



St. Andrew's Primary School

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Response to family questionnaire

Thank you to all families who took the time to take our questionnaire; we had 131 responses representing 167 children. We very much value your opinions and in the main the responses provide a positive picture.

Here's what you told us	Comments by the school
130 out of 131 responses believe their child likes school.	
127 people believe the school helped their child settle in well and feel their child is safe at school.	We hold induction meetings for all learners who are new to the school. The information from the meeting is shared with class teachers in advance. If you feel your child is unhappy for any reason, please contact the class teacher via the main office.
124 families feel as though their child is safe in school.	Our health and safety and safeguarding policies ensure learners are safe. If you have any safety concerns, please in form the school.
The majority of responses feel the school deals with incidents of bullying and harassment well.	We engage with the national anti-bullying week each year. School takes all matters of bullying and harassment seriously and has robust systems for recording them. Please contact us if you think we are not dealing with any matter seriously enough.
93% of families felt that they are kept well informed about their child's progress.	We hold parent consultations in the autumn and spring terms and provide written reports to parents every summer. If you have any concerns over your child's progress please contact the main office to request a call with the class teacher.
96% of responses feel that, where required, their child receives the additional support required.	Mrs Falvey is the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Coordinator; she is supported Mrs Furtek and Miss Hurley-Bowditch our Assistant Additional Learning Needs Coordinator. The school's ALN team can be contacted via the school email or phone if you want further advice.
122 out of 131 people stated that the school regularly seeks their views.	We welcome your ideas and are always keen to hear your views. Please contact us if there is anything further you wish to share.
94% of responses felt that leaders deal with issues or problems appropriately.	The following staff make up the Senior Leadership Team: Mrs J. Giles – Headteacher Mrs E. Charles – Deputy Headteacher Mrs K. Nicholas - Assistant Headteacher and leader of Years 4, 5 and 6 Mrs E. Nowaczyk – Assistant Headteacher and leader of Years, 1, 2 and 3 Miss E. Desmond - – Assistant Headteacher and leader of Years, 1, 2 and 3 As leaders, we aim to respond to any issues raised in a timely manner.
95% think school shares information in a timely and clear way.	Mrs Giles publishes a weekly parent newsletter. This is uploaded to our school website , Facebook page, Together Learning site and displayed on a noticeboard outside. We set nearly all dates at the start of each term, although trips are sometimes added in response to children's interests.
124 respondents would recommend St. Andrew's to another parent / carer.	

There was an option to add further comments

Here's what you told us:	Comments by the school
A parent commented on how their child regularly comes home without items.	Please let the class teacher or office know. We will do our best to locate the item of note to encourage individual children to take care of their belongings.
One respondent said that if their child is injured they are not informed by a call or bump.	If an accident is seen or reported, children always see a first aider. We send home a note and make a phone call home for bumps to the head and marks to the face and more serious injuries.
2 participants felt that their children are hurt regularly by another child.	Please ensure if you are concerned that you report it to the class teacher in the first instance. If you do feel things are not dealt with then you may request an appointment with a senior leader. We take any matters of perceived bullying seriously by adhering to our anti-bullying policy.
One parent noted that their child finds it difficult attending Nursery without them.	Nursery staff work hard on transitions and will inform families if they are concerned about a child's well-being.
There was a comment about the number of infrequent posts on Seesaw.	We have spoken to the mentioned year group and hope that posts are now more frequent. Please note that as children progress through the continuum of learning, more recording takes place in books so therefore, there may be lesson posts than earlier school years.

We would like to thank the kind respondents for the positive comments below.

I love this school it's very good. The teachers are very helpful and good. I recommend my another to friends.

The support given by both teachers and auxiliary staff is commendable. Little one has come on in leaps and bounds recently – thank you.

Since my children have attended this school I have seen them thrive and come on wonderfully. All the teachers are lovely and professional. My children have never had any issues with the school and both enjoy St. Andrew's. Thanks, and great job to all.

I am very grateful for everything you do for my daughter.

