



NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at St Andrew's!

Year Three had some unusual visitors on Monday when a Stone age encampment arrived over the weekend! Please look at the Spotlight on section on page 5!

The children in year six enjoyed the hustings on Wednesday when the whole school voted for their new house captains and vice captains. Democracy at St Andrew's is alive and kicking! The children in year four had a wonderful trip to the Museum of Power yesterday. They all came back 'buzzing' and full of stories of the many difference activities that they had enjoyed. Thank you for your donations for these events and trips. The JSA support coach costs of trips, but we would not be able to run them without your financial support.



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

Harvest appeal

Help support Braintree Area Foodbank

Donate food

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money

We are having to buy food to fill our food boxes. A monetary donation will help us to do this
Search for us on JustGiving

Learn about what we do

We have a group of speakers ready and willing to come along and talk about the journey of a tin from donation to a food parcel
Please call 01376 330694

Shopping list

- Breakfast cereal
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Pot Noodle/instant snacks
- Cup soups
- Biscuits
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam

Braintree Area Foodbank
Including Great Notley, The Heddingham's and Witham
www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

We would like to invite you to join us and Reverend Howard at St Andrew's Church on **Monday 20th October at 10am** for our Harvest festival. We will be collecting donations for the Braintree Area Foodbank.

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 8th October – for week beginning 13th October

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



A huge thank you and well done to all of the children in year six who put themselves forward to become house captains this year.

Their speeches were fantastic, so creative, funny and great to watch. Every child voted and these are the children who have been chosen to be House Captains and Vice House Captains this year.





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 – Lucas
Birch – Jamal
Cherry – Ellie
Fir – Arthur
Maple – Lara
Oak – Bella
Rowan – Toby
Sycamore – Ronnie



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

Autumn Term 2025 - Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th October: Y5 Science Museum Trip

Wednesday 15th October: Flu immunisations

NEW DATE Monday 20th 10am Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 21st October: Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6.30pm (details to follow)

Wednesday 22nd October: Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6.30pm (details to follow)

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October: Half Term Break

Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th November: Y6 Bikeability Group 1 (groups to follow)

Monday 17th - Tuesday 18th November: Y6 Bikeability Group 2 (groups to follow)

Monday 24th - Tuesday 25th November: Y6 Bikeability Group 3 (groups to follow)

Thursday 27th November: Y6 World War 1 Day (details to follow)

Friday 28th November: Inset Day

Friday 19th December: Last day of term 1pm

Monday 5th January 2026: children back to school

***SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS* YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS**

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2026

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday 12th September 2025 for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

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

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Please see flyer and links below for after-school club bookings for this term.

MONDAY 3.00-4.00pm Dodgeball - Year 3&4

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/483>

TUESDAY 3.00-4.00pm Dodgeball - Year 5&6

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/484>

WEDNESDAY 3.00-4.00pm Basketball - Year 3-6

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/485>



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Sports Coaching Specialists Ltd
Best Children's Sports Coaching Company 2023 - East Angles



SPOTLIGHT ON:

Year 3

Year 3 had a fabulous day on Tuesday when we welcomed Kit and Twig from Prehistoric Experiences for a Stone Age day. The children were very excited to arrive on Monday to see a Stone Age camp set up in the playground surrounded by mist! Inside, there were multiple artefacts including animal skins, spears, axes and more! We sat around the campfire as Kit and Twig took us back to the past.

The children have been learning about the three different periods within the stone age and how they changed. They also learnt about how food was hunted, gathered and eaten which was beautifully demonstrated by Jimmy. He played the part of a bison who was hunted and whose brain was eaten for protein and calories!

The children experienced different jobs and were able to handle many different artefacts which Kit and Twig had expertly crafted or collected. The children were incredibly enthusiastic and are absolutely brimming with Stone Age knowledge!

Reuben - 'It was brilliant, my favourite bit was when we got to try the fish.'





PE DAYS AUTUMN 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 Thursday

CYCLE HELMETS

If your child is riding either a bicycle or scooter to school, can you please ensure they are wearing a suitable helmet. It is school protocol and imperative for their safety.

