



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



## NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that tomorrow is an INSET day and school is closed.

I hope that you have all managed to look at the packed timetable of events we have planned for Christmas. This was shared this week by Parentpay.

REMINDER: Please do sign up for the Christmas dinner. Due to the numbers and ordering process they must be ordered in advance. The deadline is **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER!** Many thanks to the JSA for everything they have done in ensuring some magical Christmas events for the children.



Have a lovely long weekend from  
Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team



There have been some edits made to the Attendance Policy due to some changes instigated by the Department for Education.

This is on our Website if you wish to read it.

<https://www.hatfieldpeverelstandrews.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2421&type=pdf>

**A polite reminder that the children should be IN school BY 8:40am each day.**



The St Andrew's tag rugby team represented the school and community with pride once again today, playing in a six-team tournament wonderfully hosted by Witham Rugby Club. The team, fresh off the back of a North Essex semi-final win last term, played extremely well. They beat Beckers Green and local rivals Chipping Hill in the group stages to reach the final. There, they came up against a very fast and talented Silver End, who won the final in dramatic fashion. Each and every player played their hearts out and they really made us proud!

Mr Baker

Thank you to Mrs Spilling (our PE lead) , Mr Baker who took the children and to the parents who were able to help with transport and encouragement!

### School Meal Pre-ordering

- By Midnight tonight for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December
- By Midnight on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December for the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December
- By Midnight on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December for the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Autumn Term 2024 - Diary Dates

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Y3 Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Year 4 Christmas Production 9.30am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: whole school Panto 1pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: JSA Disco: Years 3&4 3.10pm-4.10pm Years 5&6 4.15pm-5.15pm

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025: children return to school

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025: closing date for Year 2 to 3 applications

**Our 'no coat, no play' policy is back.** Even if your child does not want to wear a coat to school- please bring it regardless! They will wear it at break and lunch. We do a few 'spare' coats that children can wear if they forget their own!.

### **'Attendance Matters'**

**Attendance for each year group this week.**

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
96%=	96%=	92% -	94% =

Key

= remains the same as last week/ - worse than last week/ + better than last week

**Communication regarding attendance concerns and requests for leave of absence will now be shared electronically via email wherever possible.  
This is in line with ECC directives.**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Trip or Event</b>	<b>Deadline for response</b>
All Years		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6	June 2025 Residential Trip Letter to Parents	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October



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 - Leo**  
**Birch - Ted H**  
**Cherry - Olivia**  
**Fir - Dylan**  
**Maple - Jack**  
**Oak - Amelia**  
**Rowan - Louis**  
**Sycamore - Remi**



**Compassion Achievement Respect**  
**Enjoyment**

Every child is loved and known.

Every child shines.



# SPOTLIGHT ON: *Year 5*

Year 5 had a fantastic time last week investigating, designing, building and creating Moon Buggies as part of their DT unit on Structures. It also linked beautifully with their Science: Earth and Space unit.

We were very lucky to have a STEM Ambassador David Collins (who also works for Ford) support us with our build. He shared with the children his experiences with engineering vehicles and helped them look at different space rover designs.

The children built wooden frames which involved lots of maths skills like measurement and different types of triangles. After that, they used various materials to create different parts of a space rover e.g. cupcake cases for satellite dishes, paper straws for aerials and tin foil for solar panels!

On Friday afternoon, the children had the opportunity to race their Moon Buggies in the hall - it was so much fun! Mr Collins also judged a few competitions and children were awarded with certificates.

This was such an enriching experience for Year 5 and we are sure they all went home buzzing about their experiences. Huge thank you to Mr Collins for his support, advice and encouragement and to the parents who also came in to help.

Please visit the school website for more photos!



## Important information for families with children in Year 2

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 **4 November 2024**, for parents of children in Year 2 at an infant school to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

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

### PE DAYS AUTUMN TERM 2024

(children to wear PE kit on PE days)

Red PE top, black shorts/ joggers, red sweatshirt or jumper (no black tops please) and trainers.

Year 3	Monday Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday Thursday
Year 5	Monday Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday Friday



Congratulations to the children below who have made it onto the TTRS leader board for this week!



### Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ethan S	2,924
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leo D	2,576
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ivy D-S	2,280



### Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cameron G	35,695
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Theodore J	34,472
3 <sup>rd</sup>	James S	3,926



### Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elliott G	23,440
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isla W	12,548
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank C	8,055



### Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Henry W	12,140
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jelienaa J	7,817
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Imogen L	4,950



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:  
**25<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Isabelle M (Fir), Poppy C (Oak), Ella G (Maple), Lewis A (Rowan),  
Woody J-B (Fir), Lola R (Apple)**

