



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



# NEWSLETTER

## 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your patience on Monday with the unexpected school closure. Portakabin have been back on site and made a change that will hopefully mean that the issue that caused the total power outage should not reoccur.

In positive news... on Monday, the area known as 'no-man's land' (the space in between the new school and the playground) will begin to be transformed into a huge, multi-weather, play-space.

The track matting that we have in the rec will be installed over the next two weeks.

This will future proof our play space once the building works have started and until then, provide us with a lovely big space!

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2026.

Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team.



### One Plan Parent Meetings

One Plan meetings will be taking place week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January.

We will be sharing the links to book your meeting on the morning of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January so please keep an eye out for a ParentPay email then.



We would like to welcome Mr Mercz to St Andrew's.

He will be working alongside Miss O'Connor in Oak class.

He is completing his teacher training and he will be with us until the end of July!



### **The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2026**

- **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](http://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.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

All of the application information is available on the website above.

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

**By midnight on WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> January – for week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

## Spring Term 2026 - Diary Dates

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

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Y6 Hilltop Residential Trip

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Y4 Roman Day (details to follow)

4<sup>th</sup> February: Y5 Road Safety Visit

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Book Fayre in School

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Inset Day**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term Break

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 Warner Bros Studios Trip (details to follow)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 Viking Day (details to follow)

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

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays



## **Area SEND inspection for Essex Local Area Partnership**

Ofsted and the CQC are undertaking a SEND inspection of the Essex Local Area from 5th January to Friday 23rd January. We have been asked to circulate the SEND Inspection survey link.

The survey will close at 9am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer/10364949>



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 – Thomas J**  
**Birch – Isabelle**  
**Cherry – Willow**  
**Fir – Amelie**  
**Maple – Matthew**  
**Oak – Jessica**  
**Rowan – Stanley K**  
**Sycamore – Lee**



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

## 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.

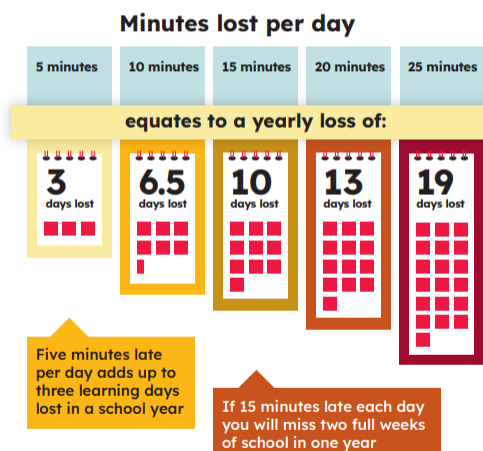
### \*\*A REMINDER FOR CHILDREN ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE\*\*

Please help ensure your child arrives at school on time each day, some days we have had over 20 children arriving late after the gate has closed. Early morning work and class instructions are an important part of our learning routine. This time helps the children settle in and understand the plans and expectations for the day. When they arrive late, they miss key instructions and learning opportunities which can make it harder for them to stay on track. Your support with punctual arrival helps set your child up for a confident and successful school day.

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Here, every day, ready and on time



Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!



**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	Sign up to Year 4 MTC Meeting, Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 3.15pm <a href="https://forms.gle/zaELyHFt9zuKsfRB9">https://forms.gle/zaELyHFt9zuKsfRB9</a>	
Year 5		
Year 6		



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:  
**5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Erin W (Maple), Louis-Junior B (Sycamore), Corey D (Oak),  
 Alexis W (Rowan),**

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

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

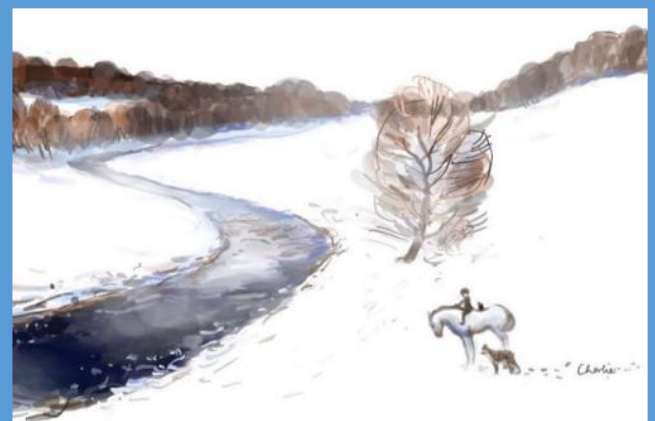
Communication regarding attendance concerns and requests for leave of absence will now be shared electronically via email wherever possible.  
 This is in line with ECC directives.



Winner of House Points for this week is

**BERWICKS**

Berwicks	192
Greystones	154
Priory	153
Vinehurst	145



"One day you'll look back and realise how hard it was, and just how well you did."



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



### Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Reuben B-R	4,504
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cai A	2,684
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thomas G	2,546



### Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	James B	9,370
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fraser M	1,352
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth S	1,288



### Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cameron G	5,507
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rhys A	1,909
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eva B	1,392



### Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elliott G	5,040
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frank C	2,256
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steven A	1,120

# 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.



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# Zones of Regulation

Join our Zones of Regulation course designed especially for families. This practical and engaging programme introduces the tools and language your child is already using in class to help them recognise, understand, and regulate their feelings.

**Date: 15/01/2026**

**Time: 09:00 - 11:00**



Scan the QR code, or Visit our website [acessex.com](https://acessex.com) and type 'ST ANDREWS' or 'HO4A40CO25' in the 'Find a course...' box



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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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Course Code	Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Venue	Start Time	End Time
HO5C40OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	12/01/2026	19/01/2026	Online Live	09:30	11:30
HO2C40OL25	FL Managing Big Emotions	13/01/2026	20/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO2A40OL25	FL About Boys Course 5-11	13/01/2026	03/02/2026	Online Live	09:45	11:45
HO2C44OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	13/01/2026	13/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO2C42OL25	FL About Boys Course 5-11	14/01/2026	04/02/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO3A43OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	14/01/2026	11/02/2026	Online Live	09:30	11:30
HO4B41OL25	FL Setting Boundaries	15/01/2026	22/01/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO4C42OL25	FL Zones of Regulation	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4C52OL25	FL Praise, Rewards and Limit Setting	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO5C41OL25	FL Understanding Neurodivergent Children	16/01/2026	27/02/2026	Online Live	18:00	20:00
HO1A40OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	19/01/2026	09/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO1B40OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	19/01/2026	09/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO2A42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	20/01/2026	10/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO2B42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	20/01/2026	10/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO3C40OL25	FL ESOL for Families	21/01/2026	04/03/2026	Online Live	18:00	20:00
HO4C53OL25	FL Talking So Your Children Will Listen	22/01/2026	29/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4C44OL25	FL Fussy Eaters	22/01/2026	22/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4A45OL25	FL SEND Support for Families	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	09:45	11:45
HO4A50OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO4B42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO5B40OL25	FL Zones of Regulation	23/01/2026	23/01/2026	Online Live	12:30	14:30
HO5A44OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	23/01/2026	13/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO5B46OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	23/01/2026	13/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO2C45OL25	FL Managing Anger in Young People	27/01/2026	03/02/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO5B48OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	30/01/2026	30/01/2026	Online Live	12:30	14:30

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