



**St.
Andrew's
Primary
School**

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**Learning
Resource Base
Information
Booklet
2023-2024**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Twitter: [@5tAndrews](https://twitter.com/5tAndrews)

We would like to welcome you to St. Andrew's Primary School. We aim to ensure that your child will have a very happy and successful year; we hope that we are able to work together to ensure they reach their potential. There are a number of things that you need to know at the start of the year. We hope we have included most of them here, but please see your child's class teacher if there is anything else you are unsure about.

Classes and Teams		
<u>BBF</u> Mrs S. Falvey (ALNCo) Mrs J. Burgoyne <i>Class teachers</i> Ms J. Pannell Miss T. Murray Miss N. Griffiths <i>Teaching assistants</i>	<u>BMR</u> Miss A. Morgan Miss K. Roach <i>Class teachers</i> Miss A. Gibbs Miss K. Walters <i>Teaching assistant</i>	<u>BSH</u> Mrs S. Howe <i>Class teacher</i> Miss J. Crocker Miss M. Giles Miss S. Morgan <i>Teaching assistants</i>

School times

Due to the current situation with the building, there is still a need to stagger the start and finish times for some year groups in the school to avoid over-crowding at the school gates to allow us

to get pupils on site safely; especially with the closure of Milner street between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

For the children in our learning resource bases the gates will open at 8:50 and school starts at 9:00am. (Unless they have a sibling in year 5 or 6 in which they can come in when the gates open for them at 8:40). Home time collection will be at 3:00pm, the gates will open for learning resource base families and you are to walk to the designated collection point noted below:

BBF are to be collected from their playground gate.

BMR are to be collected from the sheltered area on the playground.

BSH are to be collected from their classroom door.

Please pay close attention to the start and finish time for your child and do not arrive earlier/later than this time. If you have more than one child at St. Andrew's Primary, please arrive at the earliest time offered and all children will be allowed into school at this time. You will then be able to collect your children at the latest time offered.

We are extremely grateful for your patience and support when using the main gates of Milner and Jenkins street, walking straight to your child's allocated collection point and leaving site promptly at home time. This means site does not become overly congested and all families can leave quickly and safely.

Water bottles and snacks

Only fruit, vegetables or healthy snack bars are allowed to be eaten as a playtime snack in school. We encourage children to drink water freely at school to stay hydrated. Children have access to drinking water throughout the school day. We ask that children **do not** bring squash or fizzy/energy drinks to school. Water bottles are given to every child during their first year at St. Andrew's. If these are lost, they can be purchased via the office. Please ask for more details. Specific dietary and medical needs are taken into account regarding water bottles and snacks and alternative arrangements must be discussed with Mrs. Falvey if required.

P.E Kit

P.E bags should be brought into school at the start of term and left in school on your child's school peg, as P.E days are subject to change. Kits will be sent home to be washed every half term. No jewellery is to be worn on P.E days.

Independence

At home please encourage your children to dress and undress independently, in preparation for P.E sessions. You can also help by teaching your child to put on their coat independently and practise fastening zips, buttons and velcro.

Labelling of Clothing

Please ensure that **all** items of clothing are labelled, **including shoes, water bottles, book bags, and P.E kit and bag.**

It is also helpful to provide a spare pair of clothes and underwear in your child's book bag in case they have an accident or get wet.

Keeping us informed

Please notify staff if your child is to be collected by someone other than yourself.

If your child is ill, please let the school know as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

Please notify us of any medical conditions, permanent or temporary, which may affect your child at school e.g. asthma, allergies.

Reading

When your child is ready, we will send a reading wallet home. This will include sounds to practise reading and writing, as well as high frequency words and a reading book. It is important your child brings a school book bag with them every day. Please take the opportunity to read stories to your child on a regular basis as well as listening to them read.

General Information

Seesaw

We are continuing to use Seesaw this year to celebrate your child's learning with you through a safe and secure network. You should have received your QR code login sheet with this information booklet, please follow the instructions to log in so we can start celebrating your child's learning with you. If you have not received your login sheet, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help with this.



Website and Twitter

Visit our Together Learning site <https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/sapshomelearning> which is updated regularly with our Blended Learning Menus and any information regarding your child's learning.

We also have a school website: <https://standrews.wales> which provides relevant information.

Whole school information and events will be posted on our school Twitter account @5tAndrews.

We also have a year group twitter handle to share the children's learning experiences; give us a follow on @sapsbase

Teaching and Learning

Wales is currently in a period of curriculum change; the new curriculum will be rich in experiences, knowledge and skills and is being implemented this September. It has been developed by teachers and experts working collaboratively. St. Andrew's are continuing to work hard to design a bespoke curriculum that meets statutory requirements; it has been co-constructed with staff, children, families, governors and the local community. If you would like further information a useful document can be found by scanning this QR code.



Learning Indoors and Outdoors

In our classes, children have free-flow access to the outdoors, in all weathers! It is important for your children to be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions (coats / jumpers / wellies / sunhats). We provide wellies in school.

We provide indoor and outdoor environments that are fun, exciting, stimulating and safe to promote children's development and natural curiosity to explore and learn through first-hand, real life experiences.

Health and Safety

Provision and management of outdoor learning means enabling children to take appropriate risks. It does not mean that an outdoor learning area should be risk-free, but that the risks children face whilst outdoors have been considered and evaluated.

Exposure to acceptable risk is a fundamental part of outdoor learning and we aim to teach our children an understanding of 'risk awareness'.

All outdoor provision for pupils is supervised by adults. The outdoor provision is fenced so that the children are safe within the area.

We look forward to working with you and having a successful year! Staff are always happy to listen if you have any concerns; please contact school office to arrange a convenient time.

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