



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

12th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very, very busy week here at St Andrew's!

Year Four's performances of 'No-one wraps like an Elf' was another Christmas highlight! Such enthusiasm and joy from all of the children was so heart-warming.

The pantomime was wonderful (oh YES IT WAS!) on Thursday afternoon. Many thanks to the Village Hall who allowed us and HPINS to use their lovely hall free of charge. Thank you to the JSA and INSA who shared the cost of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves so there was no cost to our families.



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



Congratulations to Mr Baker and his wife on the safe arrival of their second daughter. We hope that you have all enjoyed time to get to know each other.

Also a big thank you to Mrs Parkes who has been teaching Cherry for the last two weeks whilst Mr Baker was on paternity leave.

Smoking/Vaping in Drop-off and Pick-up area

As you know, at St Andrew's we have a designated drop-off/pick-up area, and it would be greatly appreciated if parents could be reminded to be respectful and avoid smoking or vaping while standing in this space—especially as children and other parents are waiting to enter. This has been an ongoing issue, and addressing it would help maintain a healthier and more comfortable environment for everyone.

As a reminder, smoking or vaping would not be permitted in the playground, and the same expectations should apply to the pick-up area. Thank you very much for your support with this.

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 17th December – for week beginning 5th January 2026

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

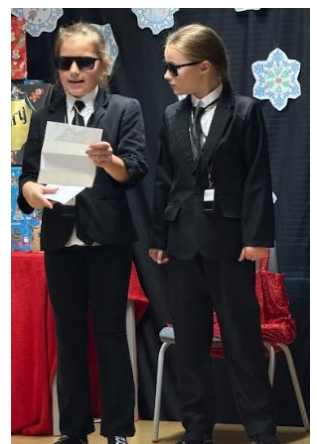
SPOTLIGHT ON:



Year 4

This week in Year 4, our pupils really shone as they performed their production 'No one Wraps Like an Elf' three times: once to the rest of the school and twice to our families! Their hard work over the last few weeks: learning songs, lines and putting the show together, really paid off.

The children sang so beautifully and those with speaking parts spoke clearly, with everyone getting into character. If you saw it, we are sure you probably have an idea of who may have a future career on the stage! The Year Four staff are immensely proud of what every single pupil achieved, whether it was overcoming their fear of performing in front of an audience, manifesting their best evil character or singing a solo!



SPOTLIGHT ON:

Year 6 WW1 DAY

Year 6 had a brilliant experience day at the end of November with Dan from 'Portals from the Past'.

In the morning session, Dan made the very confusing fallouts that led to the start of World War 1 more meaningful for the children through role play and costumes.

During the afternoon, the children got to handle real artefacts from this time including deactivated guns and rifles, helmets, medals, barbed wire and bullets.

It was a fantastic day and Dan was very complimentary about our wonderful Year 6 cohort. We are so proud of them and know that they have absolutely loved this topic.

Please find more photos on the school [website](#).



Autumn Term 2025 - Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th December: JSA Christmas Disco (party clothes)

Thursday 18th December: Christmas Dinner

Friday 19th December: Christmas Carol Service - St. Andrew's Church 11:00-12:00
12pm Church collection, 1pm School collection (Google form to follow)

Monday 5th January 2026: children back to school

Monday 19th January 2026: 3.15pm Year 4 MTC meeting (parents and children welcome)

END OF TERM SHINE TREATS

Year 3	Thursday 18 th December	Movie (nothing needed from home)
Year 4	Thursday 18 th December	Movie (nothing needed from home)
Year 5	Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas party games (nothing needed from home)
Year 6	Thursday 18 th December	Movie (War Horse – PG) please email Year 6 if you would rather your child did not watch this film (nothing needed from home) year6@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk



KEY DATES FOR CHRISTMAS



DATE	EVENT	TIME	EXTRA INFORMATION
17 TH 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 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER	DURING SCHOOL DAY	PRE-ORDER WINDOW HAS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ORDERS BEING ACCEPTED.
19 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	11:00-12:00 at St Andrew's Church	Parents welcome You can collect from church at 12 or school at 1:00 (Google form to follow in December!)

HEALTHIER SCHOOLS AND MAINTAINING HIGH ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS

As we move further into the term, please see key guidance below to help manage seasonal illnesses and keep pupils and staff well.

[Education Hub Blog](#) a helpful blog for parents and staff.