With both of my children the school have been exceptional. Any issues I have had have been dealt with appropriately. I am kept up to date daily regarding the progress of both my children and all of their needs are met. I would definitely recommend St Andrew's.

This school is very nice and my son also very happy.

Very good. Very good people. Very good service.

Lovely school. So far, great teachers.

Very good school.

Just moved in and school management has provided all the best support for the settlement. My children settled on time. Kudos to the teachers.

Thank you all for teaching my daughter.

I love this school because the teachers deal well with the children and parents. Thank you, St. Andrew's School. All the people at the school are very comprehensive, friendly...simply fantastic, all aspects are taken care of.

Thank you for your valued opinions - Learning together, we reach for the stars

Ymadrodd yr Wythnos - Phrase of the Week

Dyma ti

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 – Dyma ti](#)



Pupil versions of school policies

School Councillors at the Connect are developing pupil versions of key policies. Please see links below to see the policies they created in the autumn term. They were approved at the Senedd last week and are now accessible in all classes.

[Anti-bullying policy pupil version](#)

[Safeguarding and children protection policy pupil version](#)



HEALTHY FOOD – HEALTHY BODY – HEALTHY MIND

Health and Well-being is so important to us at St. Andrew's. The start of the new year is the perfect time to review our habits and make positive changes to benefit our health.

Part of the way we achieve this is through our Food and Fitness policy adopted by our Governing Body.

You can support school and your child in the following ways:

Where possible, walk to school.



Ensure children have a fruit or vegetable snack daily.



If providing a packed lunch from home, ensure it is healthy.



Ensure your child brings a water bottle daily for use in class which can be refilled if needed (please no squash or juice).



Birthday cakes should not be brought into school - birthdays will be celebrated during assemblies where children will receive a sticker and birthday pencil.



Year 5 need your help!

As part of our '**Climate Crisis**' project, Year 5 would like to gather people's thoughts about how we can help look after the environment, both here in Wales and around the world. We would really appreciate it if you could complete this short questionnaire, either by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below.

Thanks,
Year 5 learners



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REACH

E is for Engagement



This week we will be talking about being ambitious and setting realising goals. We will ensure that children understand growth mindset and how having the right attitudes they can make progress regardless of ability. Understanding the difference between fixed and growth mindset will underpin any work we do this term.

'Challenges encourage the brain to grow.'

ALN reform update information for parents

As you may be aware, St. Andrew's is currently in the transformation process over to the new ALN system. All Additional Learning Needs in Wales now follows the new code of practice. This code was implemented in January 2022 and has been rolling out ever since.

The main changes to this new code are as follows:

- It is no longer called SEN (Special Educational Needs) it is now referred to as ALN (Additional Learning Needs)
- The new act now covers children from 0-25 years
- It involves the introduction of the Individual Development Plan (IDP) and statements of Special Educational Needs are no longer being created
- It evolves around early identification to determine needs and support as early as possible in a child's education
- It focuses on an increase of collaboration involving all people important to the young person
- It is now a bilingual system
- It has a consistent right to appeal policy

As a school we are in a positive position during this transformation process with all school years apart from 2 already transferred over. The final 2 years are year 4 and year 2, which are due to be converted this Spring and Summer term this year.

Each time a mandated cohort is discussed the ALN team at St. Andrew's will discuss a child and decide whether they require Additional Learning Provision (ALP). This is determined as to whether the support they receive is above and beyond the universal support accessed by the rest of the class.

If this decision is a **yes**, then under the new code of practice, this child is deemed to have an additional learning need and therefore requires an IDP. A meeting will be held with parents, class teachers, any relevant professionals and the ALNCo. An IDP will be produced following this meeting.

If we decide that the child **does not have ALN**, under the new code, they may still require a one-page profile with targets in which the class teacher will monitor their progress and work with them on any areas they find difficult.

At this moment in time, we currently have 286 pupils on our ALN register. 22 of which have school maintained IDPs. 38 have either a statement of special educational need, or a local authority maintained IDP, these children will either be converted over to a school maintained IDP or are in our learning resource bases.

