

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

2nd May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Before half term I was interviewed by The Sunday Times regarding the discussions I have been having with the Department for Education.

I am challenging the DfE on the amount of space that we will be allocated in our new school. I am advocating for our children to have the best and most flexible spaces to allow us to deliver the curriculum and meet everyone's needs as well as we do!

Please do not fear, Essex County Council have plans to support us, but long-term the policy must be right for all schools, especially those who are not as well supported by their county council. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 6th** - Monday 5th May being a bank holiday.

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



We are spotting an increase in children sporting 'double piercings'.

Please remember that ear piercings must be restricted to one small stud in each ear. Earrings worn in multiple piercings are not permitted. All earrings need to be removed for PE in line with Essex County Council safety requirements.

It is not permissible for earrings to be taped up for PE.



If you didn't spot the email sent yesterday, please do read our recent Ofsted report by following this link.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Oz06f5YToPpN14aQ31Q2dkc-KELYDkD7/view?usp=sharing>



Amazon Wish Lists

We are often asked how families can support the school to provide a wide-ranging curriculum and keep to our high standard of education.

A couple of items have been added to the Amazon wish lists for each year group. If you are able and willing to contribute please visit the links below for your child's year group. Items bought are sent directly to school within a few days and added to our resources.

We are so grateful for your continued support.

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

New dates for your diary:

Week beginning May 12th – Newsround transmission.

Tuesday June 17th Sports day –

(Will hopefully include an early family picnic afterwards)



SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 7th May – for week beginning 12th May

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

**VILLAGE HALL
CAR PARK
CLOSED**

Please be aware that the Village Hall car park will be closed to all vehicles from *Monday 12th May to Friday 23rd May* from 8am until 4pm daily due to construction work on the tennis courts on the recreation ground. The closure will be in effect during weekdays only, weekends will be unaffected.

MUGA USE – TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

Please note the MUGA will be out of action for play on a Tuesday and Wednesday after school between 3-4pm. It is being used to accommodate after school football clubs whilst the building works continue on the school field. Please ask your children to vacate the MUGA on these days – we thank you in advance for your help.

PE DAYS SUMMER TERM 2025 (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



YEAR SIX SATS BREAKFAST CLUB

This runs for year 6 only (the week of SATs) from **8:15am**.
The children are to arrive via the green rec gates (as usual)
at this earlier time.

We provide the children with a breakfast (pastry and fruit) and hot chocolate. The children really enjoy this early, special start to the day. Feedback from parents is that their children are excited by the novelty of a treat breakfast with friends and as a result any possible wobbles about the tests are significantly lessened!

There will be a google form coming out next week for you to sign up.

This is free and usually, all year six children attend!

Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May.

Summer Term 2025 - Diary Dates

Week beginning 12th May: Year 6 SATS

Thursday 15th May: Year 5 Maya Experience Day

Thursday 22nd May: Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting - Parents/Children 3.15pm in school

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May: Half Term Break

Monday 2nd June: Inset Day

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

Friday 13th June: JSA Father's Day Gift Shop (details to follow)

Tuesday 17th June: Sports day (morning) venue tbc

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

Monday 30th June: District Sports at Maltings Academy (selected children)

Tuesday 1st July: Sandon Year 5 Taster Day (await further info from Sandon)

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)

Thursday 10th July: Year 6 Enterprise Event

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July: Year 6 Production 1.30pm (tbc)

Thursday 17th July: Year 6 Leavers Party (after school)

Friday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers Picnic with Parents 11.30am

Friday 18th July: last day of term **1pm finish**

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96%	95%	92%	94%

'Attendance Matters'

Attendance for each year group this week.

Communication regarding attendance concerns and requests for leave of absence will now be shared electronically via email wherever possible.

