



**St. Andrew's Primary School**

learning together,  
we reach for the stars

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**Welcome back to the summer term  
– on behalf of all the staff we hope  
that you enjoyed Easter with your  
families.**

**Summer Term 2024**

Dates of term are:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**(Pupils finish school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday Monday – school is closed**

**Half term is Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

**Last day of school is: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Staff Professional Learning Day – school closed to pupils**

**Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** School opens for summer term

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** GRT event at riverfront

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April:** BSH attend Gilwern outdoor Activity centre

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** Year 5 Girls Menstruation talks throughout week

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** Eid Celebration day – wear traditional costumes / party clothes

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** 5AK class assembly – parents to attend at Connect Sports Hall

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** TAG Rugby Tournament (girls) at Rodney Parade

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April:** 2AL class assembly – parents to attend in Milner Hall

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April:** Y5/6 Cluster Sports Tournament

**New school build – Willmott Dixon Open Doors Event**

This week, Willmott Dixon invited members of the community to visit the new school building. On Tuesday, Mrs Giles and Mrs Charles took 8 members of the Governing body to have a look around; on Wednesday Mrs Horton-Shaw took some members of the PTFA and local community to visit the site. We were all very impressed with how the new school is looking! The views from the roof are amazing 😊



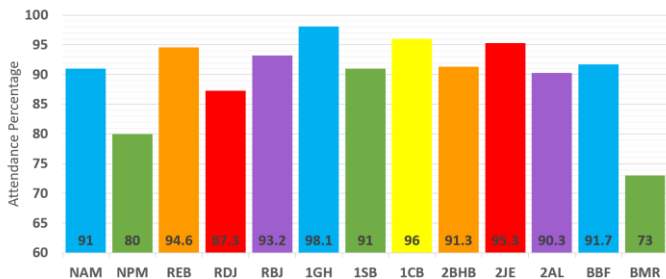


## Attendance winners – congratulations!!

The best attendance awards for a class attendance total last week went to:

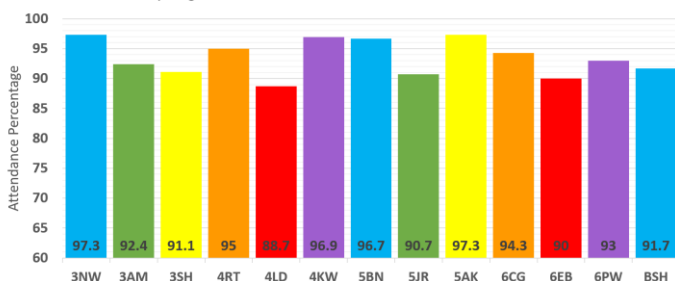
**Class 1GH in Foundation Phase with 98.1%**  
**Class 3NW & 5AK in Key Stage 2 with 97.3%**

St. Andrew's Primary School Foundation Phase Attendance  
 Spring Term Attendance – Dates 15.03.2024 – 21.03.2024



Well done to 1GH for winning this week's attendance with 98.1%

St. Andrew's Primary School Key Stage 2 Attendance  
 Spring Term Attendance – Dates 15.03.2024 – 21.03.2024



Well done to 3NW & 5AK for winning this week's attendance with 97.3%

Keep up the good work!

Well done to all the classes who managed to beat our school and the Welsh Assembly Government's target of 95%.

**Thank you for your continuing support regarding the reminders about attendance and punctuality; it is very much appreciated.**

## Eid

We would like to wish all our families an Eid Mubarak for the forthcoming Eid. If you are celebrating Eid please inform the office via usual procedures (email, text or phone call).

Please note due to LA changes, only one day of absence will be authorised for religious observance for Eid. Anything further absence will be unauthorised and affect pupil's attendance.





## Attendance Prize Winners

Each week, all children who have been in school every day get entered into a 100% attendance prize draw for that week. The aim is to celebrate and reward good attendance. Every child has a fresh chance each week to win a prize.

We call this our 'Top Hat Prize Draw'!



