

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

28th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many children so positively engaged in their learning this week. Roman day was a fantastic opportunity for the children in year four to be fully immersed in life with a Roman Soldier.

Unfortunately NEWSROUND had to postpone their visit- but they are planning on returning next Thursday. The presenter Ricky will be joining us in Collective Worship!

Thank you so much for the tweaks made to time-keeping in the mornings. Today 90% of the school were on site by 8:35am. It makes such a difference to the smooth start and our ability to support all children as best we can when they are in on time.

I do understand that parking, the A12 and rainy days can be tricky; but this week has been a great start!



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



YEAR 6 FAMILIES – MANOR ADVENTURE RESIDENTIAL TRIP

A reminder that the fifth instalment of £55 is due today, Friday 28th February. Once this payment has been made, the final balance remaining for each child (PPG children aside) should stand at £55 which is due for payment at the end of March. To ensure the school is best placed financially to meet the large costs involved with the trip, can we please ask families to bring their accounts up to date if you haven't already done so. Thank you to those families who are up to date and/or fully paid for the trip. If you are experiencing difficulties, please speak to Mrs Black, in confidence, without delay.

DONATIONS OF TROUSERS/JOGGERS

We have plenty of spare tops/jumpers/cardigans in the office, but find we have no trousers or jogging bottoms to use as spares in the event of tumbles/accidents etc. If you have any spare and are willing to donate these to school, please hand them to the school office. All ages from 7 to 11 please.

THANK YOU

Request for Magazines

We are in need of high quality glossy magazines for use in PSHE lessons. If you have any unwanted, age appropriate, magazines (homes/gardens/ fashion/ culture/ holidays etc.) we would be very grateful if you could drop them into the office.

Thank you

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 5th March – for week beginning 10th March

If you have any queries, please do contact the school office.

Spring Term 2025 - Diary Dates

Friday 7th March: World Book Day

Wednesday 12th March: Year 6 to Harry Potter -Warner Bros Studios

Thursday 13th March: Year 5 Viking Day

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

Tuesday 1st April: Year 5 Easter Performance 9.15am

Friday 4th April: Easter Church Service 11am **Finish at 1pm** (details to follow)

Notes for Summer Term

Week beginning 12th May: Year 6 SATS

Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th June: Year 6 Residential Trip (Manor Adventure)

Week beginning 23rd June: Year 6-7 Transition Week

Wednesday 2nd July: Maltings Year 5 Taster Day (await further info from Maltings)

Thursday 3rd July: GBHS Year 5 Taster Day (await further info from GBHS)

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%	92%	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	World Book Day - Friday 7 th March	
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5	Letter to Parents re: Vikings Day	Payment by Friday 28 th February please
	Letter to Parents re: Easter Assemblies	Please complete the 'ticket' request on ParentPay
Year 6	Letter to Parents re: Harry Potter trip	Consent and payment by Friday 28 th February please



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 - Vaksleena
Birch - James
Cherry - Erin
Fir - Livia
Maple - Casey
Oak - Isla
Rowan - Isla
Sycamore - Lakshaya



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Enjoyment
Every child is loved and known.
Every child shines.

PHONICS



"A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success."
OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

At St. Andrew's we believe that ALL children should be fluent and competent readers. We see reading as an essential life skill, that permeates all areas of learning.

Being a confident reader goes hand-in-hand with being a competent writer and speller. The Independent Review of Early Reading confirmed that 'high quality phonic work' should be the prime means for teaching children how to become fluent, prosodic and confident readers. For those children who are not age-appropriate fluent readers and spellers and still need Phonics, at St. Andrew's we use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised - a complete Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme (SSP) - which teaches children to recognise letters (graphemes) and their associated sounds (phonemes).

The programme was specifically chosen to follow-on from the phonics provision at the Infant School. This keeps consistency and preserves fidelity to the Little Wandle scheme. It ensures that children build on their growing knowledge of the alphabetic code, mastering phonics to read and spell as they move into and through Key Stage Two.



CURRICULUM

CORNER

Mrs A Smith



SPOTLIGHT ON:

Astronomy Club



Before the Christmas break, we were fortunate to hold a successful astronomy club at St. Andrew's. Due to its popularity, we arranged for the club to continue after the Christmas holidays.

This initiative has been led by Brian and Cheryl, dedicated volunteers from The North Essex Astronomy Society. Each week, they have captivated our students with fascinating insights into the solar system, covering topics such as the Sun, the Moon, constellations, meteors, and meteorites. The children have participated in engaging practical activities, including the unique experience of holding various space rocks and a small meteorite. Additionally, some children were thrilled to have the opportunity to observe the Moon through a telescope.

The enthusiasm from our pupils has been remarkable, as they have posed insightful questions about our universe. Brian and Cheryl have responded with expertise, ensuring that the children not only learn but are inspired by the wonders of astronomy.

