

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

# NEWSLETTER 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! I do hope that you have all had enjoyable Christmas breaks. As an entire staff team we would like to thank you for your lovely messages, Christmas cards and gifts- all very thoughtful and kind.

The school site was very busy over the break- thanks to Mr Pheifer who oversaw the many contractors.

As a result of these works, we now have two additional learning spaces that will allow phonics and maths interventions to take place.

Please see photos of 'Acorn and Blossom' rooms on page 3!

You may have spotted from HPI playground the swimming pool changing rooms and swimming pool being dismantled. We will be having three new buildings constructed—they will be 'temporary' additional learning spaces - and eventually will be new changing rooms when our pool renovation project is complete! 'Acorn and Blossom' are our 'temporary' temporary spaces- as when the school building project starts we will not be able to use these!

We will also be having gates fitted at the end of the school field, this will facilitate the arrival of contractors who will be installing our new 'hall'.

It is very pleasing to see so many positive changes on site after lots of planning!
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

From Mrs Black and the St'Andrew's team.





A big St. Andrew's welcome to Woody (Y3), Aiden (Y4), Amelia (Y5) and their families. We are sure you will all settle in very quickly.



Let Your Light Shine

....and Good Luck to Mia (Y3) and her family in their new home. We hope Mia settles well into her new school.



Congratulations to Drei and his family on the birth of Lyle - just before Christmas.



## Spring Term 2024 - dates for your diary:-

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January: JSA Spring Meeting (7.30pm Duke of Wellington, all welcome)
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January: Year 3 Multiplication Check Meeting (details to follow)

Thursday 1st February: Year 6 Height & Weight Check

Thursday 1st February: Grandparent's Morning (details to follow)

Friday 16th February: INSET Day

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February: Half Term Break

Tuesday 5th March: Year 6 Visit to Warner Bros Studios (details to follow)

Wednesday 6th March: Year 5 Vikings Day (details to follow)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultation Evenings (One Plan Meetings will take place this week too)

Monday 25th March: Year 5 Easter Performance

Wednesday 27th March: Joint JSA/ISA Easter Eggstravaganza

Thursday 28th March: Easter Service (1.30pm) and last day of term Monday 15th April: children back to school

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response
All Years		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		

# APPLICATION DEADLINE MONDAY 15th JANUARY FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN RECEPTION & YEAR 2

# 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 <a href="www.essex.gov.uk/admissions">www.essex.gov.uk/admissions</a>. 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.

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.



Introducing
'Acorn' and 'Blossom'
our 'short-term'
temporary additional
learning spaces!

These will be used for small group interventions such as: speech and language sessions, emotional support groups, maths and phonics sessions.





Access to the main school building has been blocked off and there is no RAAC in the conservatories- so they were a good unused space to develop.



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthdays between: 8th to 14th January 2024

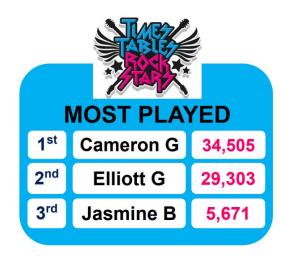
Corey, Alexis, Harry P, Jase

Mrs Boyce

For more artwork please follow:

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





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!

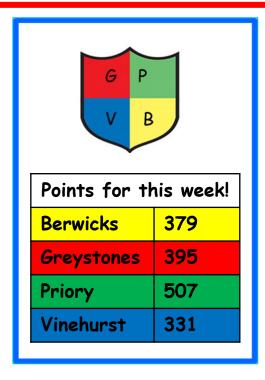
Well done for demonstrating our CARE values.

Apple - Jase
Birch - Ruby-May
Cherry - Grace
Fir - Isla
Maple - Alex
Oak - Jessie
Rowan - Sasha
Sycamore - Jack



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

# WELL DONE TO PRIORY HOUSE!





Elliott and Cameron received their LAMDA exam results just before Christmas. They both did incredibly well with a Merit for Elliott on Level 1, and a Distinction for Cameron on the Introductory level. Their family are very proud of them as it was months of hard work learning lines for the performance. Well done boys, we are proud too!







A great photo of Imogen in Year 5 - her football team 'Witham Town Belles' won their game this week and she was awarded 'player of the match' for her contribution. She was very happy with her award and her family are extremely proud of her!

Super work Imogen – a big well done to you!





Alice A in Birch has achieved all her dancing awards which is a fantastic achievement.

Well done and congratulations Alice!



# Hatfield Peverel Infant & Nursery School and Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



Term and Holiday Dates: Academic Year 2024-25

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= Schooldays = School holidays = Bank holidays = Weekends = Non-pupil Days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term: Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 75 days

Half Term 28 October - 1 November

Spring Term: Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 60 days

Half Term 17 February - 21 February

Summer Term: Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025 60 days

Half Term 26 May - 30 May, and May Bank Holiday - 5 May

195 days

#### Please note:

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

### 08/01/2024

### Dear Parent/Carer

Essex County Council is committed to supporting the national wraparound program as part of the childcare reforms announced in the 2023 spring budget. It is the Government's ambition that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it, will be able to access termtime childcare, in their local area, from 8am-6pm to enable parents to access employment.

As a parent or carer of a child who attends primary school we want to know your requirements for wraparound care and we are asking you to complete this short survey –

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8 X7YzJqZLwjRBQ0e02BCvDZWV2-

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Your answers will help us understand where Essex County Council should target support and/or funding. Participation is completely voluntary, and we really do appreciate your time in doing this. This survey will remain open until 28th of January, 2024.

If you need support with completing this form, or if you have any questions please email- <a href="mailto:wraparound.childcare@essex.gov.uk">wraparound.childcare@essex.gov.uk</a>

Kind regards

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**Essex County Council** 

## THE BIG AMBITION:

Closing date has been extended to Friday 19th January 2024



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

