



**Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**



Dear Parents and carers,

We have enjoyed a number of visitors this week. Today we met Bishop Roger from The Diocese of Chelmsford he shared our Shine celebration with us and described it as inspiring. Dame Priti Patel also came to award a prize to Eliza, the winner of her Christmas card competition!

You may have seen that we have got some emergency lighting (essential for those of whom collect from Sunset club). I have been informed that this will be upgraded this weekend.

**From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December our school hours will return to our 'usual school day'.**

**Year 3 will leave at 3:00 (via the new wooden bridge)**

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**Year 5 will leave at 3:05 (via the new wooden bridge)**

**Year 6 will leave at 3:05 (via the main green gate).**

Any child who leaves via the infant gate will be there at 3:00 as usual and any childminder children will also leave at their allotted time!

We hope that this will reduce the amount of waiting you have to do after school!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

From Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team.

Welcome to Lottie who has joined Sycamore Base.  
A very welcome addition to year six!

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS**

#### IRIS Parentmail



This school communication service will cease on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

#### ParentPay



From 1<sup>st</sup> December we will send school communications via ParentPay as well as Parentmail whilst we transition over to the sole use of ParentPay. Please ensure you have activated your account and are able to log-in.

### **BIKEABILITY - GROUP 3 (YEAR 6)**

A reminder that the final Bikeability course takes place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. A Parentmail was shared to Group 3 families earlier this week.



Congratulations to Hugo and Holly. The very happy winners of our 'Lucky ticket' advent draw. Hugo thanks for your support with this event- you have raised £401 for the JSA!!



Well done to Eliza in Year 4 who has won Dame Priti Patel's Christmas card competition.

### Poppy Appeal 2023

We have been told that the school raised an amazing £199.39 for this years Poppy Appeal.

Well done everyone!



### Polite Parking Reminder

We have received complaints from local residents and parents of our school about some inconsiderate parking. Please remember when parking not to block driveways, not to park on the pavement and to leave enough room for emergency vehicles to access, should the need arise. Please also remember to be courteous to one another, we appreciate the frustrations of parking during the busy drop off and pick up times but please be civil.

Please also remember not to park on the yellow zig zags outside of the school at drop off and collection times. These lines are there for the safety of our children.

Thank you for your support with this.

### BREAK THE RULES DAY

Well done to you all- the JSA have raised **£324** on break the rules day!!

Huge thanks for your ongoing support of the JSA. Every penny is spent supporting all children in school and improving resources and experiences.

## Autumn Term 2023 - dates for your diary:-

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> December: Bikeability Group 3 (Year 6 only)

13<sup>th</sup> December: Whole School Panto (Cinderella)

14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner (pre-booking required - details to follow)

14<sup>th</sup> December: JSA Christmas Disco (Y3-4 3.10-4.10pm & Y5-6 4.30-5.30pm)

18<sup>th</sup> December: JSA Christmas Raffle Draw/Christmas Crafts

20<sup>th</sup> December: Church Christmas Carol Service 11:15am (all welcome)

20<sup>th</sup> December: last day of term 1pm finish

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024: children return to school

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response
All Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Christmas Buffet Lunch <a href="https://forms.gle/7PQB9y3GsPD8U7sx6">https://forms.gle/7PQB9y3GsPD8U7sx6</a></li><li>JSA Christmas Disco</li><li>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - last day of term - 1pm finish</li></ul>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December  Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6	Link to Google form for mobile phones <a href="https://forms.gle/MU3e6bowiZVHrxi5A">https://forms.gle/MU3e6bowiZVHrxi5A</a>	

### Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2024

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

From **6 November 2023**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

Even if a parent already has a sibling at the school, they need to apply if they have a child due to start Reception next September

### Parents with Year 2 Children

#### Year 2- 3 admissions for September 2024

As you are aware, parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application to the Council for a Year 3 place and can do so via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

The junior admission round opened on **6 November 2023**, for parents of children in Year 2 at an infant school to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

From **6 November 2023**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:  
**27<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Isabelle M, Poppy (Y4), Ella,  
 Miss Butcher**

For more artwork please follow:

<https://twitter.com/charliemackesy?lang=en>

"Do you have any wisdom  
 for today?" asked the boy  
 "Yes," said the mole,  
 "What is it?"  
 "Don't put off till tomorrow...  
 the cake you could eat today."

A simple line drawing of a boy in a white shirt and dark pants, a mole wearing a hat, and a fox. They are standing on a path with small circles representing stones or holes.

		
MOST PLAYED		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Elliott G	39,355
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Henry P	16,618
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joshua H	6,790

*If you need to drop off or collect your child outside of the usual school hours, please come to the green rec gate and call the school office. **There is no access for children or visitors through the red car park gate.***





These are the children who have been spotted shining in school this week. We could have chosen so many children- the decisions were hard to make!

Well done for demonstrating our CARE values.

Apple - Mia  
Birch - Diana  
Cherry - Ryan  
Fir - Lewis  
Maple - Thomas  
Oak - Eden  
Rowan - Joseph  
Sycamore - James



Compassion Achievement Respect Enjoyment  
Every child is loved and known. Every child shines.



WELL DONE TO  
GREYSTONES  
HOUSE!