[NHS Guidance for Parents](#) is my child too ill for school – a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.

[Preventing and Controlling Infections Guidance](#) includes advice on vaccination, ventilation and good respiratory hygiene.

[A-Z of managing Infectious Diseases](#) practical guidance on managing specific illnesses.

• **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.

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.

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 – Harrison

Birch – Jessica

Cherry – Everyone for an amazing performance

Fir – Everyone for an amazing performance

Maple – Jenelle

Oak – Bella

Rowan – Reggie

Sycamore – Millie



Compassion Achievement Respect Enjoyment

Every child is loved and known.

Every child shines.



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	Sign up to Year 4 MTC Meeting, Mon 19 th January 2026 at 3.15pm https://forms.gle/zaELyHFt9zuKsfRB9	
Year 5		
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hilltop letter and forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final payment now due. Consent and dietary forms to be returned to office urgently.



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:
8th to 14th December 2025

**Leo B (Rowan), Reggie B-T (Rowan), Sylvia F (Cherry), Tyler W (Birch),
Johnny C (Apple), Toby R (Rowan)**

Mrs Gardiner, Miss Tuttlebury

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

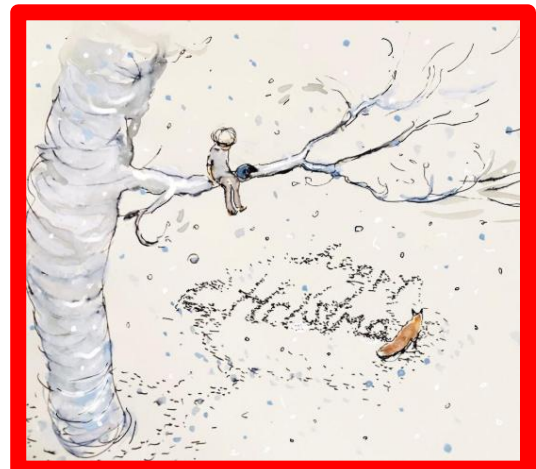
'Attendance Matters'
Attendance for each year group this week.

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	431
Greystones	517
Priory	447
Vinehurst	484



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	Reuben B-R	6,296
2 nd	Theo C	3,712
3 rd	Sophie A	1,840



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	James B	7,627
2 nd	Rosie-Mae A	2,028
3 rd	Archie B	1,630



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Olivia C	10,780
2 nd	Cameron G	7,110
3 rd	Logan S	3,034



Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Delilah P	10,540
2 nd	Frank C	7,734
3 rd	Elliott G	5,430



The Children &
Young People's
Cancer Association

Thank you

for supporting
CCLG: The Children & Young People's Cancer Association
during **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

This certificate of appreciation is awarded to

St Andrews Junior School

in recognition of

Raising an incredible £177 for Freddie Kicking
Cancer's Butt!

Your support is helping create a brighter future
for children and young people with cancer



**FREDDIE KICKING
CANCER'S BUTT**

Hannah Ortega
December 2025



A lovely message from Grace's family:-

Grace took part in the Farleigh Hospice Santa Fun Run this weekend raising money for such an important cause. She ran the entire 5K course with determination and enthusiasm despite the wet and slippery conditions. Her family and her big brother George are very proud of her!

This is fantastic Grace! Congratulations to you on completing the course for such a worthwhile cause 😊.



A message from Oliver's family:

Oliver would love to share with his friends that he is very proud to have earned his 1,500 metre swimming badge this week. He worked really hard!

Well done Oliver! What a fantastic achievement.



A lovely message from Isla-Rose's family:-

Just wanted to share Isla-Rose's achievements we are so proud of her dedication and commitment to her dancing which did show in her recent results her grade 1 modern exam she scored 91/100 gaining a distinction and primary ballet 88/100 getting a distinction.

She has also been busy training for dance competitions and recently won gold 1st place at elevate dance festival for her ballet solo and this weekend bronze 3rd place in medal ballet solo class at Standout competition this weekend She also won gold in the Trio cow girl dance at Standout. Amazing shining at home we wanted to share with you

Amazing results Isla-Rose, you should be very proud! Well done.





A lovely message from George's family:-

On Sunday George completed a 5k Santa run to raise money for Farleigh Hospice.

Despite the wet and muddy conditions, he finished the run with his brother in 40 minutes, way ahead of Mum & Dad!

Well done George, a great job and well done for supporting such a great cause.