I would also like to draw your attention to the regular stargazing events hosted by The North Essex Astronomy Society at Great Notley. These events offer a fantastic opportunity for families to observe the Moon, visible planets, and other celestial objects using telescopes. The society's knowledgeable volunteers are on hand to teach you about constellations and to answer any questions regarding astronomy or telescopes.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Brian and Cheryl for their generous commitment of time and expertise over the past ten weeks. Their passion for astronomy has undoubtedly inspired some of our children here at St. Andrew's.

Mrs Spilling (Science Lead)





Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:
24th February to 2nd March 2025

Livia L (Fir), Arthur C (Oak), Jack M (Fir), Lenny S (Maple),

Mrs Morris, Mrs Spilling,



**Winner of House
 Points for this week
 is
 VINEHURST**

Berwicks	414
Greystones	410
Priory	395
Vinehurst	470



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

Spelling Shed 

Lucas B	Year 6
Max D	Year 5
Sophie W	Year 4
Everly L	Year 3





Minaya's family wanted to take a moment to share some wonderful news. During the February half-term, Minaya participated in the Stratford and East London Music Festival in both the Piano and Instrumental sections. For the instrumental category, she played the lever harp.

They are incredibly proud to share her achievements:

Instrumental:

Class 482 – Harp Solo (11 years and under): 1st Place with a Medal, 88 marks (Honours)

Class 419 – Instrumental Solo (Grade 3 and 4): Honours award with 86 marks

Class 416 – Instrumental Challenge (11 years and under): Honours award with 85 marks

Piano:

Class 319 – Piano Solo (13 years and under): Honours award with 85 marks

They are so proud of Minaya's dedication and hard work.

Congratulations Minaya, this is a deserved reward and it is lovely to share your wonderful achievements.





SUPER HETTIE!

Hettie's family are so proud of her for sky diving in the half term break.

Hettie overcame her anxiety and was super brave to sky dive in front of a huge crowd in London.

This is amazing Hettie – sounds like a lot of fun, well done to you for being so brave!



AUTUMN/WINTER TERM 2024/25 - SCHOOL MEAL MENUS
Please ensure you have PRE-ORDERED via ParentPay

Please order by midnight on WEDNESDAY 5th March for the week beginning 10th 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
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)

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

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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SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2025 - SCHOOL MEAL MENUS (weeks 1 & 2)

Please ensure you have PRE-ORDERED via ParentPay

Meals are £2.55 daily

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Week One Menu

Week beginning 17th March



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza	Cottage Pie with Mixed Vegetables	Tomato Pasta Bake (ve)	Roast Chicken Breast	Fish Fingers
or	or		or	or
Cheese Pizza (v)	Quorn Cottage Pie with Mixed Vegetables (v)	Chunky Crusty Bread (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Quorn Fillet (ve)	Vegetable Fingers (ve)
Herby Diced Seasoned Potatoes (v) Peas & Sweetcorn (ve)	Mash (ve) Savoy Cabbage (v) Gravy (ve)		Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Stuffing (ve) Carrots & Green Beans (ve) Gravy (ve)	Chunky Chips (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Peas (ve)
Fruit Selection (ve) or Yoghurt Selection (v)	Angel Delight (v)	Fruit Cocktail & Sliced Peaches (ve)	Smoothies (ve)	Carrot Cake (v)

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Week Two Menu

Week beginning 24th March



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Sausages	Beef Meat Balls	Pasta Spirals with Bechamel Sauce (v)	All Day Breakfast With Sausage & Bacon	Bubble Fish
or	or		or	or
Quorn Sausages (ve)	Plant Based Balls (ve)		Quorn Sausages (ve)	Quorn Nuggets (ve)
Mash (ve) Baked Beans & Peas (ve) Gravy (ve)	Rustic Tomato Sauce (ve) Spaghetti (ve) Cheese (v)	Grated Cheese (v) Garlic Bread (v) Sweetcorn (ve)	Hash Brown (v) Baked Beans (ve) Scrambled Egg (v) Mushrooms (ve) Tomatoes (ve)	Potato Wedges (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Peas (ve)
Frozen Yoghurts (v)	Chocolate Cake (v)	Apple, Banana, Satsuma (ve) or Yoghurt (v)	Fruit Cocktail & Sliced Peaches (ve)	Ice Cream (v) & Chocolate Sauce (ve)

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SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2025 - SCHOOL MEAL MENUS (week 3)

Please ensure you have PRE-ORDERED via ParentPay

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Week Three Menu

Week beginning 31st March



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

MONDAY

Pasta
Rustic Tomato Sauce (ve)

or

Macaroni Cheese (v)

Chunky Crusty Bread (ve)
Seasonal Vegetables (ve)

Ice Cream Pots (v)

TUESDAY

Hearty Beef Bolognese

or

Hearty Quorn Bolognese
(v)

Spaghetti (ve)
Garlic Bread (v)
Cheese (v)

Jam & Coconut Sponge (v)

WEDNESDAY

Chicken & Sweet Potato
Korma Curry

or

Sweet Potato & Vegetable
Korma Quorn Chunks (ve)

Rice (ve)
Broccoli (ve)
Naan Bread (ve)

Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)

THURSDAY

Roast Turkey

or

Quorn Fillets (ve)

Roast Potatoes (ve)
Yorkshire Puddings (v)
Seasonal Vegetables (ve)
Gravy (ve)

Cookies (ve)

FRIDAY

Harry Ramsden Fish

or

Vegetable Fingers (ve)

Herby Diced Seasoned
Potatoes (v)
Mini Corn on the Cob (ve)

Arctic Roll (v)

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Headteacher: Mrs. R. Black, B.Ed (Hons)

12th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day 7th March 2025

This World Book Day, we're excited to support children to 'Read Your Way' - encouraging everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations and empowering children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. We're encouraging children to 'Read Your Way' by wearing pyjamas and bringing in their favourite bedtime story this year and one they can talk about with ease. As always, we would like you to use what you just have at home and be as little in cost as possible. Our key focus this year is on **recommendations**. Hopefully all children will come home with some new books in their minds for visiting the local library or bookshop next.

Like each year, we would like to run a book swap for all children. Please encourage your child to bring a **good quality** book/s they are happy to swap.

New this year is an introduction of a story writing competition. For those who wish to take part, their story can be of their own choosing but must be no longer than 500 words. Please submit via email to year3@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk by **Monday 3rd March** for judging. A winner from each year group will be selected for a prize of hot chocolate and time to share their stories with Mrs Black and their stories will be published in the newsletter for everyone to read.

World Book Day books vouchers will also be sent out during the week. These can be redeemed for free with the £1 / £1.50 book token at a range of bookshops, supermarkets and retailers. Find your local shop [here](#).

Reading is so crucial to your child's education so please do continue to read at home with them during the week (as always) and record in their reading diaries. We are so looking forward to celebrating the love and power of reading with the children.

Please note that both HPSAJS and HPINS are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March.

Kind Regards,
Miss O'Connor
English Lead



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WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Sharing stories together

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to **spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story**. There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin. Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:



- **I wonder...**
Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustration.
- **Bring the book to life...**
Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!
- **That reminds me of...**
Make personal connections.
- **What have you seen there?**
Follow their interests.
- **That's made me feel...**
Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you.
- **Oo look at that!**
Let them know what you have noticed.
- **Again, again...**
Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children – and a chance to spot things that you didn't see first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.

This guide is based on the work of The Open University. For further tips and advice on how to enjoy sharing and reading stories together, visit their website [here](#) for helpful videos and resources.



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#WorldBookDay

St Andrew's Herdy's Every Flavour Beans



As part of celebrating World Book Day, the JSA will be selling St Andrew's very own **Herdy's Every Flavour Beans!**

There will be five Herdy's Every Flavour Bean Pots that include Golden 'Winner' stars! The lucky winners will receive an Amazon Voucher Prize.

Herdy's Every Flavour Beans can be purchased via the JSA's PTA Events Website, the Herdy's Every Flavour Bean Pots will then be given out on in school on Friday 7th March and the lucky winners will be presented with their prize in the Shine Assembly on that day.

Herdy's Every Flavour Beans are **£2.00** each and need to be purchased **by Friday 28th February**

www.pta-events.co.uk/hpsajsa

For anyone with an allergy or dietary requirement, please advise the JSA of this when ordering and an alternative Herdy Treat will be given along with the beans so they can enjoy a treat along with the chance of finding a winning pot!



Please note that the beans sold are a 'Jelly Beans Factory' pot and all original packaging will be included so that ingredients and allergens can be seen.



JUNIOR SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP

Dear Parents and Carers

The JSA will be organising a stall of Mother's Day Gifts so the children can buy a gift for their Mum or another special lady.

There will be a selection of different gifts so the children will have a choice of which to buy.

All gifts will cost £3.50 each and will be gift wrapped.

The shop will be run on Friday 28th March during the school day. The children will be sent through to the gift shop with their class to choose their gift/s, which they will bring home at the end of the day.

To place an order for your child's gift/s please visit the below website **by Friday 14th March**, add the number of gifts required to the basket and then simply checkout. Ordering by this date ensures time for all gifts to be bought by the JSA prior to the event.

www.pta-events.co.uk/hpsajsa

If you have any issues or queries, please contact the JSA via our Facebook Page or email address instead of the school office.

www.facebook.com/groups/jsahatpev or standrewsjsa@gmail.com

All proceeds will go directly to the Junior School Association in support of the school.

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with Special Educational Needs and
Disabilities (SEND)



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.



You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



Book your place on free workshops

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

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SPRING 2025

SENIOR SCHOOL

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07
MAR | Friday 07 March
9.30 - 11.30am

08
MAR | Saturday 08 March
9.30 - 11.30am

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