



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are getting closer to having a contractor chosen for our rebuild, the building design and requirements of our children are always at the forefront of my mind. I have been quite vocal on how the newly designed building should be fit for purpose and meet the needs of all of our children.

Recently, I was invited to speak the Westminster Education Forum recently about the challenges that are faced by schools in the rebuild programme. Advocating for ALL school leaders not just St Andrew's. All schools now educate more children with additional needs that ever before, and I believe that the design of the buildings should allow us to meet these needs. Something that the design process doesn't currently make very easy or without lots of compromise on our side!

We await the next part of the process, but be assured I am very clear about what our final new building actually needs and will be ensuring these needs are met!

The delegates responded very positively to my presentation and I was invited to share our schools thoughts on the SEND white paper when it comes out.



What a long journey some of us have been on!



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



APPEAL FOR UNIFORM

We are without any spare trousers or joggers for year 3-4 age children (boys especially). If you have any spare and are willing to donate to the school, please pop them into the school office. Thank you.

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 28th January – for week beginning 4th February 2026

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

YEAR 6 FAMILIES HILLTOP DEPARTURE PLANS

We continue to put the final plans in place for the upcoming trip and can now share with you arrangements for the morning of departure.

The children will be leaving from ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (not the school). There is ample parking at the Church but we ask that you please park down the driveway away from the drive entrance as the coach will be parked there. It is essential it is kept clear of cars to safely load the children onto the coach.

Please arrive from 8:00am if you have medication to log with Mrs Banyard/Miss Arrowsmith. ALL children should arrive by 8:10am ready for a PROMPT 8:30am departure. This allows time to register the children, load bags and safely board everyone onto the coach. Please do your best not to be late as the timetable for the remainder of the day is reliant on us being on time!

You are welcome to wave off your children and those with siblings in the Junior School can bring them to school afterwards. These children won't get a 'late' mark but, please ensure you let the office know beforehand if you have a sibling arriving late for this reason.

The children will need a packed lunch with them for Monday lunch-time (nut-free as usual please!).

NO MOBILE PHONES, SMART WATCHES OR ELECTRONICS ARE PERMITTED – PLEASE LEAVE THESE AT HOME.

Please ensure that everything the children bring is NAMED (pen is fine) and they are able to carry themselves.

Warm clothes are key!

SLIPPERS ARE A MUST!

A bottom sheet if your child wants the mattress to be covered!

Cash for tuck shop in change please. We will be limiting purchases- too much sugar and sleep is tricky!!

Staff attending:

Mrs Black
Mrs Smith
Mrs Briggs
Mrs Gardiner
Miss Baker

We will inform you when they arrive and give ETA's on the Wednesday.

Your child can have a slow start on Thursday 29th and will be able to arrive in school at 10am if you wish. Staff will be in school (as usual) if you need your child in at 8:30am (as normal).

A few final add-ons for Hilltop next week:-

The departure time from Hilltop on Wednesday is around 13:00hrs so we are expecting to be back in Hatfield Peverel by approximately 15:30-15:45hrs although this is, of course, very much dependent on traffic. ETA's will be shared on the day.

All electronic devices including mobile phones MUST be left at home. There are rumours of phones being smuggled into bags but, they are not permitted. Any devices found WILL be confiscated which will cause upset, so do please leave these behind.

Monday's packed lunch should be provided in a disposable bag please. Rucksacks shouldn't be needed other than for bringing clothes or bedding. The children will have water and a snack on arrival at Hilltop mid-morning (please provide these - nut-free as usual).

Card games/books can be brought onto the coach, but there will be DVD's playing on the journey to/from Hilltop to keep the children entertained.

Spring Term 2026 - Diary Dates

Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th January: Y6 Hilltop Residential Trip

Thursday 29th January: Y4 Roman Day

Friday 30th January: Grandparents Morning 9:45-10:25am (joint with HPINS)

4th February: Y5 Road Safety Visit

Wednesday 11th February: Poetry Slam 9am (selected children only)

Friday 6th - Thursday 12th February: Book Fayre in School

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)

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

Apologies- Bike/ Scooter permission google form is not quite ready- look out for it soon!



