

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



# NEWSLETTER

## 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a number of visitors in school this week. On Monday we were visited by Mrs O'Boyle from the Diocese. She was looking at our Collective Worship offer. She spoke to the children about what they enjoy, remember and understand. She was very positive about the children's responses and enjoyment of time together in Collective Worship. We were also visited by Mrs Daniels from Essex County Council,- she is our School Effectiveness Partner. She was very impressed at how well the children have settled into our new building and of the amazing resilience of everyone!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team.



**WELCOME**  
**TO THE TEAM**



We are very pleased to welcome Mr Jacques to the St Andrew's family. He is our new site manager and we are very grateful to him for his knowledge, Health and Safety and organisation skills!

You might see him if you are on site between 9:15 and 11:15 each day.



**ALL CHILDREN NEED WARM COATS PLEASE**

**Please ensure everything is labelled!**

**NO COAT NO PLAY IS BACK!**

**REMINDER:**  
Next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November is a whole school inset day

### SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November – for week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December  
If you have any queries, please do contact the school office.

## Autumn Term 2025 - Diary Dates

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Y6 Bikeability Group 3  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Y3 Stone Age to Iron Age Assembly (parents welcome - 8:50am for coffee, 9:30am assembly start)  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Y6 World War 1 Day (in school)  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Inset Day**  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Y3 Dental Pilot  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: JSA Christmas Bazaar 3.30-5.30pm  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December: iRock Concert 2.30pm (iRock parents only)  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am Y4 Christmas Production  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am Y4 Christmas Production  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Whole School Panto!  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: JSA Christmas Disco  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner (details to follow)  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Carol Service - St. Andrew's Church 11:00-12:00  
 12pm Church collection, 1pm School collection (Google form to follow)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026: children back to school



## KEY DATES FOR CHRISTMAS



DATE	EVENT	TIME	EXTRA INFORMATION
3 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS FAYRE	3:30-5:30	Please do support our JSA by attending this wonderful event
8 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CARDS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL FROM THIS DATE		These will be shared amongst the children on the last week of term.
10 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	9:30-10:30	2 tickets per family
11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	9:30-10:30	2 tickets per family
11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	PANTOMIME	DURING SCHOOL DAY	A lovely treat from the JSA
17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	JSA CHRISTMAS DISCO PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY	YR 3 and 4 from 3-4PM YR 5 and 6 from 4-5PM	Tickets available from JSA events
18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER	DURING SCHOOL DAY	Information coming soon!
19 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	11:00-12:00 at St Andrew's Church	<b>Parents welcome</b> <b>You can collect from church at 12 or school at 1:00 (Google form to follow in December!)</b>

- **FAMILIES WITH YEAR 2 CHILDREN \***

### **Year 2-3 admissions for September 2026**

As you may be aware, parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application to the Council for a junior school (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 **10 November 2025**, for parents of children in Year 2 at an infant school to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

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.



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 – Myah**  
**Birch – Antony**  
**Cherry – Zachary**  
**Fir – Maisie**  
**Maple – Harry**  
**Oak – Jase**  
**Rowan – Lenny**  
**Sycamore – Stanley**



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

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>



**★ SCS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ★**

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AT CLASSFORKIDS**



**✓ DODGEBALL**

**✓ BASKETBALL**

*Inspiring Children in Sport*



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SME 2023 Business Elite Awards  
Sports Coaching Specialists Ltd  
Best Children's Sports Coaching Company 2023 - East Angles



# SPOTLIGHT ON:

## *Coding Club*

In the spring term this year, our Year 6 Coding Club took part in a Scratch competition called, 'Young Coders Budgeting Better'. They were challenged to make a Scratch game that involved budgeting and spending money which was to be judged by University students! The children worked so hard on their games and even received personalised feedback about their games from the University students. As part of this competition, the children were eligible for a 'Discovery Award' from the British Science Association. They completed a booklet alongside their Scratch project which detailed the steps they had to take to make it successful. Today, in Collective Worship, the children received their awards. I am very proud of the hard work and collaborative skills they showed throughout this project. Coding Club will reopen for Year 5 and 6 children after Christmas at lunchtimes.





**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**

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Thursday</b>

**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](#)

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Trip or Event</b>	<b>Deadline for response</b>
All Years	SCS After School Clubs	
Year 3	Stone Age Assembly Letter	
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World War 1 Day Letter</li> <li>Hilltop letter and forms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payment by 21<sup>st</sup> November</li> <li>Forms to be completed and returned by 1<sup>st</sup> December</li> </ul>



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:  
**17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

**Mason G (Fir), Sophia M (Cherry), Mason B (Rowan),**  
**Miss Russell**

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

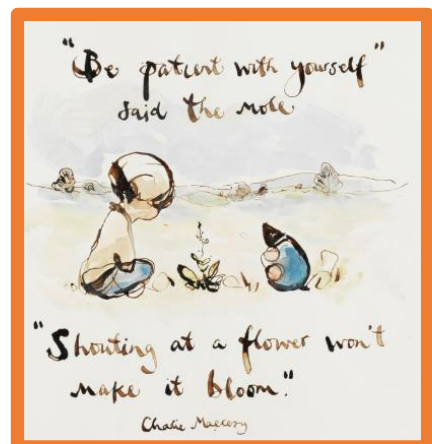
**'Attendance Matters'**  
Attendance for each year group this week.

