



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will see from the number of 'Spotted shining' pages this week, our children have enjoyed a really broad range of opportunities. From a Democracy day to an Egyptian experience day to a Whole year group Sporting superstar day- where year 4 came fourth! Thank you for the financial contributions/ donations that you make that allow these immersive and memorable experiences take place.

Thank you for completing the School meal survey. If you haven't yet done so, please do take 2 minutes to share your views! <https://forms.gle/4Z7d9u2ErgukLAjYA>



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



Congratulations to two of our families on your safe arrivals. May your new babies bring you all great joy and love:-

Kobi and family on the safe arrival of baby sister, Isla-Rose ❤️

Lola-Rose and family on the safe arrival of baby brother, Freddie ❤️

We hope you are all doing well.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

To help us contain the spread of these horrid bugs (that we all dread having in our homes!) please keep your child at home for 48 hours from the last vomiting or diarrhoea episode. If the 48 hours ends part way through a school day, children can return for the afternoon session – registration is at 1pm. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 11th February – for week beginning 23rd February 2026

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

SPOTLIGHT ON:



Year Four



Year 4 have been lucky enough to enjoy both a Roman Day and an athletics morning all in the last week. On Thursday 29th January, we were greeted by our visiting Centurion 'Lucius' in his camp and were told all about life as a Roman soldier. We took part in several activities, including: trying on armour, getting hands on with typical Roman chores, such as scrubbing armour, playing games like knucklebones and even cleaning ourselves with olive oil. In the afternoon we studied replicas of Roman artefacts, tried Roman food which included lentils, dill and dried bread and learned to march like real Roman soldiers against a barrage of Celtic missiles!



On Wednesday 4th February they all attended an inter-school athletics event in Chelmsford and competed against each other and other schools in a variety of events such as throwing 'howlers' and relays. A special mention goes out to Leo and Anthony who were awarded silver and bronze medals.

The staff were very impressed with the enthusiasm and enjoyment shown by our pupils on both days and are proud to say we were complimented on the manners shown by them. Well done Year Four for shining so brightly..



SPOTLIGHT
ON:

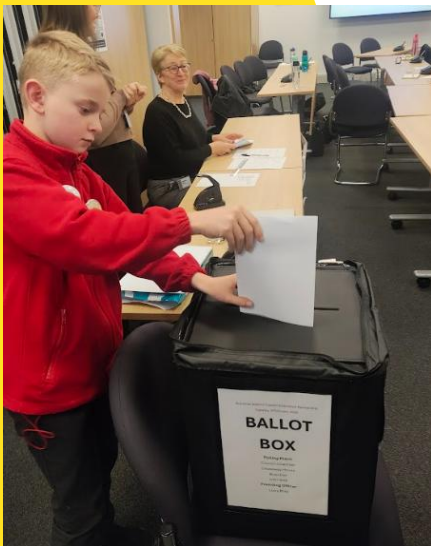


Democracy Day



Four Year 5 children were lucky enough to take part in a Democracy Day held by Braintree and District council on Tuesday.

The day began with an explanation of what democracy is, how we carry out democracy in the UK and why it is such an important part of our society and values. The group were then able to see a real election in action by voting for a biscuit Mayor! Each part of the election was broken down fully to see how it all works on a much bigger scale.



Finally, the group were able to ask questions both to the election team and the chairman himself. The children showed exactly what St Andrew's is all about, embodying our CARE values and asking some wonderful questions!





SPOTLIGHT ON:

Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day



Yesterday, Year 3 went back in time to 7000 BC for their Egyptian Day. The children took part in learning about the Egyptian number system and calculated some 'pyramid maths'.

The highlight of the day was mummifying a banana! Everyone loved scooping out the banana, dipping the skin in natron salt (salt and bicarbonate of soda for us!), stuffing it with kitchen roll and then sewing it up.

After lunch, we tasted different foods that would have been eaten in Ancient Egypt, such as olives, dates, figs, honey and pitta bread. We learned about the Egyptian gods and finally created artwork on the papyrus paper we made last week.

We all had a great day!



**CARDS ONLY PLEASE: THIS IS A CASHLESS EVENT –
NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED**

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Book Fair 9th February – 12th February

The Book Fair will be running from 3:05 – 3:30 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the School Hall.

It is a **cashless** event.

All children may spend their World Book Day £1 tokens on any of the books on sale!

Please support our school by attending and purchasing a new book (or two!) ready for some Half Term reading!

Spring Term 2026 - Diary Dates

Monday 9th February: Book Fayre in School Hall (3:00-3:30pm) A CASHLESS EVENT
Wednesday 11th February: Poetry Slam 9am (selected children only)

Friday 13th February: Inset Day

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February: Half Term Break

Wednesday 11th March: Y6 Warner Bros Studios Trip (details to follow)

Wednesday 11th March: Y5 Viking Day (details to follow)

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

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>



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 – Piper
Birch – Mia
Cherry – Evie S
Fir – Ted
Maple – Hazel
Oak – Olivia
Rowan – Ben M
Sycamore – Isobel J



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		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:

2nd to 8th February 2026

Noah W (Sycamore),

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	276
Greystones	253
Priory	366
Vinehurst	364



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	7,048
2 nd	Theo C	5,200
3 rd	Cai A	3,046



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	James B	14,548
2 nd	Harry B	4,834
3 rd	Amelie S	4,145



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Theodore J	6,850
2 nd	Cameron G	6,600
3 rd	Jenelle J	5,927



Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Elliott G	7,760
2 nd	Delilah P	4,240
3 rd	Frank C	1,400

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.

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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