

NSPCC Number Day

After last year's success, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day again this year, on Thursday 22nd February 2024. Children are invited to come into school wearing clothes related to or including numbers (a football or sports shirt, or maybe even dressing up as a dice or calculator!)

The children will then take part in maths games and activities throughout the day. We hope this will be lots of fun for all involved. Suggested donation of £1.00 for NSPCC will be payable on ParentPay.

Talent Show

The Talent Show is coming up next month. Please practice your talents and brush up on your skills over half term, ready to come back and wow us all next term. Talent Show will be on Wednesday 27th March.

TimeTables RockStars Results



Gooch 4th place 25 points
Goddard 3rd place 50 points
Brunel 2nd 75 points
Bolingbroke 1st 100 points

Well done to everyone who participated and also to our individual certificate winners!

Founder's Day - 22nd February

You may be aware that, in Girlguiding and Scouting, we have a special day on 22nd February called Thinking Day or Founder's Day. On this day all members of Girlguiding and Scouting celebrate to remember our founders and pioneers, Lord Baden-Powell and his wife, Lady Baden-Powell, both of whom were born on 22nd February. On this day we think about our Promise, our Girlguiding and Scouting heritage and our members around the globe, as we both have organisations all over the world. This year, unusually, 22nd February is on a school day and tradition is that all our members wear their uniform on that day, to shout out about Girlguiding and Scouting, and to show the world that both organisations are still very much alive and going strong in the 21st Century!

We would like to invite any children who are members of Girlguiding/Scouting to wear their uniform to school on Thursday 22nd February.

No Screen's Week

From time to time we all need a break from our screens, particularly children. Results from a recent study by Ofcom show that 93% of 5-7-year-olds watch videos online, predominantly using tablets. Those of primary school age make more use of consoles and computers. 22% of children aged 3-4 use consoles for gaming compared to 59% of 5-7-year-olds.

After the success of our last No Screen's Week 2 years ago we have decided hold a second No Screen's Week at Red Oaks. To support us in this we would love for your child to complete a sponsored no screen's day. This means no game consoles, iPads or any other electrical distractions. How about a personal challenge to get involved in non-screen-based entertainment for example; colouring, reading, drawing, playing board games.

You could be sponsored for the day or per hour! How much do you think you will raise? How many hours will you complete? Who can you get to sponsor you?

Attached is a sponsorship form to complete. Sponsorship money will be collected via your class teachers and then will be sent to the office. Please can sponsorship money be in the form of cash. All money will need to be collected by Friday 1st March.

Maths Workshop

We are excited to invite you to a special workshop on the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract (CPA) approach in mathematics, scheduled for Monday 25th March, from 8:50 am to 9:40 am. This workshop aims to enhance your understanding of our teaching methods and how we foster mathematical development.

Following the workshop, we extend an invitation for you to join your child in class for a portion of their math lesson. This hands-on experience will provide valuable insights into the learning environment and strategies used in our classrooms. If you would like to attend, please click the option of ParentPay.

We look forward to your participation and the opportunity to strengthen the home-school partnership.

RSE Materials

Parents are invited into school to view RSE Materials on 26th March. A letter has been sent to all parents recently with the information.

Beginning and End of School Day

A reminder that school starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.00pm. Gates open at 8.25am with the classroom doors opening at 8.30am. We have noticed lots of children coming into school late which has an impact on the class learning time. Nursery starts at 8.30am. This is also apparent at pick-up time - if you think you are going to be late to collect from school, please ring the school to advise them. As a reminder, school finishes at 3.00pm. Teachers and staff often have meetings after school and late pick-ups have an impact on this. Many thanks

Lost Property

The lost property was, once again, overflowing with clothes. Mrs Ponting has cleared through the box and returned any items with names. Please spend some time naming any items that come into school over the half term holiday. The lost property box had various coats, shoes and other uniform. 😞

Library Books

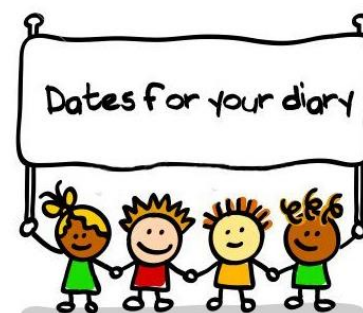
As a result of our visits to the library we have a number of overdue library books that need to be returned urgently. The value is in the hundreds of pounds. Please can you look at home for any books from North Swindon library that may have accidentally left school. Please can you return them to the main office. A list of titles we are looking for are:

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| Spaceboy | The Story of Darth Vader | The last Bear |
| Mr. Stink | The light in everything | William Wenton & the lost city |
| Father Christmas and me | Leading (Alex Ferguson) | Dog Days |
| The Sandman | The best bear in all the world | |
| Papercraft | The 143-storey treehouse | |
| Vardy: from the playground to the pitch | What's that in dog years? | |
| The insiders | Flames of Amazonia | The epic Canadian expedition |
| Wolf of the plains | Code Name Bananas (audiobook) | |
| Last stand of dead men | A street through time | |
| 100 most feared creatures | The beast of Buckingham Palace | |

If you know anyone who left the school last year who may have a copy of one these books, please can you ask them to return it.

Upcoming Dates

- 9th February 2024 - Bags2School
- 9th February 2024 - End of School 3.00pm finish
- 19th February 2024 - TD Day - School Closed
- 20th February 2024 - School reopens
- 23rd February 2024 - Year 6 SATs Meeting
- 27th February 2024 - Parents Evening - Further info to follow



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IT'S MATHS, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT.



Thursday 22nd February 2024

#numberday



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ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL
SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



**10AM-4PM
SATURDAY
2ND MARCH**



TREE PLANTING DAY

ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL
Meet at Diamond Jubilee Park, Addinsell road SN25 2NR

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Come on your own or bring friends/family.
- ✓ Wear sturdy footwear and gloves.
- ✓ Bring a spade if you have one.
- ✓ Bring lunch.

Get involved
Register your interest at
St Andrews Parish Council
Enquiries@standrews-pc.gov.uk
07900 631 733







NO SCREEN TIME

The week commencing 19th February is no screen week. This week is all about outdoor learning and doing things in different ways. This means no whiteboards, computers, ipads all week in school!

How long could you go without electronics at home? This means no game consoles, ipads or any other electrical distractions. How about a personal challenge to get involved in non-screen based entertainment for example; colouring, reading, drawing, playing board games.

Why don't you get you family or family friends to sponsor you in your challenge to last as long as possible during this week. Below is a table with time blocks – can you put your electronics away for long enough to complete a time block?? As a starter we can help as between 9.00am and 3.00pm at school we won't be using electronics at all this week!!

| | 7.00 – 9.00 (2hrs) | 9.00 – 12.00 (3 hrs) | 12.00 – 3.00 (3 hrs) | 3.00 – 6.00 (3 hrs) | 6.00 – 8.00 (2hrs) | Total time per day screen free | Sponsor amount per hour OR day | Total amount raised! |
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| 25 Jan | | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| 26 Jan | | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| 27 Jan | | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| 28 Jan | | 3 | 3 | | | | | |