



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



# NEWSLETTER

## 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a busy week at St Andrew's! On Monday the children helped us to interview and appoint our new Deputy Headteacher and SENCO who will join us from September (more information to introduce Mrs Alex Jagger to you in the coming weeks). The children behaved wonderfully, asked excellent questions, showed pride in their school and made us all very proud. Meanwhile, Year 5 have been rehearsing so hard for their Easter performance to parents and carers next week - we got to see a preview during the dress rehearsal today and you are all in for such a treat.

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



A reminder that we finish at 1pm next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please complete the Google form re: collection arrangements from Church or School.  
<https://forms.gle/A5w2kJ6totNU5WDy7>



A big St. Andrew's welcome to David and his family who joins us in Oak, Year 5. We are sure you will all soon settle in.



We say goodbye to Woody in Year 5 and wish him and his family all the very best for the future.

### TENNIS COURTS

The Parish Council have had to report another occurrence of children being inside the tennis courts using them for other activities when they are not permitted to do so. Last Friday after school a group of children in St. Andrew's uniform (as well as another child in GBHS uniform) were inside the courts using them for other activities without a booking. No-one is trying to stop children having fun, but the recreation ground and MUGA are open for other activities. These rules are in place to maintain safety, preserve the condition of the courts and ensure fair access for all users.

We kindly ask for your support in reminding children not to play on the tennis courts unless they are using them under a booked arrangement, for their intended purpose and with adult supervision. Your support helps create a safe and respectful environment for everyone. Thank you.

### SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March – for week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
If you have any queries, please do contact the school office.

### Spring Term 2026 - Diary Dates

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Year 5 Easter Production 2pm  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 Easter Production 10am  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Church Service 11am (parents welcome)  
**and 1pm finish**

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

### Summer Term 2026 - Diary Dates

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Children back to school  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Y6 Height and Weight Check  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Y6 SATS**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term Break  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Whole School Inset Day  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Class Photos  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 Trip to Maldon (details to follow)  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June: District Sports  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Transition Week  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Y5 Sandon Taster Day  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Y5 GBHS Taster Day  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Joint Celebration Evening with HPINS  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Leavers Party 3.00-4.45pm  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Leavers Picnic 11am (parents welcome)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term - 1pm finish

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Children back to school

### MENINGITIS OUTBREAK IN KENT – ADVICE TO PARENTS

The outbreak of meningitis in Kent has been heavily covered in the news and may be causing anxiety in Essex. The public health team at Essex County Council have said that there is no increased risk to anyone in Essex unless they have a direct link to a case of meningitis in the Kent outbreak and been contacted by the UK Health Security Agency. Simply being a contact of a person with a direct link does not increase the risk. If you would like to know more about the outbreak and how it is managed there is an update on the [UK Health Security Agency webpage](#). If you would like to know more about meningitis and how to spot it the [NHS webpages](#) give good advice.

SPOTLIGHT  
ON:



## Year 6 Trip: Warner Bros. Studio 2026

On Wednesday 11th March, Year 6 journeyed to Watford to experience the Warner Bros. Studio Tour: The Making of Harry Potter.

Following a speedy journey, the children took part in a lesson all about 'Costume Distressing'. The children were shown a variety of different costumes that were actually used throughout the film series including:

He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named's cloak which, despite its dark appearance, is actually SEVEN different shades of green! Other highlights of the session included seeing Hagrid's huge prosthetic head and Harry's battle-damaged jacket from the final film.

After the engaging, hands-on workshop, we then explored the studio tour and it was amazing to see all their faces light up as they saw the magic of the props, sets and costumes in front of their very own eyes.

It was a long and busy day and despite a traffic jam on the return journey, the children all shone brightly and represented the school brilliantly.