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  
**PRIORY**

Berwicks	288
Greystones	292
Priory	340
Vinehurst	331



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 <sup>st</sup>	Theo C	15,068
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reuben B-R	5,704
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tyler W	4,300



### Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rosie-Mae A	8,132
2 <sup>nd</sup>	James B	5,540
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ralph A	2,278



### Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Theodore J	13,430
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia C	9,838
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cameron G	9,150



### Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alexander F	9,288
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elliott G	7,440
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steven A	5,613



A lovely message from the Guy Family:-

*Elliott and Cameron both won medals this weekend at a Festival of Swimming run by their club. Elliott for two backstroke events, and Cameron for two breaststroke events and also an individual medley. We are really proud of them!*

A fantastic performance from both of you, well done boys!

# AUTUMN/WINTER 2025/26 - SCHOOL MEAL 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.

## Week ONE Menu

Weeks beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> November,  
15<sup>th</sup> December

## AUTUMN/WINTER 2025/26 - LUNCH MENU

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato Pasta Bake (v) or Creamy Macaroni Cheese (v) Baguette Slice (v) Diced Carrots (ve) Sweetcorn (ve) Fruit Wedge (ve)	Sweet and Sour Chicken or Veggie Nuggets (v) White Rice (ve) Peas (ve) Jelly (v)	Mighty Mince with a Puff Pastry Top or 5 Bean Mild Chilli with a Pastry Top (ve) Mashed Potato (v) Broccoli (ve) Gravy (optional) Strawberry Fruit Whip (v)	Baked Sausages or Veggie Sausages (ve) Roast Potatoes (ve) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional) Jam Crumble Slice (v)	Fish Fingers or Vegetable Fingers (ve) Chips (ve) Sweetcorn (ve) Biscuit (v)
JACKET POTATOES WITH CHEESE (v), BEANS (ve) OR TUNA SERVED WITH VEG 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.				

## Week TWO Menu

Weeks beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December

## AUTUMN/WINTER 2025/26 - LUNCH MENU

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni Pizza or Margherita Pizza (v) Sweetcorn (ve) Pasta Salad (v) Fruit Salad (ve)	Hot Doggidy Dog or Veggie Doggidy Dog (v) White Rice (ve) Broccoli (ve) Crumble & Custard (v)	Meatballs & Tomato Pasta or Veggie Balls & Tomato Pasta (ve) Garlic Bread (v) Sweetcorn and Pepper Salad (ve) Jelly (v)	Roast Chicken or Roasted Herby Fillet (ve) Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Stuffing (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional) Shortbread (v)	Harry Ramsden Fish or Crispy Dipper (ve) Chips (ve) Peas (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Chocolate Cake (v)
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Crispy Pizza Whirl (v)	Creamy Bacon Carbonara	Mild Chilli Con Carne	Roast Chicken	Fish Fingers
	or	or	or	or
	'No Bacon' Creamy Carbonara (v)	5 Bean Mild Chilli (ve)	Baked Fillet (ve)	Veggie Fingers (ve)
½ Jacket Potato (ve) Baked Beans (ve)	Fresh Bread (v) Broccoli (ve)	White Rice (ve) Tortillas (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Stuffing (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional)	Chips (ve) Peas (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)
Yogurt (v)	Chocolate Crispie Cake (v)	Flapjack (v)	Apple Crumble & Custard (v)	School Cake with Icing & Sprinkles (v)
JACKET POTATOES WITH CHEESE (v), BEANS (ve) OR TUNA SERVED WITH VEG 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 Christmas break and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.



Term and Holiday Dates: Academic Year 2026-27

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= Schooldays  
  = School holidays  
  = Bank holidays  
  = Weekends  
  = Non-pupil Days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 <i>Half Term 26 October – 30 October</i>	74 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 <i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i>	54 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 <i>Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May</i>	67 days
		195 days

**Please note:**

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

# CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Your artwork could be sent to dignitaries across Essex!

- No cotton wool or glitter
- A4 portrait size
- Scan or upload to:  
[jo.norris@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:jo.norris@braintree.gov.uk)

**DEADLINE: 5TH DECEMBER**

Get creative and spread some festive cheer!

WIN A  
**£30**  
GIFT VOUCHER



# Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Sunday 23rd Of November

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



**Book Now** >



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essex-fire-museum-open-day-tickets-1555497497889?aff=oddtcreator>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essex-fire-museum-open-day-tickets-1555501469769?aff=oddtcreator>

# Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Sunday 14th Of December

10:30AM To 4:00PM

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**Book Now** >



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