

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

7th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,



We are nearly at the end of this half term and the ten longest weeks have past!
Sometimes the more blue skies we see the easier life feels.

I **finally** have some news regarding the new school buildings. The government's spending review has been completed and the new temporary building has been approved.

I have a meeting next week with wider contractor team regarding timelines and the 'programming' of changes to site. Please be reassured that I am **always** advocating for the best options for the whole school community.

We have also been informed that the School Rebuild Project (SRP) is also 'picking up speed' again; with completion of the 'feasibility' stage. This is likely to see the start of the 'Planning and Procurement' phase beginning. My priorities will be: ensuring the least disruption to the children, maintaining whole-school community well-being and advocating for the best design and use of space allowed.

It is still not the right time for me to purchase a jazzy hard-hat, but I think I can start looking!!

When I shared the news about the temporary school being authorised, and what it will include, the children were so excited. It was lovely to hear their cheer at the prospect of running water in their classrooms once more! They will have developed an appreciation for things- a good life-lesson for everyone!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend from
Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team

JSA Bend the Rules
Day
Friday 14th February

School Meal Pre-ordering

- By Midnight on Thursday 13th February for the week beginning 3rd March 2025



BEND THE RULES DAY

50p
per rule
broken

ON THIS DAY ONLY YOU
CAN.....

1. WEAR NAIL VARNISH
2. BE KNOWN BY A DIFFERENT NAME ALL DAY
3. WEAR CRAZY SOCKS OR TIGHTS
4. HAVE DESSERT BEFORE MAIN
5. HAVE SQUASH INSTEAD OF WATER IN YOUR DRINKS BOTTLE
6. BRING IN A CUDDLY TOY
7. HAVE CRAZY/COLOURFUL HAIR
8. BRING IN A SNACK (CAN BE CHOCOLATE BUT NO NUTS)

Here's how it works:

When?
FRIDAY
14th
FEBRUARY

HAVE FUN!

It costs 50p per rule broken. Bend as many of the above rules as you like, just bring in your money in an envelope with your name and rules that you are breaking on the front!

All funds go to the JSA & INSA to help raise funds for your schools.

Spring Term 2025 - Diary Dates

Monday 10th February: Year 3 Egyptian Day
Tuesday 11th February: Year 3 Dental Pilot Visit
Wednesday 12th February: Year 5 Road Safety Visit
Friday 14th February: JSA Bend the Rules Day
Thursday 27th February: Year 4 Roman Day (details to follow)
Friday 7th March: World Book Day (details to follow)
Wednesday 12th March: Year 6 to Harry Potter -Warner Bros Studios (details to follow)
Thursday 13th March: Year 5 Viking Day (details to follow)
Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March: Parent Consultation Evenings
Friday 28th March: JSA Mother's Day Gift Shop
Monday 31st March: Year 5 Easter Performance **2pm** (details to follow)
Tuesday 1st April: Year 5 Easter Performance 9.15am (details to follow)
Friday 4th April: Easter Church Service 11am **Finish at 1pm** (details to follow)

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 have a few 'spare' coats that children can wear if they forget their own!.

'Attendance Matters'

Attendance for each year group this week.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96%	95%	94%	94%

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.

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response
All Years		
Year 3	Egyptian Day Letter Dental Pilot Scheme - Parental Consent Forms shared (all to complete whether consent granted or not please)	Friday 31st January 2025
Year 4		
Year 5	Letter from KEGS re upcoming prospective student tours (boys only)	
Year 6		

SPOTLIGHT ON:

PE Spotlight



This week, forty-six children from St. Andrew's, spanning Year 3 to Year 6, participated in a cross country event at Witham Rugby Club.

Our Year 3 and 4 children completed a distance of 1,000 metres, while the Year 5 and 6 pupils ran a challenging distance of 1,500 metres. Despite some initial nerves, I am proud to report that each child exhibited remarkable determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Their enthusiasm and support for one another, as well as for children from other schools, were commendable.

I am delighted to announce that our Year 3 girls' team and Year 4, 5 and 6 boys' and girls' teams successfully progressed to level 2 of the competition, which will take place at **Braintree Recreation Ground on Tuesday, 11th March**. This is a fantastic achievement for our school, and we are looking forward to seeing how our teams perform at the next level. (Watch out for a parent mail regarding plans!)

Furthermore, I would like to extend my congratulations to the following pupils who finished in the top four (out of all schools taking part) of their respective categories: Everly L (Yr3) Hazel S (Yr4), Remi W (Yr 6), Henry F (Yr6) Sienna (Yr 6) and Eleanor E (Yr6). Their hard work and dedication are truly commendable, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

It was also heartening to see an ex-pupil, Jake C, (brother of Luke) who now attends Maltings Academy, lending a helping hand to our children as they navigated the course. This exemplifies the community spirit we foster at St. Andrew's.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the parents who supported us by transporting the children to the event and showing such enthusiastic encouragement on the day.

Mrs Spilling (PE lead)



Freddie!

On Thursday afternoon, Year 5 and 6 helped Freddie celebrated the end of one of his chemotherapy treatments with a party in the hall! There was lots of cheering and clapping with cake and sweets galore!

We are so amazed with how Freddie has continued to shine through everything he has been through. He is a huge asset to Maple base and Mrs Briggs and the whole staff team couldn't be prouder of him. We know there is still a journey ahead but we are sure Freddie will smash every step, let his light shine and continue to kick cancer's butt.

On Saturday night, there is a huge fundraiser for Freddie as family friends raise money to give him a treat and to help Freddie start his own charity for other poorly children. If you would like to donate, please use this link [here](#).





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 - Ellie
Birch - Clara
Cherry - Teddy E
Fir - Hazel
Maple - Albert
Oak - Millie
Rowan - Alma
Sycamore - Seb



Compassion Achievement Respect
Enjoyment

Every child is loved and known.

Every child shines.

SPOTLIGHT ON:



Year 4

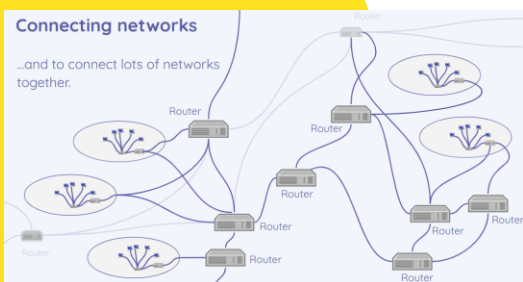


In Year 4, we have been studying the Romans and their invasion and conquest of large areas of Britain. We have identified some key events and made our own timelines, as well as why the Romans invaded Britain in the first place!

Our English focus this last two weeks has been on balanced arguments, with our topic of discussion being **'Do you think the Celtic Nobles in Britain should have accepted Roman Control peacefully?'**. Both classes have collaborated to come up with 'for' and 'against' arguments on whether Boudicca was right to rebel against the Romans, or whether the Iceni tribe should have become a client kingdom. Both classes have come up with some wonderful arguments!

In Computing, we have been understanding how the internet works and how it is a network or networks. We have physically sent information to each other, with children acting as both switches and routers to show how information passes from one device to another.

We have had an excellent half term learning some truly incredible things!



Mr Baker, Miss Bonich and Mrs Maginn

For	Against





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



Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Arthur S	11,968
2 nd	Fraser M	1,630
3 rd	James B	1,240



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Logan S	112,952
2 nd	Cameron G	68,611
3 rd	Matthew J	53,823



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Isla W	58,750
2 nd	Delilah P	35,470
3 rd	Alexis W	17,904



Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Jelienaa J	58,982
2 nd	Thomas R	15,120
3 rd	Henry P	11,223



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:
3rd to 9th February 2025

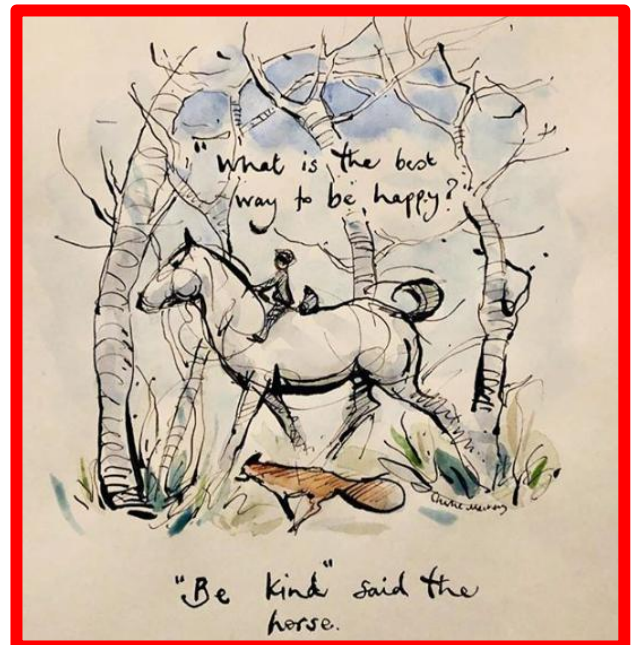
Minaya D (Sycamore), Thomas R (Rowan),

Miss McGowan,



Winner of House
Points for this week
is
VINEHURST

Berwicks	466
Greystones	553
Priory	519
Vinehurst	569



If you want to see more from Charlie Mackesy please follow
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Spelling Shed 

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Daisy G

Ernie L

Max D

Lucas B



AUTUMN/WINTER TERM 2024/25 - SCHOOL MEAL MENUS (weeks 1 & 2)

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

Please order by midnight on Thursday 13th February for the week beginning 3rd March

Meals are £2.55 daily

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



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)

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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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Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza	Crispy Dippers (ve) with Sweet & Sour or BBQ Sauce	Sausage Toad in the Hole	Roast Chicken	Omega 3 Fish Fingers
or	or	or	or	or
Cheese Pizza (v)	Vegetable Curry (ve)	Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole (v)	Roasted Vegetable Crumble (v)	Fluffy Cheese Omelette (v)
Herby Diced Seasoned Potatoes (ve) Peas & Sweetcorn (ve)	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 up to and including the week beginning 10th March and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.



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