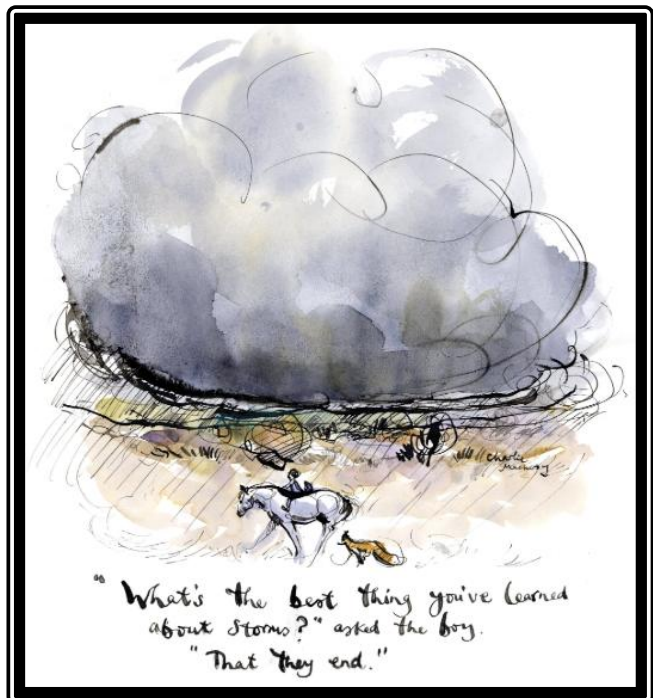
**Miss Butcher, Mrs Ehm,**



**Winner of House  
Points for this  
week.**

<b>Berwicks</b>	<b>456</b>
<b>Greystones</b>	<b>572</b>
<b>Priory</b>	<b>608</b>
<b>Vinehurst</b>	<b>648</b>

Well done to  
**PRIORY** for  
earning the  
most house  
points this  
week.



If you want to see more  
from Charlie Mackesy  
please follow  
<https://www.charliemackesy.com/>

**AUTUMN/WINTER TERM 2024 - SCHOOL MEAL MENUS (weeks 1 & 2)**

**NEW MENUS**

Please ensure you have **PRE-ORDERED** via ParentPay

*eg. Please order by midnight tonight (28<sup>th</sup> Nov) for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December and by midnight on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December for the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December*

Thank you for helping to support our school by choosing a school meal for your child/ren.



**Week ONE Menu**  
Weeks beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 16<sup>th</sup> December



**AUTUMN/WINTER 2024/25 - LUNCH MENU**  
Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pasta Neapolitan with Cheese (v)	Homemade Chicken Pie or Roasted Vegetable Crumble (ve)	Chili Con Carne or Vegetable/Lentil Chili Con Carne (ve)	Roast Gammon or Roasted Herby Quorn Fillet (ve)	Chicken Nuggets or Crispy Vegetable Dippers (ve)
Garlic Bread (v) Broccoli (ve)	Mash Potatoes (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (ve)	White & Wholemeal Rice (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)	Roasted New Potatoes (v) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Mixed Vegetables (v) Gravy (ve)	Chips (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Peas (ve)
Smoothie (ve)	Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)	Oat Cookie (ve)	Syrup Sponge (v)	Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)

Thank you for supporting us by having a school meal. Please be assured for your peace of mind - all allergens are catered for.



**Week TWO Menu**  
Weeks beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December



**AUTUMN/WINTER 2024/25 - LUNCH MENU**  
Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausage Roll or Sausage Twist (ve)	Butter Chicken Curry or Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry (ve)	Mince Beef Bolognese or Vegetable/Lentil Bolognese (ve)	Roast Gammon or Roasted Quorn Fillet (ve)	Fish Fillet or Fishless Finger (ve)
Wedges (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Peas (ve)	Rice (ve) Cauliflower/Broccoli (ve)	Spaghetti Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (ve)	Chips (ve) Peas (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)
Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)	Marble Cake (v)	Ginger Biscuit (ve)	Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)	Ice Cream (v)

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**AUTUMN/WINTER TERM 2024 - SCHOOL MEAL MENUS (week 3)**  
**NEW MENUS**

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**Meals are £2.55 daily**

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jacket Potato (ve) with Cheese (v) Beans (ve) Tuna Mayo	Crispy Dippers (ve) with Sweet & Sour or BBQ Sauce	Sausage Toad in the Hole	Roast Chicken	Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Pepper/Sweetcorn Salad (ve)	or	or	or	or
	Vegetable Curry (ve)	Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole (v)	Roasted Vegetable Crumble (v)	Fluffy Cheese Omelette (v)
	Rice (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Mash (ve) Peas (ve) Gravy (ve)	Roasted New Potatoes (ve) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Gravy (ve)	Chips (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)
Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)	Sponge with Toffee Sauce (v)	Biscuit (ve)	Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)	Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)

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**Meals can be pre-ordered to Christmas and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.**



# Christmas Dinner £3

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*Christmas meals must be pre-ordered by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December via ParentPay*

*No late meals will be permitted and children CANNOT order in class on the day*

**Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets**

or

**Roasted Quorn Fillet (v/ve)**

**Roast Potatoes (v/ve)**

**Yorkshire Pudding**

**Stuffing Ball (v/ve)**

**Gravy**

**Christmas Chocolate Arctic Log**

**Cracker**





We had this lovely message from Alexis's family:

*Just wanted to share a photo of Alexis winning a trophy last Sunday playing rugby with Westcliff team. It was a super windy day but our Chelmsford team was the best! We are so proud of all Alexis's efforts and achievements! Well done our rugby champion! Love you lots!*

This is a fabulous achievement (and a huge trophy!). Great job Alexis!





