



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



# NEWSLETTER

## 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by acknowledging the absence of Mrs Black this week. I am sure that the whole school community will join me in sending our love and condolences to Mrs Black and her family. We look forward to welcoming her back when she is ready, but in the meantime our very strong team will keep everything running as usual.

It has been another busy week here at St Andrew's. We were delighted to welcome 120 grandparents to our new site on Thursday. The children loved having them here and we were delighted to hear so many supportive comments. It really was a wonderful event!

If you live locally, you will spot some works on our school field starting this weekend. This is the delivery and construction of our new school hall, which will be built on the field behind the double demountable. In a few weeks time, this will allow us to offer a much wider range of whole school and group activities. We are all very excited to have this additional space.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.  
From Mrs Dutaut and the St. Andrew's team.



A warm St. Andrew's welcome to Rosie (Y5) and her family - we are sure you will soon settle in (and apologies, this welcome should have appeared in last week's Newsletter!).

### SCHOOL OFFICE

Despite the office in the RAAC affected main school building being closed, the temporary school office is still very much open and working as usual. If you have anything to bring to the office, please give us a call. Outside of hours, post can be left in the covered box by the side of the old school building (but please do not leave any cash or anything of value in here).

### MORNING DROP-OFF

A reminder that the rec gate opens at 8:30am and closes promptly at 8:35am. We have noticed an increase in children arriving late to school. To avoid late marks on their attendance records and ensure they are not missing out on vital early morning class-work, please ensure children arrive before the gate closes. Thank you.

Year 3 are in need of old newspapers for their Canopic jar project. If you have any old newspapers that you are able to donate, the Year 3 Team would be very grateful - thank you.

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

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Y3 Egyptian Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February: INSET Day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Half Term Break

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February: Y4 Roman Workshop Visit

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 Visit to Warner Bros Studios

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 Viking Experience Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book 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 25<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 Easter Performance

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Service (1.30pm) parents welcome and last day of term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: children back to school

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response
All Years		
Year 3	Egyptian Day in school 13 <sup>th</sup> February - Letter to Parents	n/a
Year 4	Roman Britain Workshop - Letter to Parents	Payment by Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February please
Year 5	Viking Experience Day - Letter to Parents	Payment by Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February please
Year 6	Warner Bros Studio Tour (the making of Harry Potter) - Letter to Parents	Payment & consent by Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February at the latest please

### GREEN REC GATE INTERCOM

You may have noticed an intercom at the green rec gate - this has been there a while but only became fully operational in the last few days as we were waiting for the consoles in the School Office and Sunshine Clubs to be fitted. You are welcome to use this instead of calling the office or clubs, if you prefer. *You are welcome to continue to phone the school but, can we ask that you please do so when you are either AT the gate or VERY close by. Our aim is always to come out to you as quickly as possible.*

Please use the up ↑ and down ↓ arrows to select either:

1. Reception (the School Office)
2. Sunshine Clubs

and then press the bell button 

**SUNSHINE CLUB PARENTS:** please be aware that you may need to still call on the Club's mobile number as they are often outside with the children (the console to answer is inside in Willow Base), especially in Sunset Club and when the weather starts to get warmer.

### Information for HPSAJS parents who also have a child in HPINS Diamond Class.

On the last day of the Spring term we will be having an Easter service at St Andrew's. This is from 1:30-2:30.

The Diamond class assembly is on the same day but will not be starting until **2:40pm** to allow you to attend both events.



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:  
**29<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Eliza, Cruz, Jack F (Cherry), Joshua W, Noah W**

For more artwork please follow:

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



### MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elliott G	41,066
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cameron G	38,400
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hamzah K	38,064

### Spelling Shed

1 <sup>st</sup>	Isabelle D-S	12,584
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Logan S	6,152
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jasmine B	5,495

*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 - Reggie  
Birch - Jack A  
Cherry - Carter  
Fir - Joshua  
Maple - Luke  
Oak - Archie  
Rowan - Dylan  
Sycamore - Harry



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

WELL DONE TO  
PRIORY HOUSE!



Points for this week!

