



St. Andrew's Primary School
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we reach for the stars

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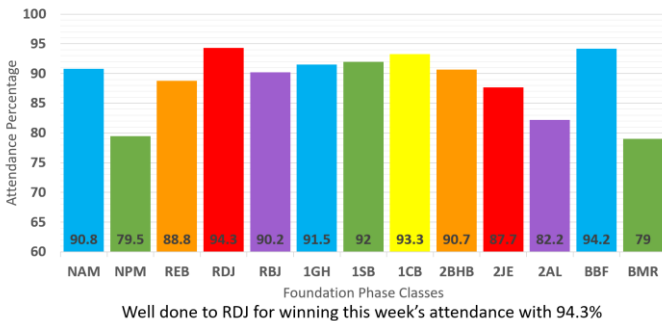
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Attendance winners – congratulations!!

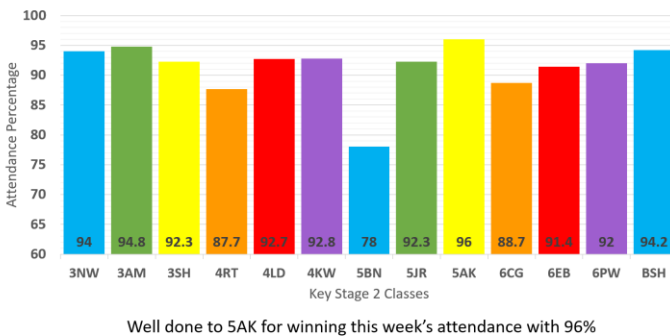
The best attendance awards for a class attendance total last week went to:

Class RDJ in Foundation Phase with 94.3%
Class 5AK in Key Stage 2 with 96%

St. Andrew's Primary School Foundation Phase Attendance
Spring Term Attendance – Dates 23.02.2024 – 29.02.2024



St. Andrew's Primary School Key Stage 2 Attendance
Spring Term Attendance – Dates 23.02.2024 – 29.02.2024



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

Arhoswch funud 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.

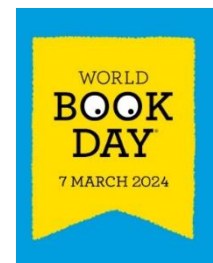
[Phrase of the Week – Arhoswch funud os gwelwch yn dda](#)



World Book Day 2024!

World Book Day will take place this year on **Thursday 7th 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

Parent Consultations

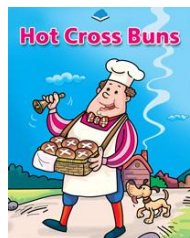
We will be holding Individual Parent Consultations in Milner Hall (main site) on the following dates:

Nursery - Open day – **Monday 11th March**
Nursery parents are welcome to visit nursery throughout the day to see the kind of activities the children participate in and speak to the class teacher and key workers.

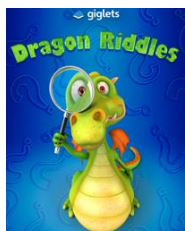
Nursery Open Day	Monday 11 th March	All Day
Y1 - 2	Monday 11 th March	1.00– 6.30 pm
Base classes x 4	Tuesday 12 th March	8.45am – 12.15pm
Reception	Tuesday 12 th March	1.00 – 6.30 pm
Y 5 - 6	Wednesday 13 th March	10.30am – 5.30pm
Y3 - 4	Thursday 14 th March	10.30am – 5.30pm
Class 1 GH	Friday 15 th March	9.30am – 4.30pm

Giglets Reading Challenge - March

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 – Hot Cross Buns



Year 1 and 2 – Dragon Riddles



Year 3 and 4 – The Rabbit and the Jaguar



Year 5 and 6 – The Legend of Rhys and Meinir

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th March: World Book day – dress as your favourite book character

Thursday 7th March: Class RDJ Class assembly in Milner Hall

Thursday 7th March: Radio DJs Sporty Bros visit to Rodney Parade

Friday 8th March: PTFA Someone Special Shop

Mon 4th – Fri 8th March: Spectrum workshops across week for Years 2 and 4

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March: Parent consultation week (details to follow)

Thursday 14th March: Class 4KW Class assembly in Connect Hall

Friday 15th March: Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March: Cultural Diversity Week in school

Thursday 21st March: Attendance prize day

Thursday 21st March: Nursery Easter Bonnets

Thursday 21st March: Class 3NW Class assembly in Connect Hall

Friday 22nd March: Easter Chocolate Raffle

Friday 22nd March: Last day of term – school finishes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th 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.

Parent Information



St. Andrew's Primary School **One World Day** St. Andrew's Primary School
Tuesday 19th March



At St. Andrew's our families are from many different parts of the world.

Please join us at our Milner site, where some of our families will be sharing experiences from their cultures.

Everyone welcome

1.30-3.00

Food tasting, dancing, music, henna hand designs, and much, much more.

WARM HUB

Raven House Trust offer a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment to people who may be struggling to heat homes, find money for food, or who are at risk of isolation. At any of our warm hub sessions, we will provide hot food, drinks and games to anyone who wishes to attend.

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PLEASE CALL TO BOOK, LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Tuesday 8th March	3:30pm to 5pm
Thursday 7	3:30pm to 5pm
Tuesday 16th March	3:30pm to 5pm
Thursday 25th March	3:30pm to 5pm
Wednesday 27th March	12pm to 2pm
Thursday 28th March	12pm to 2pm

Raven House Trust, 276-278 Cromwell Road, Somerton, NP19 0HT

Carers Wellbeing Event

Try out wellbeing activities, relaxation and arts & crafts.
 Speak to organisations who can help to support your wellbeing.
 Free lunch and refreshments. No need to book, but please inform us of any dietary requirements in advance.

Date:
 Tuesday 12th March 2024

Time:
 10am - 1pm

Address:
 The Riverfront
 Kingsway
 NP20 1HG

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Contact us on:
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Children's Centre Psychology/ Occupational Therapy Service: Introduction to Sensory Processing Parent/Carer Workshop

This parent/carers workshop is a collaborative workshop between Children's Centre Psychology and the Occupational Therapy Service. We will share advice and information to help you to:

- understand our different senses and consider how we process information using these senses
- Explore the different ways that our children can experience sensory difficulties
- Consider the "Iceberg effect" and the importance of being a good detective to fully understand our children's behaviours
- Explore how anxiety can impact sensory tolerances
- Think about when it is important to intervene
- Develop a sensory toolkit to support our children to manage their sensory difficulties

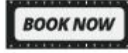


Wednesday 13th March: 10am-12noon

(Closing date for bookings will be 6th March, however, closing date to pose questions will be 28th February)

If you would like to book on this workshop then you can either scan the QR code below; or follow the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kvGSqWyDNg>



Supporting Communication Parent/Carer Workshop

This parent/carers workshop is a collaborative workshop between Children's Centre Psychology and the Child & Adolescent Learning Disability Service. We will share advice and information to help you to:

- understand how communication develops in children;
- explore why some children develop communication difficulties;
- discuss the different ways in which children communicate;
- examine some of the challenges that can develop when children find it difficult to communicate;
- understand the function that behaviours that can challenge play in communication;
- think about different means to support your children to communicate;
- recognise the impact on parental wellbeing.



Wednesday 17th April: 12:30-2:30pm

(Closing date for bookings will be 10th April at 12 noon)

If you would like to book on this workshop then you can either scan the QR code below; or follow this link:

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HELPING HANDS OUTREACH SPRING 2024 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS



We run monthly workshops on a range of topics including: Exploring Behaviours That Can Challenge, Introduction to Sleep, Supporting Anxiety in Children, Supporting with Transitions, Introduction to Sensory Processing.

These group workshops are open to any parents/carers of children with additional needs, including families and professionals linked with Serennu, Nevill Hall and Caerphilly Children's Centre. For more information, please speak to the Family Liaison Officer at your local Children's Centre.

The workshops will take place online via a video-call.



**MONDAY 18TH
MARCH 12:30-
2:30PM**

SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

We will share ideas about how to support children and young people with anxiety and worry. We will also be offering some tips for reducing stress at Christmas.

Book by Midday on Monday 11th March

**MONDAY
29TH APRIL
10AM-12PM**

INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP

We will share ideas related to common sleep difficulties seen in children and young people

Book by Midday on Monday 22nd April

**MONDAY
20TH MAY
10AM-12PM**

SUPPORTING TRANSITIONS

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be sharing ideas around how to support your child with transitions and separations

Book by Midday on Friday 13th May



BOOK A SPACE OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST

To book a space on one of these workshops, or subscribe to our mailing list for updates on upcoming workshops:

• Scan or click on the QR code

• Visit <https://forms.office.com/e/DfqfWSd0kK>

