

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



# NEWSLETTER

## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely watching the whole school family settle into our new school building and the spaces work so well for everyone. I have spent a lot of time working with Essex County Council who are supporting us with some onsite improvements. I am very pleased to report that we will be having the playground patched up, new cycle shelters, a solution to the area in between the playground and the new building as well as playground drainage issues and some dull but important old-building issues!

A reminder to all year 5 and 6 parents that Mr Ashley (from Sandon School) will be in the school hall and meeting parents and children on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3:10pm. The JSA are preparing for a Film night on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- so be sure to sign up on the JSA events page if you would like your child to attend.



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



### Year Six Rugby Event

The sunny day welcomed 20 teams from all around the Chelmsford and District area to Writtle for the first tag rugby event of the season. St Andrew's, made up of some club rugby veterans and some brand-new players, played some phenomenal rugby, both scoring some wicked tries but also defended incredibly. All of the Year 6 students did themselves, their watching parents and the school so proud and ended the day with 2 excellent wins, one unlucky draw and two losses, with the last loss of the day being by a single try difference! Out of the 20 schools involved, we came 6th! I was so proud of how well they supported each other, winning or losing, and they really showed how much of a team they are.

A massive thanks also goes to the wonderful parents who were able to transport the team to and from the event, who without them events like this wouldn't be possible.

From a very proud Mr Baker



## Autumn Term 2025 - Diary Dates

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October: Y5 Science Museum Trip

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Flu immunisations

**NEW DATE Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: JSA Movie Night 3.00-4.30pm

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Half Term Break**

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

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

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

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Y6 World War 1 Day (details to follow)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Inset Day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Y3 Dental Pilot

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term 1pm

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

### **SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING**

**By midnight on WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> October – for week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October**

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

### **\*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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



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 – Theo C**  
**Birch – Arabella S**  
**Cherry – Eleftheria D**  
**Fir – Clara B**  
**Maple – Grace L**  
**Oak – Poppy C**  
**Rowan – Grace E**  
**Sycamore – Jacob T**



**Compassion Achievement Respect 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:



# Year 4

In Year 4, we have been finding out about rivers and the water cycle. Last week, we visited the **Museum of Power** and took part in many brilliant activities. We:

- made our own water wheels and tested them with water pistols
- filtered river water
- researched water consumption
- took a walk along the River Blackwater and spotted key parts of a river.

As you can see, the children (and staff) had lots of fun, found out a lot about the role of a river and we all slept well very that night!

We look forward to using this wonderful experience to help with our learning going forward.



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 ★**

**BOOK NOW  
AT CLASSFORKIDS**



**✓ DODGEBALL**

**✓ BASKETBALL**



*Inspiring Children in Sport*



**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		
Year 6	Bikeability consent form	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:  
**6th to 12th October 2025**

**Cecil L (Birch), Emilia L (Birch), Diana S-J (Maple), Sophie A (Apple), Ben P (Sycamore), Teddy S (Oak),**

**Miss Baker (celebrating a SPECIAL birthday!)**

**Miss Atkins (celebrating a SPECIAL birthday!)**

**Miss Delf**

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

### 'Attendance Matters'

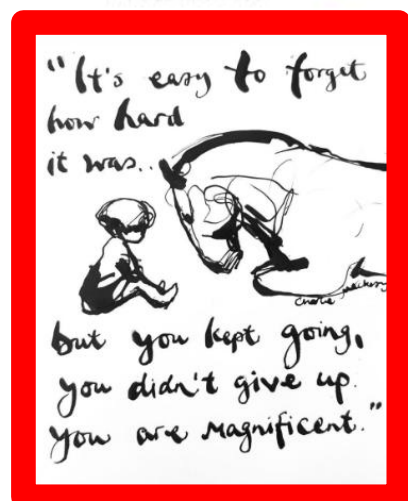
Attendance for each year group this week.

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	530
Greystones	511
Priory	552
Vinehurst	411



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!



Week Ending  
3.10.25



### Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Theo C	22,467
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sophie A	6,328
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reuben B-R	5,322

### Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	James B	9,100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nilha R	2,576
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Logan L	1,896



Week Ending  
3.10.25



### Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cameron G	9,340
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Theodore J	5,280
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Henry F	2,640

### Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elliott G	9,100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eliza G	4,048
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Delilah P	2,880



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

Week Ending

10.10.2025



### Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Theo C	9,705
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reuben B-R	4,800
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sophie A	4,488



### Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	James B	8,820
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Logan L	5,272
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Everly L	3,600



### Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cameron G	8,070
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jenelle J	6,626
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Theodore J	4,150



### Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Delilah P	9,890
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alexis W	5,350
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elliott G	5,020



# FILM NIGHT



£5 Entry | 23 October 2025 | 3PM till 4.30PM

## K-POP DEMON HUNTERS!

Watch your favourite film with popcorn or nachos  
and a drink included!

<https://www.pta-events.com/hpsajsa>



**Congratulations to the following children for being awarded iRocker Of The Week. The Band Coach, Jacob, tells us that these students have been helpful to their band mates, stayed focused and worked hard this week!**

**From the band The Malibu Monkeys: Jack F**

**From the band The Herd of Believers: Olivia S**

**From the band Oasix: Delilah P**

**From the band The Troublemakers: Daisy G**

**From the band The Kitty Cats: Zackary S**



We had another swimming success story from Cameron's family:-

*'Cameron got another bronze medal at a swimming gala in Romford this weekend for 100m breaststroke. Very proud of how hard he's working!'*

This is fantastic Cameron. We are proud of your hard work too – it's definitely paying off!



# 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><b>Week One Menu</b> Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October</p>	 <p><b>SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU</b> 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><b>Week Two Menu</b> Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October</p>	 <p><b>SUMMER 2025 - LUNCH MENU</b> 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)

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 Three Menu**  
Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk)

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

We would like to invite you to join us and Reverend Howard at St Andrew's Church on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10am** for our Harvest festival.

We will be collecting donations for the Braintree Area Foodbank.



## 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](http://www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk)

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1143445)  
Registered Limited Company in England & Wales (7694263)




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<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>END TIME</b>
<b>FL PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>09/10/2025</b>	<b>16/10/2025</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>FL SIBLING RIVALRY</b>	<b>10/10/2025</b>	<b>10/10/2025</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>14:30</b>
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<b>FL FAMILY FIRST AID</b>	<b>20/10/2025</b>	<b>20/10/2025</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>FL SETTING BOUNDARIES</b>	<b>21/10/2025</b>	<b>23/10/2025</b>	<b>09:45</b>	<b>11:45</b>
<b>FL ROUTINES RULE</b>	<b>22/10/2025</b>	<b>22/10/2025</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>21:00</b>
<b>FL SETTING BOUNDARIES</b>	<b>23/10/2025</b>	<b>30/10/2025</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>12:00</b>
<b>FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN</b>	<b>24/10/2025</b>	<b>31/10/2025</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>FL UNDERSTANDING BIG EMOTIONS</b>	<b>24/10/2025</b>	<b>24/10/2025</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>14:30</b>



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<b>FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS</b>	<b>30/10/2025</b>	<b>30/10/2025</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>21:00</b>
<b>FL UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY</b>	<b>31/10/2025</b>	<b>31/10/2025</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>14:30</b>



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