Berwicks	545
Greystones	482
Priory	611
Vinehurst	445

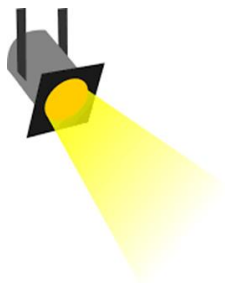


A message from Max's Mum:  
Max has been going from strength to strength with his football, and this weekend he not only won 'Trainer of the Day' meaning he gets to have Lionel the Lion at home this week, but also scored two amazing goals in his match on Sunday with his team the Valley Green Lions and in doing so secured the 'Player of the Match' trophy. We are so proud of how dedicated he is to his favourite sport and his team, and the progress he is making.  
Well done Max!





We received this message from Alexis' family:  
We are very proud of Alexis. He won the best  
rugby player trophy playing for Chelmsford rugby  
club!  
Well done Alexis!

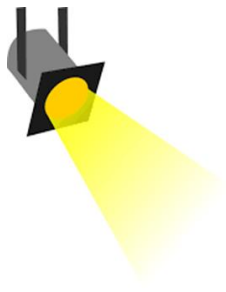


# Spotlight on Grandparent's Morning

We were THRILLED to see so many Grandparents visiting the children in school on Thursday! So much so that space and somewhere to sit proved difficult but we really hope Grandparents enjoyed the chance to see their Grandchildren in school and share some special time looking at their work and classes in action. We thank them all for making the time and effort to come in – we were overwhelmed by how many came.







# Spotlight on Grandparent's Morning







# Spotlight on Pupil Voice - Reading

## Do you enjoy reading?

Majority of children at St Andrew's **love** reading. They find it helpful with their writing as well as being enjoyable! All children love their class novels, which are read daily to the children.

Pupil voice in schools means a whole-school commitment to listening to all children and young people within the school, including listening to views, wishes and experiences.

This week, Mrs O'Connor, our English lead, conducted a pupil voice with children across the school.

## When do you get a chance to read at school?

Every day, lots of times! There is a mixture of silent reading, reading lessons, class novel, reading sections of learning in other curriculum areas at St Andrews.

## Do you think reading is important?

"Yes. It helps you with your spellings."

"Yes! Most of your knowledge comes from reading: you learn new words and you read about new things all the time."

## What does Reading look like at St. Andrew's?

## What makes a good reader?

"A good reader reads with all the voices!"

"They are someone who likes reading a lot!"

"They are fluent and their reading rolls off the tongue!"

## What helps you with reading?

Many things help our young readers. From reading with parents at home, adults in school. Phonics, using overlays, asking friends for help and sometimes pictures.

## How could we improve reading in our school?

"More books please!"

"Could we have a lunchtime book club?"

"I'd like to read to an adult more."

"I'd like to share more books with my friends when I have finished reading them."

## Following this discussion with the children, these are the action points:

- Our new volunteer readers will help more children read to an adult this year.
- Mrs O'Connor's Whole School Reading Amazon Wishlist ([click here if you are able to donate!](https://amzn.eu/dC6o59a))
- Mrs O'Connor will run a lunchtime book club in Acorn once a week from next half term.

Mrs O'Connor's Whole School Reading Amazon Wishlist is here:

<https://amzn.eu/dC6o59a>



February 2024

Headteacher: Mr P Farmer, BA (Hons)

Dear Parent

**Inter Primary Music Competition (Key Stage 1 & 2)**

At Great Baddow High School, we celebrate and foster musical talent and we would like to share our love of music with our future students. We want to provide your son/daughter with the opportunity to perform to a small audience and help bring young musicians together in our local community.

This event will provide a platform for healthy competition between primary aged students and capture the interest of talented musicians within feeder Primary Schools.

How will it work?

Students are to perform their best piece, something they have been learning recently or entered for an exam. We will put the students into the following categories based on their ability compared to the overall cohort of students that attend the event. There will be an award for the Best performance in Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels as well as awards for specific skills – Emotion, Energy, Accuracy.

- Outstanding Beginner Performance
- Outstanding Intermediate Performance
- Outstanding Advanced Performance
- Award for Most Emotional Performance
- Award for Most Energetic Performance
- Award for Most Accurate Performance

We will be awarding students Participation Certificates and Certificates/Trophies for the winners of Categories.