**We've had some wonderful donations of plants and bulbs but still need more to fill the grassy areas outside classrooms. If you would like to donate plants/bulbs please drop them into the school office anytime. Thank you for your support.**





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**  
**Birch – Niamh**  
**Cherry – Evie D**  
**Fir – Madeline**  
**Maple – Isabelle**  
**Oak – Oliver**  
**Rowan – Ella**  
**Sycamore – Timothy**



**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	Easter Production on 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> March. Tickets to be requested via ParentPay	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Year 6		



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:  
**16th to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**Eva B (Oak), Amelia C (Birch), Oliver B (Cherry),**

**Mrs Dutaut, Mrs Maginn**

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	198
Greystones	184
Priory	207
Vinehurst	158



Year 3	Penelope
Year 4	Vaksleena
Year 5	Jessica
Year 6	Eliza

# 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.

# SAFER / GREENER / HEALTHIER

Transforming travel in Essex

## The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:  
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

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## Zones of Regulation

### Online Course

This engaging one-week course is designed to give parents and carers valuable insight into the Zones of Regulation framework. You will learn practical strategies to help children and young people:

- Recognize and understand their emotions
- Develop self-regulation skills
- Build resilience and emotional intelligence
- Strengthen communication and relationships

Date: 25/03/2026

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website [aclessex.com](https://aclessex.com) and type "ZONES" or "HO3B41OL25" in the 'Find a course...' box



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## Setting Clear Boundaries For Children

### Online Live Course

On this 1 week course for Parents/Carers you will learn how to set healthy boundaries with your children.

- Understand why boundaries are essential for children's emotional and social development
  - Discover practical strategies for setting clear, consistent limits
  - Learn how boundaries build respect, trust, and independence
- Gain confidence in handling challenging situations with calm authority

Date: 24/03/2026

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

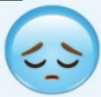
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Date: 26/03/2026

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

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## Understanding & Managing Children's Anxiety

### Online Live Course

Join us for a supportive and informative session designed to help parents understand what anxiety is, why children may become anxious, and how it can affect their daily lives. Discover simple, practical techniques you can use at home to help your child feel more confident, calm, and supported.

Date: 19/03/2026

Thursdays for 2 weeks  
9:45-11:45am

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# Raising Boys

ONLINE LIVE COURSE

This course will support parents/carers who are raising boys in the 21st century - helping to develop an understanding of the different stages of boyhood and learn how to raise happy, confident, and kind young men.

**Date: 19/03/2026 - 26/03/2026 (2 weeks' course)**

**Time: 19:00 - 21:00**

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# Sleep Workshop

Online Live Course

We all need sleep to function. This one week workshop for Parents/carers will help you learn about the importance of sleep for wellbeing for young people and how you can support your children's sleep routine.

**Date: 17/03/2026 Time: 18:00 - 20:00**

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# FL ADHD/ASC Raising Boys 16 years & Beyond

Online Live Course

Join us for this adults only course to explore raising neurodivergent boys from 16 years and beyond

**Date: 23/03/2026 Time: 12:30 - 14:30**

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# Support your Child's Journey into Reception

FREE Courses for Parents

## ★ Growing Independence

This workshop helps children develop key self-care skills, and feeling confident spending short periods of time with trusted adults.

## ★ Developing Positive Bedtime Routines

This workshop helps families establish calm bedtime routines, manage screen time, and support habits for a good night's sleep.

## ★ Physical Development

Explore ways to support children's physical development and readiness through movement, coordination, and active play.

## ★ Communication and Language

Develop listening skills, simple instruction-following, confident talking about interests, and joining in with songs and conversations.

## ★ Building Relationships and Communicating

Practice sharing with toys, talking to them about how they feel. Looking at story books together and speaking about what characters are feeling.

## ★ Play, Creativity and Curiosity

This session encourages imaginative play, creative activities, and story sharing, helping children explore their world and build confidence and curiosity.

Scan the QR code to find out more and sign up.

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[aclessex.com/reception-ready](https://aclessex.com/reception-ready)



# Essex Fire Museum

## Open Day

2026



29th and 31st Of March

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



**Book Now**   
**Free Entry**



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk