



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, we have had some issues with the school field. Today was a very exciting day for everyone as the new grass had had its the first cut! The sun was shining and so today was the day the grass was christened! Lots of happy children, happy staff and a relieved headteacher!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team.



A warm welcome to Wren into Y3 (Apple) and Arya Y5 (Oak) and their family to St. Andrew's.

We hope you soon feel at home and quickly become part of the St. Andrew's family.

Amazon Wish List – a big thank you to the families who have purchased gifts from our wish lists. Unfortunately, sometimes these arrive without any note to say who they are from, but we are so grateful for your support. 😊

• SPARE SCHOOL UNIFORM – Black shorts and Black joggers •

We are looking to replace spare uniform supplies and would be very grateful for any **clean, good-condition black shorts or black joggers** that your child has outgrown or no longer needs.

If you have any spare pairs that you would be happy to donate, please send them to the school office.

Thank you very much for your support! 😊

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By 7th October – for week beginning 12th October 2026

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

Autumn Term 2026 - Diary Dates

Monday 5th October: Y4 MTC Parent Meeting 3.10pm

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October: Y6 Bikeability Course 3

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October: Y6 Bikeability Course 4

Wednesday 21st October: JSA Film Night 3-5pm

Thursday 22nd October: Flu Vaccinations

Friday 23rd October: Harvest Festival 10am

Friday 23rd October: JSA Pumpkin Carving Competition (details to follow)

Friday 6th November: JSA Non-Uniform Day (for tombola donations)

Wednesday 25th November: Y6 WW1 Day (details to follow)

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December: Y4 Production to Parents (am - time TBC)

Friday 4th December: Christingle Service (in school hall)

Wednesday 9th December: JSA Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 16th December: JSA Christmas Disco (details to follow)

Friday 18th December: Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Church 11am (everyone welcome)

Friday 18th December: Last day of term (**1pm finish**)

** Year 6 Families **

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on 12th September 2026, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2026.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

Absence reporting – a reminder that we do not use Studybugs in the Junior School for absence reporting. Please use the following to report your child absent (remembering to state clearly why). Thank you.

 01245 380131 (Voicemail facility)

 office@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk



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

28th September to 4th October 2026

**Ebony D (Birch), Peony H (Fir), Brody W (Apple),
Willow W (Maple),**

Miss Jarvis (Catering)



If you want to see more from Charlie Mackesy please follow

<https://www.charliemackesy.com/>



Winner of House Points for this week is **PRIORY**

Berwicks	4TH
Greystones	2ND
Priory	1ST
Vinehurst	3RD





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 – Rose
Birch – Chloe
Cherry – Aoife
Fir – Thomas G
Maple – Archie
Oak – Jenson
Rowan – Olivia S
Sycamore – Tanmay



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



Year 4



In Year 4, we have been finding out about rivers and the water cycle. Last week, we visited the **Museum of Power** and took part in many brilliant activities. We:

- made our own water wheels and tested them with water pistols
- filtered river water
- learned about the gigantic water pump used to take water to Southend
- took a walk along the River Blackwater and spotted key parts of a river.



As you can see, the children and staff had lots of fun, found out a lot about the role of a river and we all slept well very that night!

We look forward to using this wonderful experience to help with our learning going forward.



International School Award

Certificate

This is to certify that

St Andrew's Junior School

has achieved

Foundation level

Introducing internationalism



Scott McDonald
Chief Executive, British Council





CONGRATATIONS ST ANDREW'S AND MRS ARNOLD.

British Council International School Award success for St Andrew's Junior School



As our MFL lead (modern foreign language) Mrs Arnold has applied for, and we have been awarded, Foundation level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world.

St Andrew's Junior School's international work includes a long-standing partnership with St. Elme School which has provided pupils with a meaningful and authentic opportunity to communicate with children in another country and to develop their understanding of the French language and culture. The range of exchanges across the year, together with links to geography and wider global issues, demonstrates a strong international dimension to the activity. It is particularly encouraging to see the positive impact on pupils' motivation, confidence and engagement in language learning.

Fiona Iglesias, Head of UK Schools at the British Council, said: 'St Andrew Junior School's international work has earned the school well-deserved recognition through the British Council International School Award – Foundation Certificate.

We are delighted and proud that St Andrew's Junior School is committed to a whole-school approach in embedding and celebrating international work and global connections. The dedication of staff and students alike is enriching education, nurturing globally aware young people, and fostering the development of essential skills.

We extend our thanks to everyone involved in this valuable work. Embedding an international ethos across a school can pave the way to achieving full International School Award accreditation, the highest level of recognition. We encourage schools interested in joining this supportive and inspiring global network to connect with us at the British Council."



We had these fantastic photos of Aiden and Archie shared by their family.

This is the boys successfully passing their latest karate grading to achieve their 7th Kyu Orange Belt.

In our style of karate, the belt progression goes from white, to red, to yellow, and now to orange. Achieving the orange belt is a big milestone as it means moving out of the absolute beginner ranks and showing a lot of dedication and focus!