Last week's winners were:

Foundation Phase	Key Stage 2
	

## Comic Relief 2024



A huge thank you to our school community for digging out your loose change for Comic Relief. We rose to the challenge and managed to cover all of the Red Noses. We are proud to have raised £481.37. The full amount has been donated to Comic Relief.

## Technology at Home

Mrs Nowaczyk would like to know if you have any concerns or questions you would like answered about the use of apps, games or other technologies children may be accessing at home. Mrs Nowaczyk will be running a Tea and Tech session on **Thursday 2nd May** (more information to follow) to discuss these and will also compile some tips to share.

We would really appreciate your insight, please complete by **Friday 19th April** via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/21yYzB6yz>.

This link has also been sent via text.

Diolch!







Event	Details
5AK Class assembly	Connect Centre - Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am
Eid Celebration on the MUGA	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2.30 - 4.00pm
2AL Class Assembly	Milner Hall - Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 9.15am
RBJ Class Assembly	Milner Hall - Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 9.15am
Crafternoon	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 1.30 - 3.00pm
The Circus	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 11.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm
BSH Class Assembly	Milner Hall - Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 9.15am
1GH Class Assembly	Milner Hall - Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 9.15am
1SB Class Assembly	Milner Hall - Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 9.15



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### Ymadrodd yr Wythnos - Phrase of the Week

#### Hyfryd

Click the link below or scan the QR code to hear a member of Criw Cymraeg pronounce the Phrase of the Week and explain when it can be used. Use this phrase at home and share a video or picture through Seesaw to earn a Dojo point.

[Phrase of the Week – Hyfryd](#)



### Giglets Reading Challenge – April

Each year group has been allocated a book to read at home as part of our Giglets reading challenge! Please see the list below of the books and encourage your child to read this book – It can be read together, used as a bedtime story or your child can have a go at reading it! Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure of child's log in details.



Reception – Ribbit



Year 1 and 2 – Tommy foghorn



Year 3 and 4 – The Kind Goats



Year 5 and 6 – Cakes of the World

# Eid al-Fitr 2024



At St. Andrew's, we celebrate diversity and reach for the stars as a community. This year, we are going to be celebrating the Muslim festival, Eid al-Fitr on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. All children are invited to dress in their special clothes for the day.

Ideal clothing	Avoid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Traditional Eid partywear</li><li>➤ A modest dress</li><li>➤ A smart shirt with trousers</li><li>➤ Clothing where stars and the moon are featured</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sports clothing</li><li>➤ Jeans</li><li>➤ Clothing with visible branding</li></ul>

Children will take part in a range of Eid festivities including card making, food making/tasting, arts and crafts, dance and henna painting. The school are working closely with lots of families who will be coming in to support activities. If you are interested in supporting the school with this then please speak to either Mr Martin, Mrs Horton-Shaw or Mrs Small.

Letters will be sent out to all families which you can sign and return if you do not wish your child to participate in either the henna painting or food tasting.

At **2.30pm on Thursday 18th April**, all parents will be invited onto the Milner site MUGA area to celebrate Eid with us. There will be food, music and dancing for all to enjoy and we hope that as many of you can join as possible. **This year, we will be asking for a donation to eat food/drink on the MUGA so please bring change. All donations will be given to a charity chosen by our community.**





## Spring Term Attendance Prize

Congratulations to 3NW and REB who won this terms class attendance prize of Speed Stacking.



Coming Soon

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SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY 4TH MAY  
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR

HEALTH AND WELLBEING?



Diabetes UK Cymru are hosting a free Health and Wellbeing event, where you will learn how to become healthier and more active. If you have recently been diagnosed with diabetes, or would like to improve your health and wellbeing, we can help! Come along to our event to find out more!

 THE RIVERFRONT - BRISTOL PACKET WHARF, NEWPORT, NP20 1HG

 THURSDAY 29TH APRIL 2024

 11AM - 3PM

We will provide **FREE** lifestyle support for individuals and their families covering:

- A diabetes health MOT, find out the risks
- Lifestyle support for you and your family
- Diabetes and health resources
- Cooking and Fitness demonstrations



Throughout the day you will get the chance to win some amazing prizes, including supermarket vouchers!

For more information please contact us on: [wales@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:wales@diabetes.org.uk)

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