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](#)

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response
All Years	SCS After School Clubs	
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5	Y5 Trip to the Science Museum - Tuesday 14 th October	Friday 3 rd October
Year 6		



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:
29th September to 5th October 2025

Willow W (Cherry), Isla M (Sycamore), Lexie G (Maple), Niah H-K (Maple),

Mrs Thomas

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99%	97%	98%	95%

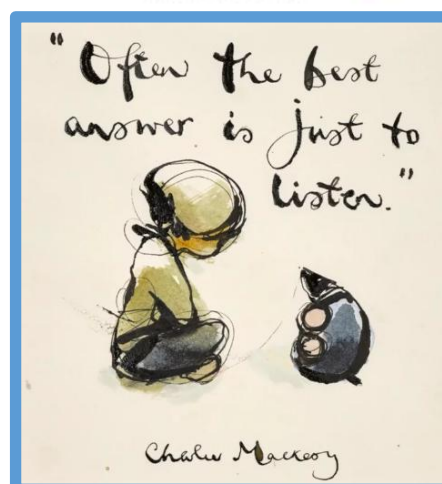
'Attendance Matters'
Attendance for each year group this week.

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.



Winner of House Points for this week is
GREYSTONES

Berwicks	384
Greystones	422
Priory	379
Vinehurst	417



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



**Congratulations to the following children for being awarded
iRocker Of The Week:**

**Grace E
Harry I
Eliza G
Eleftheria D**

AUTUMN TERM 2025 - SCHOOL MEAL MENUS (Summer Menus)

Please ensure you have PRE-ORDERED via ParentPay

Meals are £2.70 daily

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

 <p>Week One Menu Week beginning 1st September, 22nd September, 13th October</p>	 <p>SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School</p>
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza (v)	Beef Burger in a Bun or Quorn Burger in a Bun (ve)	Tomato Pasta Bake (ve)	Roast Chicken Breast or Quorn Fillet (ve)	Fish Fingers or Vegetable Fingers (ve)
Garlic Bread (v) Salad (ve)	French Fries (ve) Baked Beans (ve)	Chunky Crusty Bread (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Stuffing (ve) Carrots & Green Beans (ve)	Chunky Chips (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Peas (ve)
Fruit Selection (ve) or Yoghurt Selection (v)	Fruit Lolly (ve)	Fruit Cocktail & Sliced Peaches (ve)	Gravy (ve) Smoothies (ve)	Carrot Cake (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

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

 <p>Week Two Menu Week beginning 8th September, 29th September, 20th October</p>	 <p>SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School</p>
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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)

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Week Three Menu
Week beginning 15th September, 6th October



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pasta Rustic Tomato Sauce (ve) or Macaroni Cheese (v) Chunky Crusty Bread (ve) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Ice Cream Pots (v)	Hearty Beef Bolognese or Hearty Quorn Bolognese (v) Spaghetti (ve) Garlic Bread (v) Cheese (v) Jam & Coconut Sponge (v)	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)	Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillets (ve) Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Puddings (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (ve) Cookies (ve)	Harry Ramsden Fish or Vegetable Fingers (ve) Herby Diced Seasoned Potatoes (v) Mini Corn on the Cob (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 half term and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.

ST. A BOOK CREW

It is proven that children who read daily are more likely to have accelerated **progress**.

Children **learn** 4,000 to 12,000 words per year through reading.

Children who read books often at age 10 **gain higher results** at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

Reading for 6 minutes a day **reduces stress** by 68%

Reading **enjoyment** is reported as more important for children's **educational success** than their family's socio-economic status.



All volunteers will have a DBS check and training provided.

 VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR MORE A WEEK?

Here at St. Andrew's we believe that **reading is the key to everything!** Sharing a book with an adult is invaluable and we want to provide EVERY child with the opportunity to develop a love for reading.

So... we are building our **St. A Book Crew** – a fabulous group of helpers who come in every week to support reading across all classes. They hear children read and play a big part in developing the children's skills and enjoyment of the wonderful world of books!

If you would like to volunteer, please email Mrs Smith via the school office on admin@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk

HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1 & 2 and Learn to ride courses.

Venues: Witham, Harlow & Chelmsford

To book, please visit link

essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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then half term
Fri 24th - Fri 31st
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10am 'til 4pm

Free Entry NO BOOKING REQUIRED
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Instagram: @cobbsfarmpumpkins
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Christmas

GIFT & FOOD MARKET

Sunday 30th November 2025
10:00am to 4:00pm

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FATHER CHRISTMAS
Experience
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Friday 19th December 2025
Timeslots from 10:00am to 5:00pm

Tickets £30 per child, £10 per adult



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AUTUMN TERM

THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS



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



This term we are in Loughton, Burnham on Crouch, Brentwood and Harwich

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

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



In Partnership with





[ARU's Chelmsford Science Festival](#) is returning this October! This year's festival promises to be an action-packed week of science running from 21–28 October 2025. You'll find events across Chelmsford that bring science, technology and engineering to life – for all ages and interests.

Head over to the [Chelmsford Science Festival](#) website to explore early highlights and book your place at selected events now!