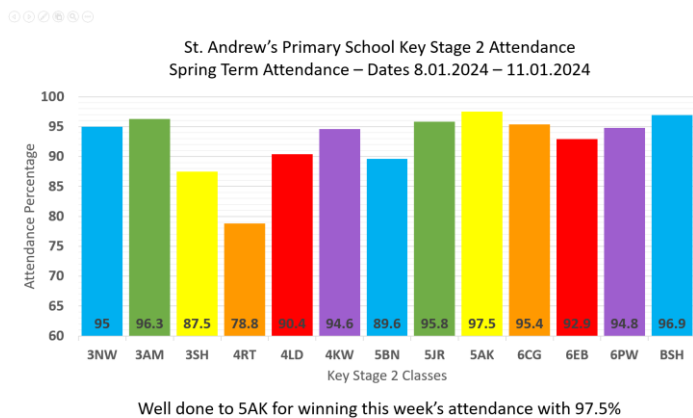
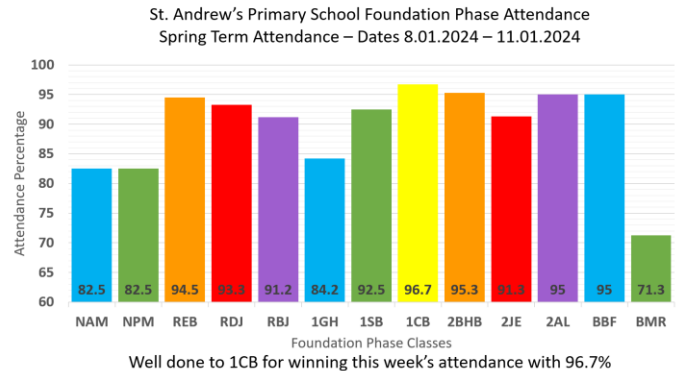
If you would like to learn more about ALN at St. Andrew's or have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the school office for a meeting with a member of our ALN team, or you can attend our ALN coffee mornings.

The next date for an ALN coffee morning is Thursday 1st February at 9am.

Attendance winners – congratulations!!

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

Class 1CB in Foundation Phase with 96.7%
Class 5AK in Key Stage 2 with 97.5%



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.

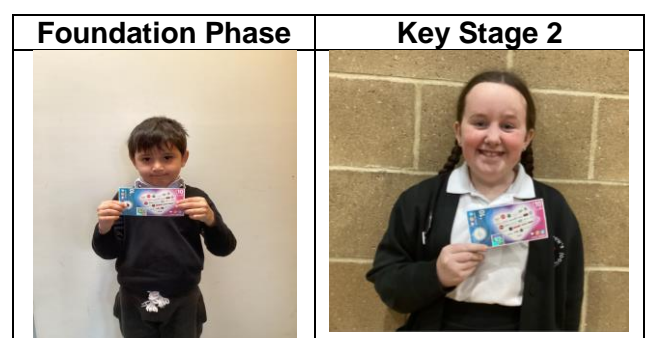
Attendance Prize Winners

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:





Termly Senedd



We held our 'Senedd' meeting last week with Mrs Giles, Mrs Charles, Mrs Nicholas, Miss Desmond, Mrs Nowaczyk, our First Ministers and our School Council representatives. We were so impressed by the amazing things accomplished by our Learning Leaders during the autumn term. Take a look below to find out why!

The Learning Leaders - Senedd Update



- ★ RECRUITED Y2 MEMBERS
- ★ DESIGNED AND CREATED 'CROESO' MOSAIC
- ★ INTRODUCED DWYNWEN THE DRAGON TO GO HOME IN EACH YEAR GROUP



- ★ CLASS BOOKS GIVEN
- ★ COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES OF CHILDREN'S VIEWS
- ★ CREATED PUPIL VERSIONS OF OUR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.



