



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying how proud I am of Rowan class this week. As a school, we had been randomly chosen to complete some new SPAG assessments. This meant that the children sat two one hour SPAG (spelling, punctuation, and grammar) tests on Wednesday. All very cloak and dagger! They made no fuss and just got on with it and I am very grateful for this and proud of them!

We have some lovely new fresh in from Mrs Barker and her husband. Baby Barker will be born in late summer, we are all very excited for this very special arrival!
We have interviewed today for a maternity cover teacher and are very pleased with our appointment!



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



ABSENCE REPORTING

A reminder that absences *must* be reported to the school office please. Please copy the office into any emails sent to year group addresses:

✉ admin@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk
☎ 01245 380131 (answerphone service available)



New playground Toys and Equipment – COMING SOON!

On Monday the children will be choosing new playtime resources- these will be generously funded by our amazing JSA!



SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By midnight on WEDNESDAY 29th April – for week beginning 4th May 2026
If you have any queries, please do contact the school office.

Summer Term 2026 - Diary Dates

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday

NEW DATE Wednesday 6th May: Y6 SATS Quiz Parents v Children 1.30-3pm

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May: Y6 SATS

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May: Half Term Break

Monday 1st June: Whole School Inset Day

Friday 5th June: Class Photos

Thursday 11th June: Y4 Trip to Maldon (details to follow)

Friday 12th June: Sports Day-

Monday 15th June: District Sports

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June: Y6 Transition Week

Tuesday 23rd June: Y5 Sandon Taster Day

Thursday 2nd July: Y5 GBHS Taster Day

Thursday 9th July: Joint Celebration Evening with HPINS

Thursday 16th July: Y6 Leavers Party 3.00-4.45pm

Friday 17th July: Y6 Leavers Picnic 11am (yr 6 parents welcome)

Friday 17th July: Last day of term - **1pm finish**

Wednesday 2nd September: Children back to school



SPOTLIGHT ON!



Brilliant bees

On Tuesday, Year 3 were very lucky to be visited by Ian Grant from Chelmsford Beekeepers. Although we knew a lot about bees already from our reading and English lessons, we discovered so much more! Did you know that a bee travels 55,000 miles to produce just 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime? It's astonishing!

During the visit, we had the chance to put on special glasses to see what the world looks like from a bee's perspective. Some of our classmates even got to wear a beekeeper outfit, which was a fantastic experience! To top it all off, we all enjoyed tasting the delicious honey that Ian brought along.

If your child has caught 'the buzz' about bees, why not visit Oaklands Museum Beehive on Moulsham Street in Chelmsford?





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 – Sophie
Birch – Johnhenry
Cherry – Oliver
Fir – Cameron
Maple – Hugo
Oak – David
Rowan – Neil
Sycamore – Neil



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		
Year 6		



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:
20th to 26th April 2026

**Madeline J (Fir), Charlotte S (Fir), Dylan W (Maple), Lucas E (Apple),
Piper F (Apple), Olivia S (Oak),**

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92%	97%	91%	94%

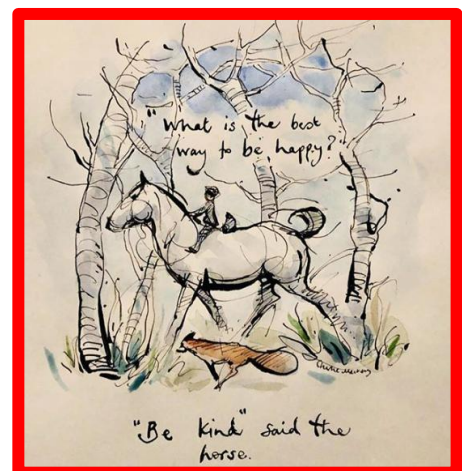
'Attendance Matters'
Attendance for each year group this week.

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
GREYSTONES

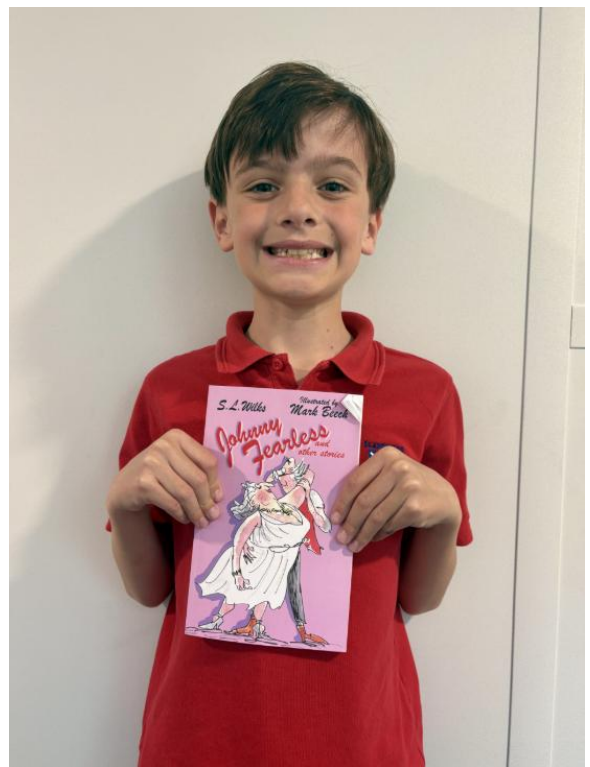
Berwicks	3rd
Greystones	1st
Priory	4th
Vinehurst	2nd

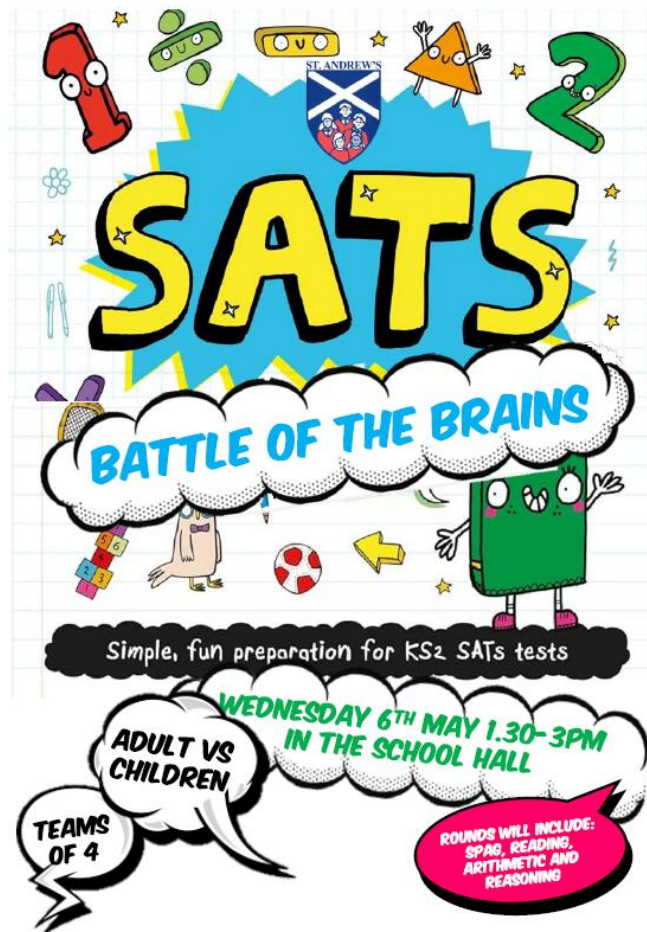




Dylan had very exciting news to share! His Auntie has published a book and he is very proud (as the photo shows!).

Well done for being such a supportive nephew Dylan and congratulations to Auntie!





YEAR 6 PAENTS/CARERS

We are very excited to announce that this year, in preparation for the SATs, we will be hosting a 'Battle of the Brains Quiz' on Wednesday 6th May (1.30-3pm). The quiz will be held in the school hall. It will strictly be adults versus children! Rounds will include Reading, Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning.

Adult teams will be a maximum of 4 people - these could be parents, carers, grandparent etc. We are more than happy for you to organise your parent teams if you have particular people you would like to go with. If you haven't got a team, we can sort one for you. Please let us know this when completing the attached Google Form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKqnV1WiOircle0eF-USE7o0AWZNYDUYWzLVc5Yyy34HJJ2g/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

At the event, we will be holding a raffle. The prizes are for the children and will include:

- Extended breaktimes
- Chosen PE lesson vouchers
- Treats
- Drink of choice passes

To enter your child's name into the raffle will cost 50p. You can purchase more than one entry. For example: £2 will mean your child's name is entered four times and so on. The more tickets, the more chance of winning one of our sought-after prizes! The raffle proceeds will go towards resources and treats for all the children this term. Tickets need to be purchased in advance via ParentPay.



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	4,752
2 nd	Cai A	1,830
3 rd	Penelope E	1,090



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	James B	17,266
2 nd	Zachary K	5,836
3 rd	Vaksleena V	4,425



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Theodore J	9,550
2 nd	Cameron G	7,240
3 rd	Marie P	4,186



Year 6 MOST PLAYED



1 st	Eliza G	5,040
2 nd	Reggie B-T	3,028
3 rd	Frank C	2,064



SUMMER 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.

 Week One Menu Weeks beginning 13 th April & 4 th May		 SUMMER 2026 - LUNCH MENU Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School		
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.				

 Week Two Menu Weeks beginning 20 th April & 11 th May		 SUMMER 2026 - LUNCH MENU Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School		
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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 <p>Week Three Menu Weeks beginning 27th April & 18th May</p>	 <p>SUMMER 2026 - LUNCH MENU Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School</p>
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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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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

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Meals can be pre-ordered up to the May half term break and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.

NEW
CLUBS!

SUMMER TERM SCS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday Dodgeball (all years)

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/610>

Tuesday Year 5/6 Football

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/652>

Wednesday Year 3/4 Football

<https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/651>



★ **SCS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** ★



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DODGEBALL



**YEAR 5&6
FOOTBALL**



**YEAR 3&4
FOOTBALL**

Inspiring Children in Sport



JSA

FATHER'S DAY SHOP

19th June 2026

£4

Please purchase your Fathers Day gift (or gifts) at

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hpsajsa>

The PTA events page closes on the 11th May 2026 to allow for gift purchasing.





New School Food Standards

- Eating well in school plays a key role in children's health, wellbeing and ability to learn.
- In 2026, the Department for Education School Food Standards are being updated for the first time in over a decade.
- Since then, childhood obesity has risen, eating habits have changed, and children are eating more ultra-processed food and foods high in fat, salt and sugar, with tooth decay one of the main reasons children visit hospital.
- These new School Food Standards will set out clearer rules on the food provided in schools and they will be monitored from September 2027.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to have your say!

“ We have committed to overhaul School Food Standards to ensure that every child gets the good quality food they need that gives them the best start in life ”

Olivia Bailey, Minister for Education

A national consultation is now open, closing on Friday 12th June 2026. The Department for Education want to especially hear from those who know school food best - students, parents, schools, caterers, growers.

Essex County Council Public Health, with HCRG Healthy Schools and Zoe Griffiths Nutrition, will be holding free webinars for Essex schools to learn more about the new school food standards and this consultation process

Dates:

Thursday 30th April - 15:30 - 16:15

Wednesday 13th May - 15:30 - 16:15

Tuesday 9th June - 15:30 - 16:15

Sign-up here



Share your views

Read the new standards here



Complete the survey here





COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL GROWING INDEPENDENCE	ONLINE LIVE	01/05/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:30	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	05/05/2026 (3 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL GETTING AN ADHD/ASD DIAGNOSIS AS ADULT	ONLINE LIVE	06/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL MANAGING ANGER IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	06/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	10:00	12:00
FL UNDERSTAND ANXIETY FOR YOUR SEND CHILD	ONLINE LIVE	07/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL MANAGING ANGER IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	07/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00

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FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE	ONLINE LIVE	08/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	13:00	15:00
FL RAISING GIRLS	ONLINE LIVE	11/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND ADHD	ONLINE LIVE	14/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY	ONLINE LIVE	14/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:00	11:00
FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE	ONLINE LIVE	21/05/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00
FL FUSSY EATERS	ONLINE LIVE	21/05/2026 (1 WEEK)	13:00	15:00
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	21/05/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:30	11:30

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