



**St.
Andrew's
Primary
School**

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Progression Step

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Information

Booklet

2023-2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you to St. Andrew's Primary School. We aim to ensure that your child will have a very happy and successful year; we hope that we are able to work together to ensure they reach their potential. There are a number of things that you need to know at the start of the year. We hope we have included most of them here, but please see your child's class teacher if there is anything else you are unsure about.

Progression Step 1 Team	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nursery</u></p> <p>Mrs E. Furtek <i>Class teacher</i></p> <p>Miss C. Gibbs <i>HLTA</i></p> <p>Mrs H. Price Mrs C. Greensill Miss K. Biddle <i>Teaching assistants</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reception</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">RDJ</p> <p>Miss E. Desmond (Progression Step Lead) & Miss L. Jones <i>Class teachers</i></p> <p>Miss D. Bolt Mrs C. Gafour <i>Teaching assistants</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">REB</p> <p>Miss E. Bushell <i>Class teacher</i></p> <p>Mrs B. Davis <i>Teaching assistant</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">RBJ</p> <p>Miss B. Jones <i>Class teacher</i></p> <p>Mrs J. Collier <i>Teaching assistant</i></p> <p>Mrs E. Longegan <i>Intervention groups</i></p>

Nursery

School Times

Morning Nursery

The morning session will start at **9:00am** with doors opening from **8:50am** and finishing at **11:30am**. If your Nursery child has a sibling in another year group, then they can enter Nursery at the start time of their sibling.

Afternoon Nursery

The afternoon session will start at **12.45pm** and finish at **3.15pm**.

Children who arrive late will need to report to the office and will be given a late mark.
Please be patient with us at home time. It is important that children are sent home safely which can take time. Please wait outside the Nursery doors until you are invited in to collect your child. Having a limited amount of collections at one time makes home time run more smoothly.

Snack and cooking

As part of our Healthy School Programme we provide all children with a choice of fruit and vegetables each day for snack time. In Nursery we encourage independent snack times, the children will choose when they eat their snack and can help themselves to milk and water provided too. We also deliver healthy cooking sessions.

A **contribution of £1** is required each week. Please place this in an envelope and give to a member of staff on a Monday.

Independence

At home you can help by teaching your child to put on their coat independently and dress themselves.

It is important that your child is fully toilet trained and able to use the toilet without adult support, however, we do understand that young children may have the occasional accident.

We do not take children who are still in nappies or pull-ups.

General Points about Nursery life

- ❖ Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled.
- ❖ It is helpful to provide a spare pair of clothes and underwear in your child's bag in case they have an accident or get wet.
- ❖ We play in the Nursery garden every day. It helps us greatly if your child has a warm coat that s/he can put on independently. (No "all-in-one" suits please!)
- ❖ Encourage your child to dress independently and show him/her how to do up buttons/zips. All children will be expected to put on their own coats after the first few weeks.
- ❖ Children often like to bring to Nursery a toy from home. These precious things can however get lost or damaged so we ask that children leave toys at home.

Working with Families

In Nursery we like to build relationships and links between home and school in many different ways. We look forward to working closely with parents, family and friends. There are formal meetings and events for parents to attend. At St. Andrew's Primary we are happy to talk to you throughout the year.

During the school year there will be parent consultation evenings in the autumn and spring terms. We hold workshops throughout the year, which provide opportunities to work with your child and find out how you can help them develop skills and to become independent citizens of the world. We also have celebrations and events which you will be invited to, including a Christmas Workshop and Sports Day.

We ask that parents maintain their part of the "Home School Agreement" and above all, we ask that parents work in partnership with us, keeping us informed of anything that may affect a child's happiness or progress.

Nursery News

Please look out for our Nursery news which will inform you of any up and coming events and useful dates. This will be displayed outside the main Nursery door and on Seesaw.



Reception

School times

School starts at **9:00am** with gates opening from **8:50am** and finishes at **3:15pm**.

Parents / guardians are asked to drop children at the school gates in the morning and collect at classroom doors in the afternoon.

Children who arrive late will need to report to the office and will be given a late mark.

Water bottles

We encourage children to drink water freely at school. We provide your child with a water bottle on their first day of Reception, replacement water bottles and lids are available to purchase from the main office. Please fill the bottle with water from home (no fizzy drinks or juices) and send it to school with your child (not in their book bag). Then wash the bottle at home each night ready for the next morning.

Snack Time

As part of our Healthy School Programme we ask that children bring a small piece of fruit or vegetable to school each day for snack time. Please do not put this in their lunch bag as they often forget. Please place in their book bag or hand and remind them to put this in their tray in the classroom. Milk is also provided.

Reception workshops

You can find out more about what your child's learning will look like in Reception at our Maths and Phonics and Reading workshops during the autumn term (details to follow).

We encourage our families to attend our short workshops to pick up ideas and strategies to further support your child's learning and development at home as well as having the opportunity to work with your child in their new setting.

P.E Kit

P.E bags should be brought into school at the start of term and left in school on your child's school peg, as P.E days are subject to change. Kits will be sent home to be washed every half term. No jewellery is to be worn on P.E days.

Independence

At home please encourage your children to dress and undress independently, in preparation for P.E sessions. You can also help by teaching your child to put on their coat independently and practise fastening zips, buttons and velcro.

Labelling of Clothing

Please ensure that *all* items of clothing are labelled, ***including shoes, water bottles, book bags, and P.E kit and bag.***

It is also helpful to provide a spare pair of clothes and underwear in your child's book bag in case they have an accident or get wet.

Keeping us informed

Please notify staff if your child is to be collected by someone other than yourself.

If your child is ill, please let the school know as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

Please notify us of any medical conditions, permanent or temporary, which may affect your child at school e.g. asthma, allergies.

Reading

When your child is ready, we will send a reading wallet home. This will include sounds to practise reading and writing, as well as high frequency words and a reading book. It is important your child brings a school book bag with them every day. Please take the opportunity to read stories to your child on a regular basis as well as listening to them read.

General Information

Seesaw

We are continuing to use Seesaw this year to celebrate your child's learning with you through a safe and secure network. You will receive your QR code login sheet with this information booklet, please follow the instructions to log in so we can start celebrating your child's learning with you. If you have not received your login sheet, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help with this.



Website and Twitter

Visit our Together Learning site <https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/sapshomelearning> which is updated regularly with our Blended Learning Menus and any information regarding your child's learning.

We also have a school website: <https://standrews.wales> which provides relevant information.

Whole school information and events will be posted on our school Twitter account @5tAndrews.

We also have a year group twitter handle to share the children's learning experiences; give us a follow on @sapsnurs @sapsrec.

Assessment

Teachers assess children's progress in a variety of ways. They observe them at play, work, talk to them and ask questions to determine what they understand, listen to them read, mark their work and set assessment tasks during the year. The information gathered from these formal and informal assessments is used to plan learning. In addition, our assessments will identify children who would benefit from additional support, or need extension activities.

At the end of the year, parents will receive an annual written report detailing your child's progress in all areas of learning.

Teaching and Learning

The curriculum is everything a child learns in school. At St. Andrew's Primary we aim to provide a broad, balanced curriculum, which provides for the social, emotional, spiritual, moral, physical and intellectual development of all our pupils.

Through the curriculum, we seek to promote equality of opportunity so that all children have equal access to opportunities, which enable them to fulfil their potential whatever their gender, ethnic origin, ability, disability or social circumstances.

Wales has recently been through a period of curriculum reform; with the new curriculum being implemented in September 2022. If you would like further information, a useful document can be found by scanning the QR code.



Learning Indoors and Outdoors

In our classes, children have free-flow access to the outdoors, in all weathers! It is important for your children to be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions (coats / jumpers / wellies / sunhats). We provide wellies in school.

We provide indoor and outdoor environments that are fun, exciting, stimulating and safe to promote children's development and natural curiosity to explore and learn through first-hand, real life experiences.

Health and Safety

Provision and management of outdoor learning means enabling children to take appropriate risks. It does not mean that an outdoor learning area should be risk-free, but that the risks children face whilst outdoors have been considered and evaluated. ***Exposure to acceptable risk is a fundamental part of outdoor learning and we aim to teach our children an understanding of 'risk awareness'.***

All outdoor provision for pupils is supervised by adults. The outdoor provision is fenced so that the children are safe within the area.

We look forward to working with you and having a successful year! Staff are always happy to listen if you have any concerns; please contact school office to arrange a convenient time.

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