- ★ .RECRUITED Y2 MEMBERS
- ★ MADE AND SHARED DIGITAL CHRISTMAS CARDS
- ★ CREATED ONLINE SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE AND HELD FIRST MEETING



- ★ .SCHOOL GREEN FLAG ASSESSMENT UNDERTAKEN
- ★ PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
- ★ SIGNED UP FOR AN AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROJECT



- ★ MET WITH ALEX DONNE AND COMPLETED FIRST SESSION
- ★ POLICED BUSES TO AND FROM CONNECT
- ★ ORDERED NEW LANYARDS



- ★ DECIDED ON NEW FEATURES FOR NEWSLETTER
- ★ WORKED COLLABORATIVELY TO CREATE NEWSLETTER



- ★ STARTED TO COMPILE PHRASE OF THE WEEK IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES TO SHARE
- ★ STARTED TO COMPILE A VIDEO TO SHARE WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY



- ★ PLAYLIST OF SHOWS PUBLISHED WEEKLY FEATURING DJS ACROSS Y2-Y6
- ★ RANGE OF VISITORS SUCH AS WILMOTT DIXON AND A MEMBER OF WELSH PARLIAMENT
- ★ VISITED THE ICC TO WATCH CINDERELLA ON ICE



- ★ INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL
- ★ CREATE DISPLAY
- ★ COMPILE VIDEO AND TASK FOR CLASSES FOR AUTUMN MISSION BASED ON UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



- ★ ESTABLISHED LEADERS AND GAVE OUT LANYARDS
- ★ COMPILED AND TAUGHT NEW GAMES
- ★ SORTED EQUIPMENT ACROSS SITES

Gwent Music - Individual music lessons

Please see the information below on how to book music lessons:



We are excited to announce that Gwent music are offering face-to-face teaching within the school. They are offering direct tuition for brass, guitar, piano/keyboard, singing, strings and woodwind.

How to enrol your child:

- 1- Click on the website link <https://www.gwentmusic.co.uk/>
- 2- Select 'Click here for enrolment'
- 3- Select 'School direct tuition'
- 4- Enter St Andrew's Primary School, Newport-Newport (No full stop after st)
- 5- Select the instrument your child is interested in learning
- 6- Select 'Continue and we will get your details later' and complete the enrolment form.
- 7- Select your preferred start date and pricing option then click proceed.
- 8- Tick the box to agree terms and conditions and submit.

Your child will automatically be placed on the waiting list and you will receive an email to confirm this. Once your child has been offered a place, you will receive an e-mail with further instructions to accept the offer and make a payment. Group tuition will be offered once there are sufficient enrolments for a particular instrument.

Please direct any questions to Gwent Music.

Music Tuition at St Andrew's Primary School

We have engaged the services of Gwent Music to provide music tuition in the school for the academic year 2023-24.

The following arrangements will apply for all music tuition from January 2023.

- Children will be taught individually or in small groups at the start of the new term.
- Tuition is available on Brass, Guitar, Piano, Strings, Voice & Woodwind.
- 34 sessions will be delivered over the school year.
- Group tuition is available at £65 per term, subject to availability.
- Individual tuition is also available at a cost of
 - £130 per term for 20-minute weekly sessions or
 - £195 per term for 30-minute weekly sessions.
- These charges apply for the academic year 2023/24.
- It may be possible, subject to availability, for your child to borrow a Gwent Music instrument.
- **Low income families can apply for the Music Access Fund and can access group sessions free of charge or £65 per term for 20-minute weekly sessions or £130 per term for 30 minute weekly sessions. Please contact school for support with this.**

We will offer tuition once there are sufficient enrolments for any discipline

Parent Information



The PTFA will be Meeting
Thursday 18th January
9.00 - 10.00

Please join us to plan our next events.

We welcome new faces and support.



St. Andrew's Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Group

Scan QR code
to join our
Facebook
group



Come in!
For tasty food
and good company



**Free meals
Tuesdays
6.30pm**

Everyone is welcome

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Eton Rd
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warm, tasty
meal.

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needed, just
turn up!

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