Another lovely message from Antony's family:-

Antony this week at Beavers obtained his bronze badge, the highest level of badges he can obtain at Beavers. He has worked so hard to complete the badge requirements in order to secure his bronze, and he really has enjoyed his time at Beavers.

It also marked the end of his Beavers journey as he moves up to Cubs officially in January.

We are so proud of him. A very memorable way to end Beavers on such a high. He is now one step closer to going for his Duke of Edinburgh award, he needs to obtain silver and gold badges in cubs/ scouts to then be able to do his DofE.

Congratulations Antony – a fabulous achievement!



WINTER 2026 - 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.



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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni Pizza or Margherita Pizza (v) Sweetcorn (ve) Pasta Salad (v)	Hot Doggidy Dog or Veggie Doggidy Dog (v) White Rice (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Meatballs & Tomato Pasta or Veggie Balls & Tomato Pasta (ve) Garlic Bread (v) Sweetcorn and Pepper Salad (ve)	Roast Chicken or Roasted Herby Fillet (ve) Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Stuffing (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional)	Harry Ramsden Fish or Crispy Dipper (ve) Chips (ve) Peas (ve) Baked Beans (ve)
Fruit Salad (ve)	Crumble & Custard (v)	Jelly (v)	Shortbread (v)	Chocolate Cake (v)

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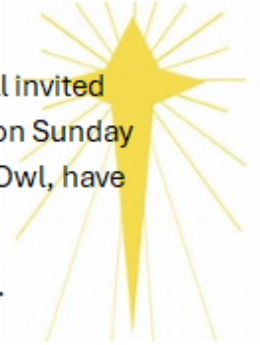
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Crispy Pizza Whirl (v)	Creamy Bacon Carbonara or 'No Bacon' Creamy Carbonara (v)	Mild Chilli Con Carne or 5 Bean Mild Chilli (ve)	Roast Chicken or Baked Fillet (ve)	Fish Fingers or Veggie Fingers (ve)
½ Jacket Potato (ve) Baked Beans (ve)	Fresh Bread (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 February half term and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS:

Whether children, parents and grandparents, or just young at heart, you are all invited to our crib service celebrating 'The Joy of Christmas' at St Andrew's - at 10.15 on Sunday 14th December. We will look at the Christmas Story with the help of a Grumpy Owl, have a craft workshop and then a very simple meal together, finishing by 12.30.

If you have a crib at home just bring a piece from it to be blessed at the service.
johnandanna.tomlins@btopenworld.com 01245380359



Flu Programme 2025 – Catch Up Clinic

Respiratory and flu-like cases are rapidly on the rise. We urge you to ensure your child receives the flu vaccination. You have a choice between the quick and painless nasal spray or the Injection which is porcine & gelatine free. This not only protects your children against being seriously but also protects vulnerable members of your family and community.

We have several community catch-up clinics available. Please use the link to book an appointment. If you previously declined consent for your child when we visited the school, you **CAN CHANGE** your consent. Please call our office on **01245984145**, and we will book a clinic appointment for you.

[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation](#)

Please note that **GPs are not providing flu vaccinations for healthy children in Reception through Year 11.**

11/12/2025	16.00-20.00	Southend
16/12/2025	16.00-20.00	Colchester
17/12/2025	12:00 -19:00	Chelmsford





SCS CHRISTMAS

WITHAM FOOTBALL CAMP

Witham Town FC, Spa Road, Witham, CM8 1UN

1 Day Camp

Tuesday 23rd December

- 10 am - 1 pm > Age 4-5 years > £20 per day
- 10 am - 3 pm > Age 6-12 years > £25 per day

Inspiring Children in Sport

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SCS EVENTS IN WITHAM

PLEASE EMAIL: withamscs@gmail.com

or CONTACT BRAD ON 07464 235643 to book your child's place.

Boys and girls welcome. Packed lunch and drinks bottle required

Payments can be made by cash or card on the day of camp



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**10 January
to 22 February
2026**



Winter Reading Challenge

Children across Essex are being challenged to read and get creative at their local library this winter!

Explore our Pawfessionals' amazing careers as you progress through the challenge.

Choose from twelve fun activities to complete. For each one, you'll get a sticker! Complete six, and you'll receive a certificate and get to enter our prize draw for the chance to win some incredible goodies!

Plus, you can join in with themed events and activities at the library!



Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk