



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

12th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting week here in St. Andrew's. We are very grateful to our wonderful JSA who have again worked hard to help support our whole school 'Break the Rules Day!' We have seen a multitude of different coloured and wacky hair styles, make up and nails painted (girls and boys!) and lots of wonderful outfits that are definitely not school uniform! Thank you to everyone who has taken part and supported this initiative.

Mrs Smith organised several of our children to take part in the 2026 Poetry Slam which was held in school on Wednesday. Thank you to those families who came in and supported this event - further info on the next page. The children were brilliant and spoke publicly so well - congratulations to everyone involved and thank you to Mrs Smith for her hard work in organising the event along with the many rehearsals.

Our 2026 travelling book fair has been a huge success, thank you to everyone for your support. The total spent will allow us to order several (free) lovely new books across the school.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 13th February is a whole school inset day. We hope everyone manages some time to relax over the half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 23rd February.



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



Spring Term 2026 - Diary Dates

Friday 13th February: Whole School Inset Day

NEW DATE Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March: Y6 Warner Bros Studios Trip

Wednesday 11th March: Y5 Viking Day

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March: Parent Consultation Evenings (details to follow)

Thursday 19th March: iRock Concert (iRock students only) 2pm

Monday 23rd March: Year 5 Easter Production 2pm

Tuesday 24th March: Year 5 Easter Production 10am

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April: Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April: Children back to school

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 25th February – for week beginning 2nd March 2026

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

SPOTLIGHT ON:



POETRY SLAM! 2026



'Food, Glorious Food' was the tasty theme of yesterday's 2026 Poetry Slam - our yearly celebration (and competition!) of poetry between St. Andrew's Junior School and Hatfield Peverel Infant School.

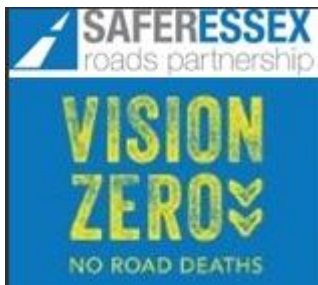
We welcomed a huge audience to listen to and savour a 'buffet' of food-themed poems. The children were judged on a range of performance areas including expression and interpretation.

Mrs Parkes, lead judge, commented on the difficulty of her task this year and commended all the children on their enjoyment and willingness to speak publicly.

A deliciously, scrumdidilumptious well done to all involved!

Mrs Smith x





Year 5 Road Safety Visit

Last week our Year 5 pupils took part in engaging road safety sessions delivered by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership.

Year 5 Highlights:

Year 5 pupils participated in a hands-on session designed to build confidence and promote safe, independent travel. They explored:

- ❖ The Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Think!
- ❖ The dangers of distractions like phones, headphones and friends.
- ❖ How to identify safer places to cross.

With guidance from trained road safety officers, they practiced real-life road crossing skills.

How You Can Help at Home:

You can support these lessons by:

- ❖ Modelling safe habits when walking near roads
- ❖ Holding hands with younger children
- ❖ Talking about road safety in everyday situations

Together, we can help keep our children safe on the roads. For more information and free resources, visit:

www.saferessexroads.org



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 – Aoife-Bleu
Birch – Amelia
Cherry – William
Fir – Everly
Maple – Cameron
Oak – Corey
Rowan – Chloe
Sycamore – Ben



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



2026 Cycle and Scooters Permission Form

The form for permission to bring cycles or scooters to school is now ready for completion. Please complete the form, agreeing to the terms and conditions, and await a reply from us before allowing your child to bring their bike or scooter to school.

<https://forms.gle/KVcpxFywPXycNKhQ7>

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

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		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5	Letter to Parents re Viking Experience Day - in school visit Wednesday 11 th March	Payment by Monday 2 nd March please
Year 6	Letter to Parents re visit to The Warner Bros Studios (The Making of Harry Potter) Wednesday 11 th March	Parental consent and payment by Monday 2 nd March please



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:
9th to 22nd February 2026

**Leo J (Fir), Lara P (Maple), Reggie T (Maple), James F (Birch),
 Daisy G (Cherry), Zachary K (Cherry), Eleftheria D (Cherry)**

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92%	97%	91%	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.



Winner of House Points for this week is
PRIORY

Berwicks	201
Greystones	292
Priory	341
Vinehurst	303



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	Cai A	7,900
2 nd	Reuben B-R	5,696
3 rd	Andre W	2,680



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	James B	11,910
2 nd	Edward G	6,632
3 rd	Harry B	5,100



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Cameron G	12,020
2 nd	Rhys A	2,930
3 rd	Alice A	2,430



Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Elliott G	10,400
2 nd	Delilah P	4,090
3 rd	Frank C	2,050

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) Salad (ve) Bananas & Custard (v)	Sweet and Sour Chicken or Veggie Nuggets (v) White Rice (ve) Peas (ve) Orange 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) Biscuit (v)	Roast Gammon or Veggie Sausage (ve) Yorkshire Pud (v) Roast Potatoes (ve) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional) Fruit Platter (v)	Fish Fingers or Vegetable Fingers (ve) Chips (ve) Baked Beans (ve) School Cake (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) Carrot & Cucumber Sticks (ve) Fruit Salad (ve)	Sausage or Veggie Sausage (v) Herby Diced Potatoes (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Jelly (v)	Meatballs & Tomato Pasta or Veggie Balls & Tomato Pasta (ve) Garlic Bread (v) Broccoli (ve) Yogurt (v)	Roast Chicken or Roasted Herby Fillet (ve) Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional) Arctic Roll (v)	Harry Ramsden Fish or Crispy Dipper (ve) Chips (ve) Peas (ve) Chocolate Cake (v)
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Sausage Roll	Mild Chilli Con Carne	Creamy Bacon Carbonara	Roast Chicken	Fish Fingers
or	or	or	or	or
Veggie Roll (v)	5 Bean Mild Chilli (ve)	'No Bacon' Creamy Carbonara (v)	Baked Fillet (ve)	Veggie Fingers (ve)
Mash (v) Baked Beans (ve)	White Rice (ve) Tortillas (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve)	Fresh Bread (v) Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional)	Chips (ve) Peas (ve)
Yogurt (v)	Flapjack (v)	Fruit Platter (v)	Vanilla Ice Cream (v)	School Cake with Icing & Sprinkles (v)
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Meals can be pre-ordered up to the Easter holidays and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.

11th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day 5th March 2026

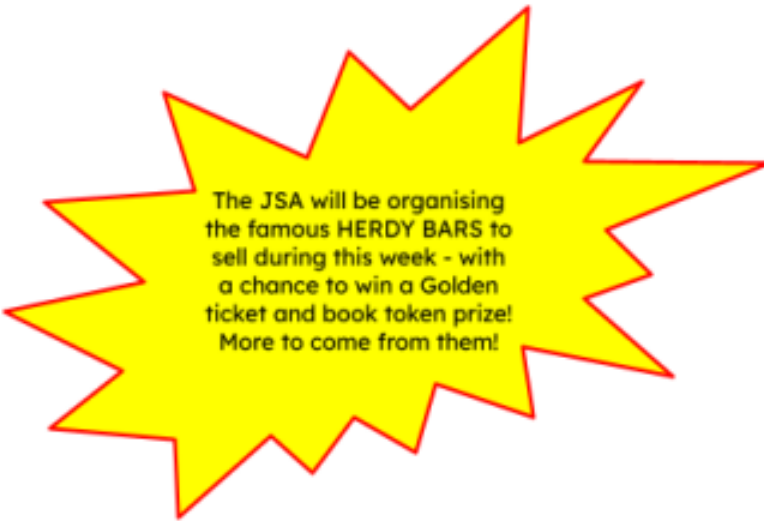
This World Book Day, we're excited to support The National Year of Reading alongside books 'that help us feel' - recognising emotions, stories and connections.