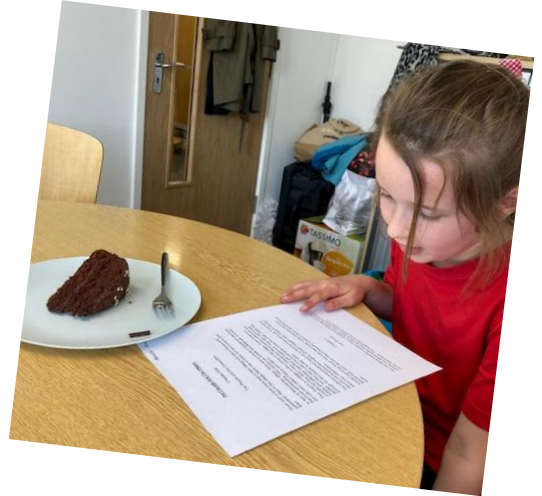
This is in line with ECC directives.

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response
All Years		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5	Maya Experience Day	Friday 2 nd May
Year 6		

WINNERS OF WORLD BOOK DAY



Sylvie shared her adventure story
'In another land'



Amelia-Rae shared her portal story
'Pet friends and the Villians'.



Ben shared his School based story
'Robotics Club'.



Skylar shared her fantasy story
'Enchantments of the Gods'

Mrs Black really enjoyed the rich and wonderful stories that the children had written. The descriptions and plots were so entertaining; so lovely to be taken into four very different worlds in one afternoon! This is definitely something she would like to make more time to do! The children particularly enjoyed the chocolate cake, smelling stickers and seeing her office!



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 – Leo
Cherry – Lucas
Fir – Sophie
Maple – Frank
Oak – Elliot
Rowan – Tom
Sycamore – Frankie



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



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:

28th April to 4th May

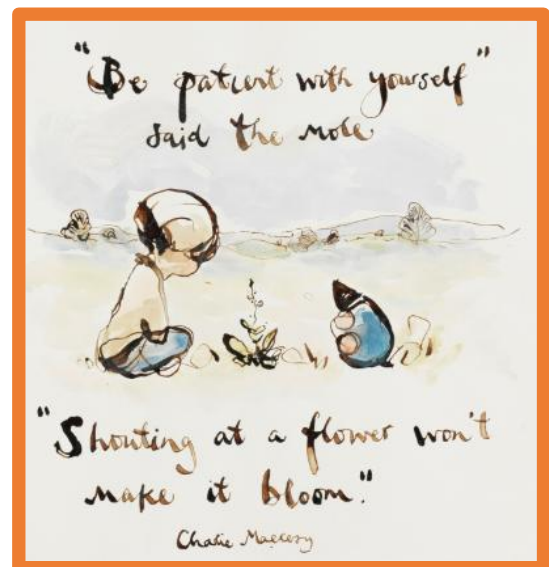
Verity P-M (Fir), Logan L (Birch), Leo M (Apple), Jesse R (Maple),



Winner of House
Points for this week
is

PRIORY

Berwicks	478
Greystones	458
Priory	545
Vinehurst	423



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





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



Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1 st	James B	7,940
2 nd	Everly L	2,145
3 rd	Tedd H	1,810



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Cameron G	13,577
2 nd	Theodore J	11,077
3 rd	Logan S	9,791



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Elliot G	11,816
2 nd	Delilah P	11,086
3 rd	Florence C	7,564