ABSENCE REPORTING

A reminder if you are emailing to report your child's absence (or any appointments) to please include the school office into your communications. Emails to the year groups are fine, but please copy the office in for attendance and safeguarding purposes. Thank you.

admin@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk or
office@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk



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 – Sienna-Grace
Birch – Cecil
Cherry – Finn
Fir – Mason
Maple – Harry
Oak – Ernie
Rowan – Frank
Sycamore – Alex



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	Y4 Roman Day	Payment by Friday 23 rd January please
Year 5		
Year 6		



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:
19th to 25th January 2026

**Isabelle M (Birch), Albert P (Rowan), Alice A (Oak), Hazel S (Maple),
Timothy C (Sycamore)**

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

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

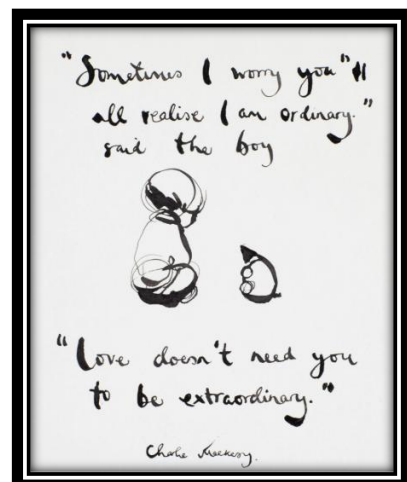
Communication regarding attendance concerns and requests for leave of absence will now be shared electronically via email wherever possible.
This is in line with ECC directives.



Winner of House
Points for this week
is

GREYSTONES

Berwicks	343
Greystones	382
Priory	352
Vinehurst	378



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	7,352
2 nd	Cai A	2,669
3 rd	Andre W	2,090



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	James B	11,870
2 nd	Archie B	7,310
3 rd	Zachary K	5,772



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Jenelle J	12,400
2 nd	Cameron G	6,120
3 rd	Lara P	4,203



Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Elliott G	4,670
2 nd	Frank C	4,100
3 rd	Eliza G	1,842



As a school we love to hear about our children 'shining' outside of school. Please share with us any photos and accompanying blurb when your children have been spotted shining at home.



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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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)
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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.



Saturday 11th April 2026

Fire & Lego Walk

Bond Street, Chelmsford City Centre



Are you ready to conquer your fears and take on the ultimate challenge? Step up, feel the heat and walk across scorching embers, or test your toughness on tiny bricks. Every step you take will be making a real difference to families who rely on the care of Little Havens Children's Hospice.

Entry Fee: £25

Minimum Sponsorship: £100 (Fire walk) or £60 (Lego walk)

Limited spaces available – don't miss out!



For more details and to sign up for an experience of a lifetime, visit havensospices.org.uk/firewalk

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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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£6 Cash Per Session
Age 4 - 13

Venue:
Witham Sports Ground, Spinks Lane,
Witham, CM8 1EP

Contact us:
withamscs@gmail.com

FAO/Recipients: parents and carers of Reception and Year 6 children

Dear parents and carers,

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the **SHINE (Studying Happiness, self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children) Parent & Carer Survey**. The survey will help us understand the health and wellbeing of children in **Reception (4-5 years)** and **Year 6 (10-11 years)**. The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups.

The survey takes around **20 minutes** and can be completed **online (or on paper, if preferred – see below)**. It includes questions about:

- Your child's mental wellbeing,
- You and your child's eating and physical activity habits,
- Your household and background.

By sharing your experiences, you will help us make changes at both local and national levels to support children's wellbeing.

As a thank you for taking part, you can enter a **prize draw** to win one of **four £50 shopping vouchers**, awarded to parents and carers in your local community.

The information you provide will only be used only for research purposes and will be kept completely confidential.

[Click here to access the survey.](#)

For more details, [visit our website.](#)

If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey, contact the study team at shine@ucl.ac.uk.

Thank you for supporting this important research,

The SHINE Study Team



SHINE is a collaboration between University College London, Durham University and Newcastle University.