



St. Andrew's Primary School
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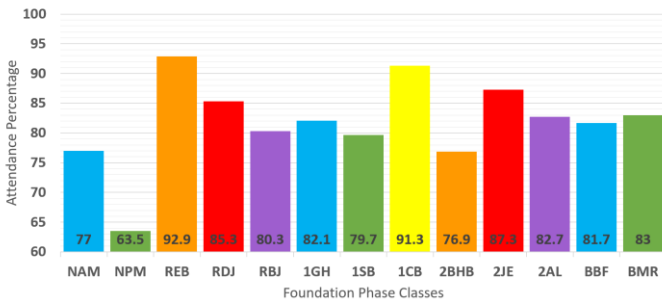
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Attendance winners – congratulations!!

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

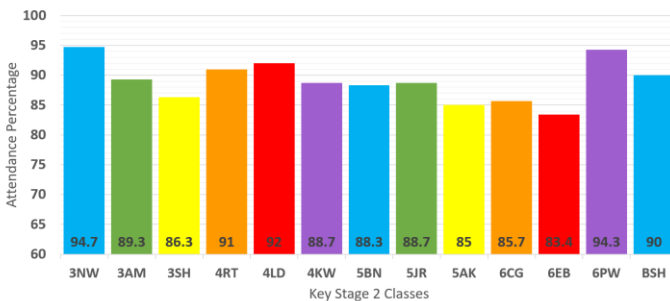
Class REB in Foundation Phase with 92.9%
Class 3NW in Key Stage 2 with 94.7%

St. Andrew's Primary School Foundation Phase Attendance
Spring Term Attendance – Dates 26.01.2024 – 1.02.2024



Well done to REB for winning this week's attendance with 92.9%

St. Andrew's Primary School Key Stage 2 Attendance
Spring Term Attendance – Dates 26.01.2024 – 1.02.2024



Well done to 3NW for winning this week's attendance with 94.7%

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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:

Foundation Phase	Key Stage 2

Ymadrodd yr Wythnos - Phrase of the Week

Wn i ddim

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 – Wn i ddim](#)



Diolch – Thank you

Thank you to our whole school community over the last week for their support with the Estyn Inspection. We really appreciated you completing questionnaires and attending both meetings and coffee mornings. The outcome of the week was very positive and comments made by the Inspection Team reflected the ethos of St. Andrew's. The full report will be published on 3rd April 2024 and I will ensure you all receive a copy.

“Learning together, we reach for the stars!”

School Information

Easter Chocolate Raffle

NON - UNIFORM DAY

Friday 9th February

This year we will be holding an Easter Chocolate Raffle to raise money to purchase additional resources to enhance the children's learning.

To support the Chocolate Raffle and gain more prizes we will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 9th February and for the privilege of wearing their own clothes, the children and staff will need to bring in something made of chocolate – this should give us over 700 prizes.

Later this term we will send home raffle tickets with the children. Please be generous and encourage as many of your friends and family to buy raffle tickets to support this event.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th February: Willmott Dixon Workshops in Nursery

Wednesday 7th February: BSH and BMR walk to Maindee Fire Station

Friday 9th February: Non-uniform day – chocolate donations

Friday 9th February: School finishes for half-term at 3.15pm (usual time)

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February: Half-term holiday week (school closed)

Monday 19th February: Return to school at usual times (breakfast club opens at 8am)

St David's Day Celebrations

During Welsh week after half term, the children will be busy preparing their competition entries for our **Eisteddfod** on **Friday 1st March**. Winning entries will be presented with medals on the day.

As in previous years, children will also have the opportunity to enter the homework competition. We always look forward to the amazing efforts and very much value children's own creativity. Details of each year group competition are below. Each child who enters will receive 5 house points and the winning entries will be announced in the Eisteddfod. All entries must be brought to school by **Monday 26th February**.

Get creating! Pob lwc!



Nursery: Draw, collage or make a sheep

Reception: Daffodil model or picture

Year 1: Dragon model

Year 2: Castle model

Year 3: Symbols of Wales model

Year 4: Design a new Welsh kit for a sports team of your choice

Year 5: Models of Newport landmarks

Year 6: Design a shield for the St. Andrew's Coat of Arms

BBF: Exploring the colour red through craft

BMR: Daffodil model

BSH: Dragon model

Eisteddfod 2024



Friday 1st March



We are hosting our Eisteddfod on **Friday 1st March**. Throughout the day, we will sing traditional Welsh songs, winners of the competitions will be presented with medals, children will compete in the finals of the singing and recital competitions, the Bard will be crowned and we will find out which house has the most points and therefore become the winners of Eisteddfod 2024.

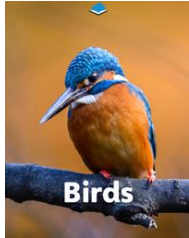
On the day, children can wear: traditional Welsh dress, Welsh sports kits, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts' uniforms or house colours.

Follow your child's year group Twitter / X account to see updates throughout the day.



Giglets Reading Challenge - February

Year groups have 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.



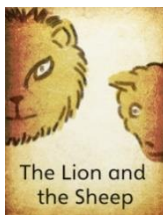
Reception – Birds



Year 1 and 2 –
The Little Shepherd Boy



Year 3 and 4 –
Why the Sky is so High



Year 5 and 6 –
The Lion and the Sheep

Eco-News

Last week the Eco-council installed an air quality monitoring tube in Forest School. We will send the tube to a laboratory once a month to investigate levels of nitrogen dioxide - nitrogen dioxide forms when fossil fuels such as coal, oil, natural gas or diesel are burned at high temperature, for example, in cars. At the end of the year we will have 12 results to add up and average and then compare with the Newport City Council nitrogen dioxide standard (40ug/m³) and also compare with other areas of Newport. Maybe we will see links with a drop in pollution levels during certain times of the year. 😊 💬



THE DIGITAL LEADERS HAVE A CHALLENGE FOR YOU
We would like you to create something to share a message about internet safety.

IT COULD BE

a poster or infographic that you design using an app like PicCollage or toolkit like Adobe Creative Cloud Express (through Hwb!).



IT COULD BE

a presentation that you create to share your top tips on how to stay safe online.

IT COULD BE

a story that you write where your characters encounter a problem online and how they overcame it. You could present this on Sway!



HOW DO I ENTER?

Learners in Year 2-Year 6 will need to upload their entries to their folder on Google Classroom (on Hwb) by Friday 23rd February 2024. There are 5 Dojos for every entry and prizes to be won! Not sure how to upload? Ask your Digital Leader!



Parent Information

St. Andrew's Primary School PTFA



Prizes given to the first 5 balloons that travel the furthest.

Plus 1 Prize for the Class balloon that travels the furthest.

Only £1 to enter

Please send **£1** in an envelope clearly marked with your child's **name** and **class**.

(You may purchase more than one balloon if you wish)

Race will start at 12.00am on Monday 12th February and will run until 12.00pm Friday 16th February.

Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Peer-Support Group for Parents & Caregivers

Join us for a relaxed chat with our lived experience volunteers, gain insight and support with your own situation

Newport Mind
100-101 Commercial Street

Tuesday the 6th of February
10am to 12pm

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The Care™ Collective

Are you a parent with a child who is ill, disabled, has Additional Learning Needs or has mental ill health?

If the answer is yes, you may be a Parent Carer.

Come and join us at the Gwent Hub

Every Friday
12.30 -14.00

Wellbeing support, refreshments, information / advice and lots more

Children are also welcome

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Half term activities

Please see a separate e-mail sent today with a whole leaflet full of free half term activities that you may be interested in.