We're encouraging children to 'Help Us Feel' by dressing up as an adjective (describing word) this year (please see next page for some suggestions). If you and your child are keen to choose a word that would reflect a book character (Eg Matilda- intelligent/ bookish or Harry Potter- magical/ inventive/ resilient) this would be a lovely twist on theme too! As always, we would like you to use what you just have at home and be as little in cost as possible. We continue to focus on **developing children's love of reading**. There are many exciting and engaging activities happening at school! We hope all children will come home with some new words to add to their vocabulary, book recommendations and excitement about reading at home and school.

Like each year, we would like to run a book swap for all children. Encourage your child to bring a **good quality** book/s they are happy to swap. This is most successful when **all** children bring a book.

Following the success of last year, I am running the story writing competition. For those who wish to take part, their story can be of their own choosing but must be no longer than 500 words. Please submit via email to year5@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk by **Monday 2nd March** for judging. A winner from each year group will be selected for a prize of hot chocolate and time to share their stories with Mrs Black and their stories will be published in the newsletter for everyone to read.

Reading is so crucial to your child's education so please do continue to read at home with them during the week (as always) and record on their reading bookmarks. Reading for just 20 minutes a day exposes children to 1.8 million



The JSA will be organising the famous HERDY BARS to sell during this week - with a chance to win a Golden ticket and book token prize! More to come from them!

words a year. We are so looking forward to celebrating the love and power of reading with the children.

Kind Regards,
Miss O'Connor
English Lead





A lovely message received from Maisie's family:-

We attended Maisie's Hotsteps Dance presentation evening on Saturday and received a wonderful surprise as Maisie won the "student of the year" award! Maisie moved up to the intermediate group last year, although her dance teacher was unsure if she was quite ready. She has spent the last year working very hard in class to prove that she deserved her place in that group and has really grown in confidence. We are so proud of her and delighted that her hard work paid off.

A perfect example of hard work and determination paying off – well done Maisie!





Poppy's family shared with us....

Poppy was in the Junior chorus of the Pantomime Aladdin in January. Poppy took part in a number of dances and enjoyed every minute of being involved.

We are very proud of Poppy and loved watching her perform on stage.

Well done Poppy and what a great photo!





MOTHER'S DAY JSA SHOP


13TH MARCH 2026

Shop closes on
the 6th March

Please purchase your Mother's Day gift at
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hpsajsa>

£4 each

This year, instead of our usual small gifts, children will have the chance to buy a beautiful little plant as a Mother's Day present, something that lasts which can be nourished with love.

 The Children will have two options to choose from. Each plant comes in its own pot, accompanied with a gift card for them to write their own message in.

ALL YEARS

Monday Archery

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/577>

Tuesday Dodgeball

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/576>

Wednesday Basketball

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/575>



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ARCHERY



DODGEBALL



BASKETBALL

Inspiring Children in Sport

Become a spring picker

10 - 19 March

The students at Oakfield Primary School in Wickford said the campaign was

“A fun way to help wildlife.”

Take action

Pick up **5 pieces of litter every day for 10 days**, to help clean up the county before spring.



www.essexwt.org.uk/pickers

Scan the QR code to sign up

Love Essex • Love Wildlife

Registered Charity Number 210065



Essex
Wildlife Trust

Find 10 pieces of hidden litter.

It's thought that over two million pieces of rubbish are dropped in the UK every single day. That's a lot of litter.

You can make a big difference to the environment by doing litter picks.

Become a Spring Picker and collect 5 pieces of litter every day and put them in the correct bin.

Sign up at
www.essexwt.org.uk/springpickers



Litter-picking bingo

<p>Clothing</p>  <input data-bbox="392 1326 492 1429" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Confectionery</p>  <input data-bbox="806 1326 906 1429" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Bottle</p>  <input data-bbox="1213 1326 1313 1429" type="checkbox"/>
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<p>Tin can</p>  <input data-bbox="392 1792 492 1895" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Discarded food</p>  <input data-bbox="806 1792 906 1895" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Balloon</p>  <input data-bbox="1213 1792 1313 1895" type="checkbox"/>