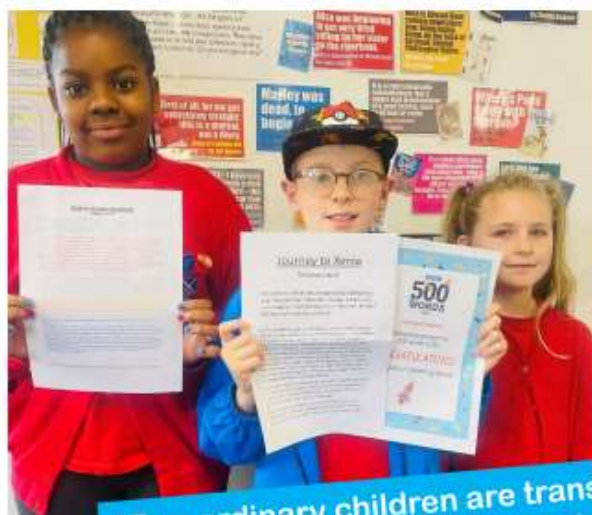
Points for this week!	
Berwicks	261
Greystones	304
Priory	263
Vinehurst	269



Eliza, George and Krystelle have received recognition for their participation in the BBC 500 Words Competition 2023.

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK. This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.



"Two ordinary children are transported to a dangerous land. They will need: their wits, courage, a pure heart and a longing to help the world. Can they save the day? Will they learn who they truly are?"



We have received a lovely email from James' mum (In Sycamore)

Just a quick line to say how proud I was of James last night. I went out and an old lady had fallen and hurt herself quite badly. The ambulance was going to be an hour. James helped me take blankets, pillows and helped me do first aid. Then after her (and her husband who promptly fainted) got taken off in the ambulance, he helped the neighbours take things back to their houses. He was calm and caring and did everything he was told.


Well done James, so lovely to hear that you are a shining example of our CARE values out of school too!



This year St Andrew's School Council have pledged to do things differently. We have joined with Eco Essex, a grass roots organisation founded by a group of mums who wanted to do more for the environment, and are encouraging the whole school community - staff included - to cut the number of Christmas cards sent and therefore save trees.

How can you  
join in?

## School Council Pledge to save trees!

Did you know that for every 3,000 Christmas cards made,  tree is cut down?

Classes have voted on 3 different alternative ways to still send Christmas cards but without the negative impact on our trees.

Christmas Post boxes will still be in class to receive the alternative Christmas cards which will be either:

- Secret Santa - each person in the class will write a Christmas card to one other person
- A Class card - each person makes a single card for display in the classroom that is for the whole of the class
- A single card signed by everyone - each person will make a card for one other person and everyone in the class will sign it
- Scratch ecard - alongside these ideas, the Digital Leaders are working on ideas to send simple e-cards via Scratch

The Google form for ordering the Christmas Buffet Lunch will be closed at 3pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure you have pre-ordered by then. Children who haven't pre-ordered will require a packed lunch - no orders can be accepted after this deadline or taken on the day.

<https://forms.gle/7PQB9y3GsPD8U7sx6>



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School**



❖ **Christmas Buffet Lunch** ❖  
**£2.80**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**



**Roast Turkey in a Roll with Pigs in Blankets  
Veggie Sausage in a Roll with Stuffing (v)**

**Yorkshire Pudding  
Roast Potatoes**

**Chocolate Festive Cake**

**Includes festive tableware & crackers**





# CHRISTMAS DISCO

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

YEARS 3 & 4 3.10PM – 4.10PM

YEARS 5 & 6 4.30PM – 5.30PM

TICKETS £3.50 PER CHILD

CHILDREN CAN BRING MONEY ALONG WITH THEM TO SPEND AT  
THE TREAT STALL (DRINKS/SWEETS)

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS VIA OUR PTA EVENTS BY FRIDAY  
1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/hpsajsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hpsajsa)

PRE-ORDER ONLY – NO ON THE DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE OR  
CASH PURCHASES THROUGH THE OFFICE





# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



**£1.00 PER TICKET ( £5.00 PER RAFFLE BOOK)**

TICKETS & PAYMENT TO BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL BY **FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**. DRAWN ON **MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER**  
PLEASE DO RETURN UNWANTED RAFFLE BOOKS TO THE SCHOOL SO THEY CAN BE SOLD ELSEWHERE – THANK YOU!

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE – £75 CASH PRIZE ( DONATED BY PAUL MASON)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE – LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER ( DONATED BY PAUL MASON)**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE – £50 CASH PRIZE ( DONATED BY FULL CIRCLE COMPLIANCE)**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE – £40 LION INN VOUCHER**

**PLUS, MORE GREAT PRIZES INCLUDING:**

FAMILY TICKET TO WHITE ELM FARM \* PERRYWOODS VOUCHER

£30 CABELLO VOUCHER \* BEACH HUT HIRE

OLIVER 'S NURSERIES GIFT VOUCHER \* POPULAR NURSERY VOUCHER



# A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Charles Dickens, recited by Anthony Roberts (director of Colchester Arts Centre)



Prize Raffle      Bar      Festive Treats



Every penny raised will be donated  
directly to MS-UK,  
an amazing charity for  
those suffering with Multiple Sclerosis,  
as part of Vicky Duerden's  
TCS London Marathon fundraising



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Hatfield Peverel  
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**SUNDAY 3rd  
DECEMBER**

Doors open at 6:30pm  
Performance starts at 7:15pm

Tickets **£8** each  
(pre-book or on the door)

Bookings:  
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vickyduerden@gmail.com

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anyone affected by multiple sclerosis to  
live happier and healthier lives.

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