Max and Leo D are planning to hold a charity yard sale at the weekend to help raise money for MS-UK (this is part of Mum's fundraising efforts for the London Marathon – her deferred entry following a leg fracture last year!).

Max designed this poster to encourage support!

Well done boys – we look forward to hearing how much your hard work raised!



[2025tcslondonmarathon.enthouse.com/pf/vicky-duerden](https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthouse.com/pf/vicky-duerden)



Supporting those affected by Multiple Sclerosis in aid of MS-UK

PLEASE READ MY STORY  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



TCS London Marathon 2025

Max and Leo Duerden (Oak & Birch) are hosting a charity yard sale. They have worked really hard, please come along to support them if you can!

GET YOUR PARTY FEET READY FOR THE 2024 JUNIOR SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS DISCO



**DECEMBER 13TH**

**YEARS 3 + 4: 3.10PM - 4.10PM**

**YEARS 5 + 6: 4.15PM - 5.15PM**

**CHILDREN CAN BRING SPENDING MONEY FOR SWEETS AND TREATS!**

**DJ MARTYYY WILL BRING THE PARTYYY!**

**PURCHASE YOUR CHILD'S TICKETS AT PTA EVENTS BY 11TH DECEMBER**

**[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK)**

**PRE-ORDER ONLY - NO TICKET SALES ON THE DAY**



# Science



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At St. Andrew's, we believe that linking areas of learning through our broad and balanced curriculum, makes the experience a lot more fun and meaningful for the children.

In Year 3, for example, the children dive into the world of 'Plants' in their Science lessons, and also work on writing explanation texts. This link helps them understand plants better while expressing their ideas creatively in writing.

In Year 4, the children get hands-on with micro:bits in Computing. They record and compare light, sound, and temperature around the school, which ties in nicely with their topics on 'Sound' and 'Light'. It's amazing for them to see how technology can connect with what they're learning!

Year 5 have a blast with their 'Earth and Space' topic in Science. They build moon buggies in Design Technology (DT) lessons, with support from a STEM ambassador. This project brings together creativity and science in an exciting way.

And in Year 6, the children discover how to classify living things in their Science lessons. They take that skill and apply it to the animals in 'Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them' during their English unit on non-chronological reports. It's a fun and creative crossover!

## Competition Time

In the past, the 'zoom in, zoom out!' challenge has been very popular with the children so I have put a new one on Google Classroom. For those of you who are not familiar with this challenge, the children will see an object from very close up. They need to guess what they think the object may be. There is also a clue in the title. Can you guess all six? Good luck! If you haven't got access to the St Andrew's Google Classroom, add yourself using this class code: qdtklq



Mrs Spilling





# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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

TICKETS & PAYMENT TO BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL  
BY TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
DRAWN ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE – £150 CASH PRIZE ( DONATED BY WE ARE FRED)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE – JIMMY 'S FARM FAMILY DAY PASS**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE – 4 AUDLEY END TICKETS**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE – LUXURY FODD HAMPER ( DONATED BY PAUL MASON)**

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

PLUS, MORE GREAT PRIZES INCLUDING:

CITY BOWL VOUCHER \* POPLAR NURSERY VOUCHER

CIRCLES & SQUARES PIZZA VOUCHER \* BOOKS \* AIR HOP VOUCHER

WICKS MANOR VOUCHER \* FUSION INFLATABLES SESSION \* WINE

PLEASE DO RETURN UNWANTED RAFFLE BOOKS TO THE SCHOOL SO THEY CAN BE SOLD ELSEWHERE – THANK YOU!



Essex Library Service



# Winter Reading Challenge

## The Dragons' Adventure!

Arriving in your local library this January!

Children across Essex are being challenged to complete 6 challenges (from a choice of 12) to help some mischievous Dragons make their way home!



For every challenge you'll get a sticker and if you complete 6 you will receive a certificate and a pencil prize. You'll also be able to enter our prize draw for the chance to win some wonderful prizes such as tablets, book tokens, and arts and crafts packs!

Thursday  
2 January  
to Saturday  
22 February

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: [libraries.essex.gov.uk](https://libraries.essex.gov.uk)



Find out more about the WRC on our website:

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge>

Promotional video: <https://youtu.be/yyZ9VMnzuLc>

## Christmas Balloon Race £3 a balloon!



Design your balloon  
and join the fun...

Win prizes, raise  
money and get in the  
festive spirit!

Track your balloon,  
launches 12pm  
25th December



**Ormiston  
Families**  
Brighter futures



## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Please support  
Helen Rollason Cancer  
Charity! In exchange for a  
small donation we will  
take all the hassle out of  
disposing of your  
Christmas Tree!



[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

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Essex

# ACTIVate

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food  
across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

## WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

[www.activeessex.org](http://www.activeessex.org)



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