



**St. Andrew's Primary School**

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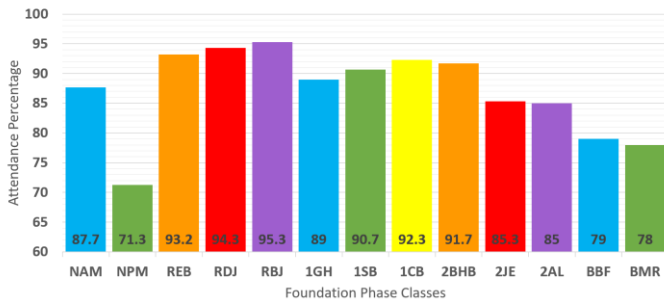
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## Attendance winners – congratulations!!

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

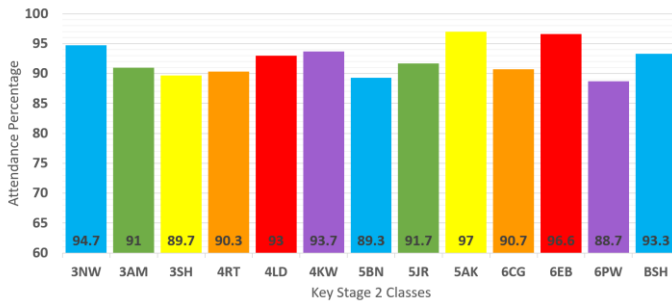
**Class RBJ in Foundation Phase with 95.3%**  
**Class 5AK in Key Stage 2 with 97%**

St. Andrew's Primary School Foundation Phase Attendance  
Spring Term Attendance – Dates 9.02.2024 – 22.02.2024



Well done to RBJ for winning this week's attendance with 95.3%

St. Andrew's Primary School Key Stage 2 Attendance  
Spring Term Attendance – Dates 9.02.2024 – 22.02.2024



Well done to 5AK for winning this week's attendance with 97%

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

### Tacluswch os gwelwch yn dda

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.

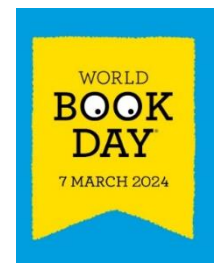
[Phrase of the Week – Tacluswch os gwelwch yn dda](#)



## World Book Day 2024!

World Book Day will take place this year on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Pupils will be invited to dress up as their favourite book characters on this day to celebrate books!

During this day, pupils will take part in a number of different book related activities to celebrate a love for reading!



# School Information

## Eisteddfod 2024



### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

We are hosting our Eisteddfod on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**



## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February:** Class 6CG Class assembly in Connect Hall

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Whole school Eisteddfod - wear Welsh themed clothes (more information to follow next week)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book day – dress as your favourite book character

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** Class RDJ Class assembly in Milner Hall

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** PTFA Someone Special Shop

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent consultation week (details to follow)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** Class 4KW Class assembly in Connect Hall

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Comic Relief Red Nose Day

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Cultural Diversity Week in school

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Attendance prize day

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Nursery Easter Bonnets

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Class 3NW Class assembly in Connect Hall

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Easter Chocolate Raffle

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Last day of term – school finishes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April: School Closed**  
Easter holiday period

## COMIC RELIEF 2024 – Wear your own clothes and bring your loose change!



St. Andrew's will be supporting Red Nose Day 2024. This will be an own clothes day with a funny slant; children may wear a funny hair style, come with their face painted, wear their pyjamas or their clothes back to front. In return we ask that they bring any loose change to school for our whole school challenge to cover red noses with loose change; donations will be counted and the full amount donated to Comic Relief. During the school day the children will take part in activities that will make them smile.



## St. Andrew's Community Questionnaire

A collective of 12 children from the Young Interpreters, Heddlu Bach and School Council took part in a day developing Family and Community Engagement on Thursday.

The children started by meeting with parents at our Cultural Diversity Week Planning meeting where they spoke in their home languages and shared ideas. We are looking forward to using these to support our Cultural Diversity Week celebration.

After this, the children walked through the community to Morrisons where they interacted so confidently and intelligently with members of the public. The children were praised on their passion, respect and manners a countless number of times and Mr Martin, Mrs Horton-Shaw and Mrs Small were so very proud.

Once the children had collected 55 responses, they enjoyed a well-earned lunch, contributed to by Morrisons. We would like to say a huge diolch to Miss Horton-Shaw, Morrisons Community Champion for supporting this.

Our day was not finished just yet! It was straight back to school to support children in younger classrooms. The children thoroughly enjoyed using their language skills to teach and develop confidence in younger children! Finally, the children from the leadership groups attended our Share-Shack at the end of the day.

The pupils and staff look forward to using our results to analyse and respond with strategies to develop and support a happy and safe community around our school.

We are very proud of the way all children contributed to the day. Your engagement and etiquette was outstanding!



## Parent Information

SNAP Cymru Presents:  
**From SEN to ALN**  
A unique event for parents and carers of any child or young person (0-25) who requires Additional Learning Needs support in School or College.  
**Join us online:**  
**19:00pm to 21:00pm on Monday the 18th of March**  
Meet other families or share your ideas with people with Additional Learning Needs and carers.  
Share your thoughts and opinions to help shape the future of ALN support in Wales.  
Learn all about the new ALN system in Wales.  
Book your **FREE** space via this link or the QR code:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-from-sen-to-aln-ar-lein-o-aaa-i-ady-tickets-652945687127>  
This event is funded by the Welsh Government

**NEWPORT**  
COMMUNITY CONNECTORS  
CASNEWYDD

**Chatty Café**  
Riverfront Theatre and Arts Centre, Newport  
First Wednesday of every month  
**10am - 12pm**  
*Come and have a chat!*  
Pop in for a cuppa and a chat with a Community Connector.  
Find out what community groups and activities are available in your area and maybe even meet new friends!  
Tea and coffee available  
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