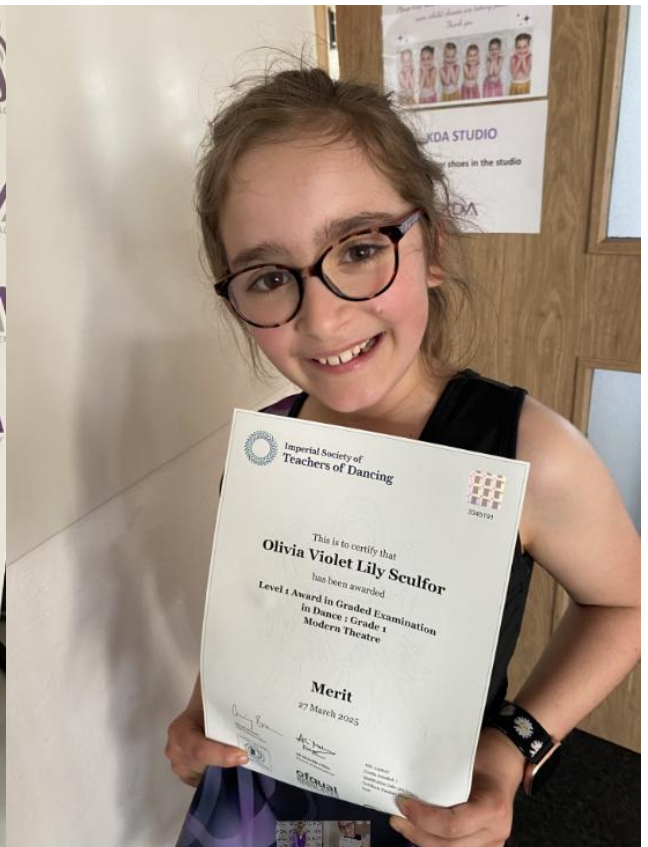
Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Lucas B	31,190
2 nd	Alex W	10,934
3 rd	Henry W	4,892



Olivia's family have been in touch to let us know she recently passed her dance exam. Well done Olivia!

'Super proud of our Super Olivia for passing her Modern Dance exam. We couldn't be prouder of you. You have worked so hard even hopping into the dance studio at times! You inspire us and show us what true perseverance can do....well done and big congratulations!



ESSEX RUGBY FINALS



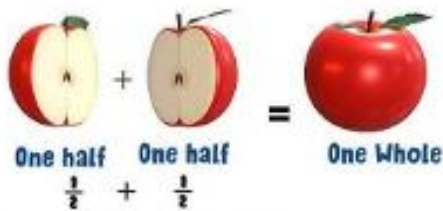
On Wednesday 23rd May, the tag rugby team made the long trip to Southend Rugby Club to take part in the Essex Schools finals. The fifteen best teams from around the county came together to compete for the coveted 'crystal trophy'. St Andrew's made a fantastic show of themselves and played some wonderful rugby, despite the wet and slippery conditions. They scored some excellent tries and did not let their heads drop once, despite having some really tough opposition, winning two of their eight games and pushing a few schools really close throughout.

Each and every member of the team were a credit to themselves and the school, showing grit, determination and brilliant sportsmanship after every game, whether it was win or lose. They had a wonderful day out and I really hope each and every one of them consider carrying on rugby when they go into secondary school.

Mr Baker



MATHS



$$\frac{2}{7} \times 3$$

$$\frac{9}{4} = 2\frac{1}{4}$$

We are still all buzzing about our win against White Court with times tables and we have a few schools lined up to challenge! You may wonder why we make such a big deal about times tables?! I would like to take the opportunity in this curriculum corner to demonstrate the importance of them for the maths curriculum.

Across Year 3, 4 and 5, the summer term in the St Andrew's maths curriculum = mastering FRACTIONS! Times tables play a HUGE part of the children's fractions calculations. Year 3 learn the part-whole relationship and equal/unequal parts.

On the following page, I will show you examples of how we use times tables to support our fractions understanding.

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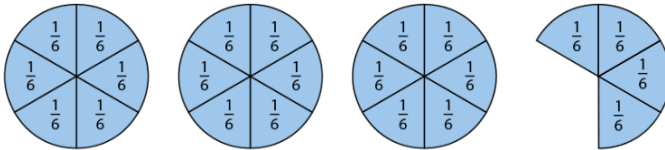
Mrs Briggs



MATHS



Year 4



Sentence stem:

A mixed number is an integer (whole number) and a fraction.