If your child would like to participate, please email [btl@gbhs.co.uk](mailto:btl@gbhs.co.uk) by Friday 1st March 2024. In your email, please could you state:

- The piece your son/daughter will play
- Their instrument
- Any Grade exams they have completed (although not necessary)
- A rough estimate on how many years they have been learning their instrument.
- Give the hyperlink to any YouTube backing tracks or attach backing tracks files. (We will not be providing a pianist for any live accompaniment – we have a piano that can be used however an accompanist should attend to support the student).

We will confirm receipt of your email to acknowledge your son/daughter has been registered.

**On the Day - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March:**

We will begin the day at 09.30 meeting and registering in Primmer Hall, Great Baddow High School, CM2 9RZ.

Please park in the staff car-park and walk round to the front of the school where you will be registered. Parents should remain with their children during this event. We will hear all the students in an order to be decided on the day. The competitive performances will start at 10am.

Once all performances have been heard, we will judge the competition and return our feedback within the Awards ceremony. We will be available afterward to give more detailed feedback on every performance.

Last years competition was completed by 12pm to give you an idea of timings for the day. I anticipate the event to be 2 hours total.

We hope you will agree this is an exciting opportunity for your young musicians; please do sign up and join us on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Kind regards

Mr Nathan Bentley  
(Head of Music)

The Essex Fire Museum have two family open days coming up on:

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities and sit on our fire engines (and squirt water ☺).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could they please email us at: [museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) and tell us the number in their party and the time they would like to arrive (we are open from 10.30am to 4.00pm). This is just because we have to keep the main station informed of numbers throughout the day.

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.



**Essex Fire Museum Open Days**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**(10.30am to 4.00pm)**



**Visits must be pre-booked via:**  
**[museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)**

**Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,  
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS**



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**February 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road,  
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**Venue - Maltings Academy Spinks Lane, Witham CM8 1EP**



**Time 9.00am - 3.30pm**  
**Early Drop Off 8.30am - Late Pick Up 4.30pm**



**Age - For all school aged children from Year R - Year 7**



**Sports - Football, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Cricket**  
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**Early Drop Off £3 - Late Pick Up £5**

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(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**  
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



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## Caring for children with **COUGHS**

This poster contains information about how to look  
after a child who has a cough (not due to asthma).  
For more detail see [www.bristol.ac.uk/child-cough](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/child-cough)



### COUGH

Coughs can last for 3-4 weeks and  
make your child feel quite unwell but  
will still get better by themselves.

'Noisy chests' or 'chesty coughs' are  
quite common when young children  
catch a cold and are not necessarily a  
sign of a 'chest infection'.

Healthy children typically get a cough  
7-10 times a year and this is not a sign  
that there is anything wrong with their  
immune system.

### DISTURBED SLEEP

Coughs will often wake your child in the  
night. When the child lies down, more  
of the mucus from the nose and throat  
runs downwards and your child coughs  
more to clear it.

Coughing is part of the body's defence  
system which helps keep the lungs clear  
and fight the illness. Unfortunately this  
can wake the child in the night but does  
not mean the illness is more severe.

**For children over 1 year**, a spoon of  
honey (perhaps in a warm drink) half  
an hour before bed may help them to  
wake less often.

**For children over 2 years**, vapour rubs  
(containing camphor, menthol and/  
or eucalyptus) may help children  
sleep better.



### FEVER/HIGH TEMPERATURE In children, a temperature of over 37.5°C is considered a fever.

Fever is a normal response to illness  
and does not harm children. It may  
even help to fight illness.

Children with a high temperature  
may be more likely to have a more  
severe illness, although most do not.  
Occasionally a child may have a fit.  
This shouldn't cause harm and treating  
the fever doesn't prevent it.

It is safe to use child paracetamol  
and ibuprofen to manage children's  
fever (and pain) for as long as needed.  
Follow the dosage on the bottle.

### DRINKING/EATING LESS

Children often eat and drink less  
when they have normal childhood  
illnesses. Most children can go a few  
days without eating much and this  
will not affect their longer term growth  
and development.

**All children need to drink regularly  
to avoid becoming dehydrated,  
especially if they are vomiting.**

**To help prevent  
dehydration,  
encourage  
your child to  
have sips  
of water.**

