School to Administer Medication' form to be sent home/emailed from the office. Any medicine will need to be handed into the office. We cannot administer medicine without having received this form. Please can any medical or dental appointments be made after school or during the school holidays. We do appreciate that this is not always possible, especially with hospital appointments.

## Inhalers

Please can we gently remind you that it is the parent's responsibility to check that any inhalers held in school are in date. All inhalers sent in to school must be in their original box and clearly labelled with the dosage. Thank you.

## Break time Snacks

Please can we remind parents that children should only be bringing in a piece of fresh fruit or some dried fruit for their break time snack. Cereal bars, fruit bars (including fruit winders) or fruit covered in yoghurt etc. are not allowed.



## Newsletters

Newsletters are published every other Thursday. It is e-mailed out and is also available to view on our website.

## Backpacks

Unfortunately, we do not have the room to store these during the school day so would ask that they come into school with the minimum amount of luggage possible!

## Time to Apply for September 2024

The applications process is now open for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 that are eligible to start school in September 2024. The deadline is 15 January 2024 at 23.59. There is an online guide and other useful information available for parents on the North Somerset website: [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

**Transfer to Secondary School in September 2024** This information is for all the Year 6 children transferring to secondary school in Year 7 in September 2024. The National Deadline date and time for the submission of applications is 31 October 2023 at 11:59pm. You will be able to apply from 11 September 2023. Please submit an application by the National Deadline for each child, including those with siblings already at the preferred school. An e-mail with all the details from North Somerset to Year 6 children's Parents will be sent shortly.

## PTA News

Need to label school uniform? Help to raise money for the St Andrew's School PTA at the same time!

- Earn 24% commission for your PTA when you buy any Nametags product ([mynametags.com](http://mynametags.com)), using School ID 21072
- Earn 15% commission for your PTA when you buy any Stampstastic product, using this affiliate link: <https://bit.ly/STAMPBS495DX>  
PLUS £4.99 discount for you when you order the [School Name Labels Deluxe Bundle](#), using this PTA Code: **BS495DX**



# YATTON LIBRARY NEWS

September 2023



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE FINISHERS

IT WAS SO LOVELY HAVING YOU ALL VISIT THE LIBRARY OVER THE SUMMER FOR READY, SET, READ!

HERE IS JACOB RECEIVING HIS FINISHERS CERTIFICATE FROM ROSIE



## DETECTIVE DOG

We had Theatre Orchard in our library in August with a really successful performance of Detective Dog. Keep an eye out for any future performances we may host.



## LEGO CLUB



Saturdays

10:00- 12:00pm

Come along and see what you can build



## ROALD DAHL ACTIVITIES

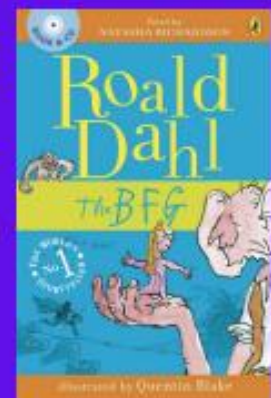


9th - 16th September

To celebrate Roald Dahl reading day on 13 Sept we will have a display of books and a 'design a messy beard for Mr Twit' craft activity

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

SOPHIE IS TAKEN FROM HER BED BY A GIANT - LUCKILY IT'S THE BIG FRIENDLY GIANT. SOPHIE AND THE BFG HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO STOP THE NOT SO FRIENDLY GIANTS BEFORE THEY GUZZLE UP CHILDREN!!





# COME AND JOIN OUR CLUB NEW PLAYERS WANTED!!

COME ALONG AND TRY OUT HOCKEY WITH US. ALL  
AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!

TRAINING STARTS BACK EVERY THURSDAY  
FROM SEPTEMBER 14TH 2023!

U10S/U12S: - 6.00PM - 7.00PM

U14S/U16S: - 7.00PM - 8.00PM

SENIOR SESSIONS: - 8.00PM - 9.30PM

PRIORY SCHOOL ASTRO - BS22 6BP



## FREE TASTER SESSION

EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE TO USE



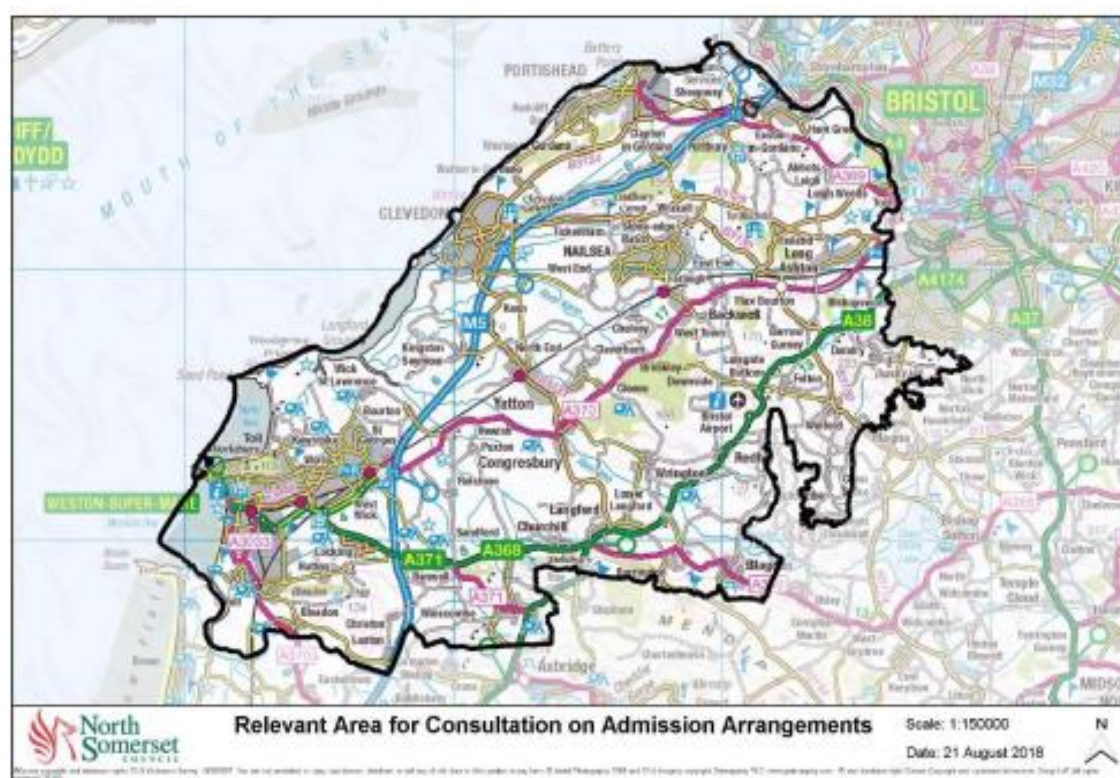
SEE YOU AT THE PITCH OR CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM OR EMAIL [CONTACT@WSMHC.CO.UK](mailto:CONTACT@WSMHC.CO.UK)

## Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2024-26

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, requires each local authority to establish a Relevant Area(s) for admission policy consultations. The Relevant Area is the area in which admission authorities must consult with schools regarding their proposed admission arrangements before finalising them.

There is a legal requirement for the Local Authority to consult on and review its Relevant Area every 2 years.

The Relevant Area for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years for all schools in the North Somerset area, is the geographical area of North Somerset Council, as indicated in the map below.



The consultation will run between 6 September and 18 October 2023. Please send all responses to [schooladmissions.officer@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions.officer@n-somerset.gov.uk).

All materials are designed to be accessible however if you require them in a different format, please don't hesitate to contact us.