In Year 4, we look at mixed numbers and improper fractions and how to convert between the two. Above is an image of a shape split into sixths. If you count the sixths, you can see there are twenty two sixths. We would write this as:

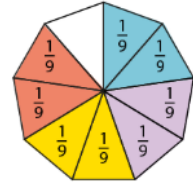
$$\frac{22}{6}$$

To convert this into a mixed number, we need to look at how many **groups** or **whole** sixths we have got. In the above example, we have **3 wholes** and **four-sixths**. We would write this as the mixed number:

To do this without visual representation, we would multiply the denominator (how many parts we have in a whole) by the whole number and then add on the spare parts.

Please do get in touch with your child's teacher if you want to know how we teach a skill that your child might be struggling with!

Year 5



In Year 5, we look at multiplying fractions, equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and finally, finding fractions of an amount - wow, what a busy term!

The above representation shows:

$$\frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{9} = \frac{8}{9}$$

or:

$$4 \times \frac{2}{9} \quad \frac{2}{9} \times 4$$

To calculate this without visual representation, we would use the sentence stem:

*When multiplying a fraction by a whole number, we multiply the **numerator** by the whole number and the **denominator** stays the same.*

$$4 \times \frac{2}{9} = \frac{8}{9}$$

Mrs Briggs



SPOTLIGHT ON:

Year 6

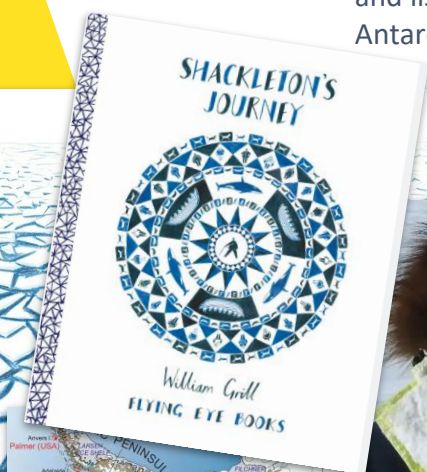
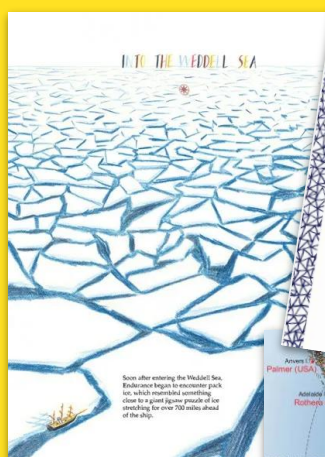
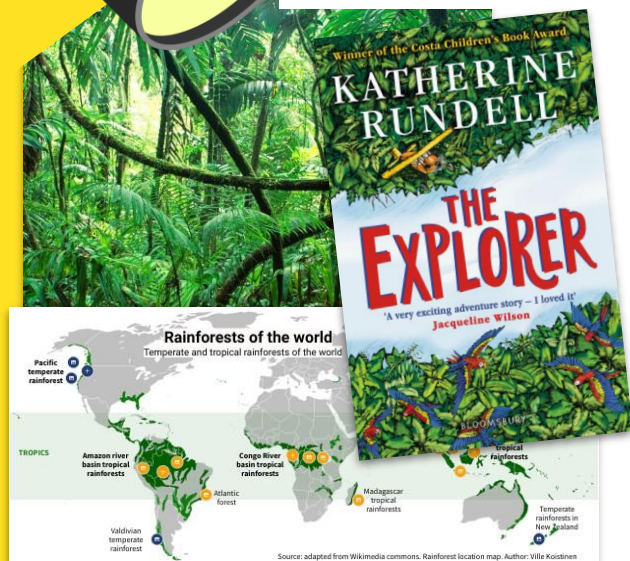


Rainforests; adventure; plane crashes and so much more!

Summer in Year 6 is all about exploring! Our class novel this half term is: 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. This amazing adventure story is about four children who are involved in a plane crash. They end up stranded in the Amazon Rainforest and have to dig deep by using their problem solving skills to make it home.

This novel provides great inspiration for some excellent writing opportunities as well as linking to our Geography unit too.

In Summer 2, we look at the continent of Antarctica and the 19th century explorer Ernest Shackleton. The children will have an opportunity to hear from a 'real life' explorer and listens to his attempted expedition across Antarctica.



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

Please ensure you have PRE-ORDERED via ParentPay

Meals are £2.60 daily

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



Week One Menu
Week beginning 21st April, 12th May



SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU
Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

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

JACKET POTATOES WITH CHEESE (v), BEANS (ve) OR TUNA SERVED WITH SALAD AND DESSERT OF THE DAY
or

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH: HAM, CHEESE (v) OR TUNA ROLL WITH CARROT AND CUCUMBER STICKS (ve), FRUIT, JUICE CARTON (ve) AND DESSERT OF THE DAY

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Week Two Menu
Week beginning 28th April, 19th May



SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU
Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Sausages or Quorn Sausages (ve)	Beef Meat Balls or Plant Based Balls (ve)	Pasta Spirals with Bechamel Sauce (v)	All Day Breakfast With Sausage & Bacon or Quorn Sausages (ve)	Bubble Fish or 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)

JACKET POTATOES WITH CHEESE (v), BEANS (ve) OR TUNA SERVED WITH SALAD AND DESSERT OF THE DAY
or

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH: HAM, CHEESE (v) OR TUNA ROLL WITH CARROT AND CUCUMBER STICKS (ve), FRUIT, JUICE CARTON (ve) AND DESSERT OF THE DAY

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SUMMER TERM 2025 - SCHOOL MEAL MENUS (week 3)

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Week Three Menu
Week beginning 5th May



SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU
Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pasta Rustic Tomato Sauce (ve)	Hearty Beef Bolognaise	Chicken & Sweet Potato Korma Curry	Roast Turkey	Harry Ramsden Fish
or	or	or	or	or
Macaroni Cheese (v)	Hearty Quorn Bolognaise (v)	Sweet Potato & Vegetable Korma Quorn Chunks (ve)	Quorn Fillets (ve)	Vegetable Fingers (ve)
Chunky Crusty Bread (ve) Seasonal Vegetables (ve)	Spaghetti (ve) Garlic Bread (v) Cheese (v)	Rice (ve) Broccoli (ve) Naan Bread (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Puddings (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (ve)	Herby Diced Seasoned Potatoes (v) Mini Corn on the Cob (ve)
Ice Cream Pots (v)	Jam & Coconut Sponge (v)	Fruit (ve) or Yoghurt (v)	Cookies (ve)	Arctic Roll (v)

JACKET POTATOES WITH CHEESE (v), BEANS (ve) OR TUNA SERVED WITH SALAD AND DESSERT OF THE DAY

or

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH: HAM, CHEESE (v) OR TUNA ROLL WITH CARROT AND CUCUMBER STICKS (ve), FRUIT, JUICE CARTON (ve) AND DESSERT OF THE DAY

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Meals can be pre-ordered up to the half term break and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.

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BIKE AND RUN EVENTS 2025

The minimum
distance to cycle
and run is 1km.

In partnership with British Triathlon

When?

Saturday 5th April 9:30am - 11am

Saturday 3rd May 9:30am - 11am

Saturday 7th June 9:30am - 11am

Saturday 5th July 9:30am - 11am

Saturday 2nd Aug 9:30am - 11am

Equipment?

Participants only need to bring their own bikes for the family session. Adults only session can use our spin bikes.

Participants need to wear suitable footwear.

Who?

For families and suitable for age 6+ who want to participate in non-competitive cycling and running.

Where?

At Braintree Sport and Health Club
Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex
CM71FF

Attend two sessions before 5th July to be entered into the prize draw, the lucky winner will receive an amazing goodie bag packed with fitness treats worth over £100, plus a £50 Halfords voucher!



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We call them the **4Ts**. If you or your child are weeing more often, constantly thirsty, more tired than usual, or losing weight for no reason, it could be a symptom of type 1 diabetes. If left undiagnosed, type 1 diabetes can be fatal. **If you're experiencing any of the 4Ts, ask your doctor for a test immediately.**



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