Congratulations to both boys on this fantastic achievement. Hard work paying off, well done boys!







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/CcTvtVeiY1kLc7c1A>

PE DAYS AUTUMN TERM 2026 (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 Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday Thursday
Year 5	Monday Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday 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	Hilltop	Instalment plan to be kept up to date please!



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



Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Archie A	1,262
2 nd	Bonnie-Rae D	1,076
3 rd	Ruby M	790

Congratulations to our first Year
3 Rockstars!



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Jessica W	17,788
2 nd	Theo C	6,615
3 rd	Harrison J	4,968



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Rosie A	12,412
2 nd	James B	9,910
3 rd	William B	2,500



Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Cameron G	9,620
2 nd	Theodore J	8,188
3 rd	Rafferty M	2,782

AUTUMN 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 31st Aug, 21st September & 12th October



AUTUMN/WINTER 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) Smoothies (ve)	Sausages or Veggie Sausages (ve) Hash Browns (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Pancakes (v)	Spaghetti & Meatballs or Spaghetti & Veggie Balls (ve) Garlic Bread (v) Biscuit (ve)	Roast Gammon or Veggie Sausage (ve) Yorkshire Pud (v) Roast Potatoes (ve) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional) (ve) Fruit Platter (ve)	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 (ve), 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.				
v = vegetarian ve = vegan				



Week Two Menu

Weeks beginning 7th Sept, 28th Sept & 19th October



AUTUMN/WINTER 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 (ve) Herby Diced Potatoes (ve) Baked Beans (ve) Cake (v)	Meatballs & Tomato Pasta or Veggie Balls & Tomato Pasta (ve) Garlic Bread (v) Broccoli (ve) Yogurt (v)	Roast Turkey or Roasted Herby Fillet (ve) Roast Potatoes (ve) Yorkshire Pudding (v) Seasonal Vegetables (ve) Gravy (optional) (ve) Arctic Roll (v)	Harry Ramsden Fish or Crispy Dipper (ve) Chips (ve) Peas (ve) Chocolate Cake (v)
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Week Three Menu

Weeks beginning 14th September & 5th October



AUTUMN/WINTER 2026 – LUNCH MENU

Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spaghetti Bolognese	Sausage Roll	Creamy Bacon Carbonara	Roast Turkey	Fish Fingers
or	or	or	or	or
Spaghetti Veggie Bolognese (ve)	Veggie Roll (ve)	'No Bacon' Creamy Carbonara (v)	Baked Fillet (ve)	Veggie Fingers (ve)
Garlic Bread (v)	Mash (ve)	Fresh Bread (ve)	Roast Potatoes (ve)	Chips (ve)
Seasonal Vegetables (ve)	Baked Beans (ve)	Broccoli (ve)	Yorkshire Pudding (v)	Peas (ve)
			Seasonal Vegetables (ve)	
			Gravy (optional) (ve)	
Yogurt (v)	Flapjack (ve)	Fruit Platter (ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (v)	School Cake with Icing & Sprinkles (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 (ve), JUICE CARTON (ve) AND DESSERT OF THE DAY				
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Meals can be pre-ordered up to the October half term break and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council have asked us to share the poster below with information on this year's Christmas event. Early access to tickets for Santa's Grotto will begin on Monday 5th October. They would like to give local parents whose children attend our setting the opportunity to purchase tickets before they are released for general sale on Monday 12th October.

Tickets will be password protected during this first week of release – please do NOT share this password so that all local families have the first opportunity to purchase tickets. Thank you.

Password: HP-SANTA-2026



FLU IMMUNISATIONS – in school Thursday 22nd October

The School Flu Immunisation Team will be in school on Thursday 22nd October to rollout this year's flu vaccinations. Vaccination UK are moving to a new **e-consent system** called **MAVIS (Manage Vaccinations in Schools)** and you will hear from them *directly* for consent. Schools are no longer required to send vaccination information to parents.

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SCHOOL FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Protect Your Child at School

Flu spreads quickly in schools.
The nasal spray vaccine helps
keep your child healthy.

It's Free, Quick and Easy

- ✓ Just a nasal spray
- ✓ Takes seconds
- ✓ No needles
- ✓ Given at school

Protect Others Too

Vaccinating your child helps protect:

- Babies too young to be vaccinated
- Grandparents and older relatives
- People with long-term health conditions



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Free courses for parents & carers

5th - 16th October 2026

Gain practical **tips and techniques** you can use straight away.

Be around others that 'get it' in our **supportive and friendly** sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th October	6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October
	Zones of Regulation Online Live 12:30 - 2:30pm	Understanding ASC in Children Online Live 6:30 - 8:30pm Managing Big Emotions Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Understanding Children's Anxiety Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Understanding Teens Anxiety Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am
12th October	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October
	Family First Aid Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm		Family First Aid Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am	



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MOVIE NIGHT

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Showing



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



Free courses for parents & carers

19th - 30th October 2026

Gain practical **tips and techniques** you can use straight away.

Be around others that 'get it' in our **supportive and friendly** sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October
Managing Anger in Young People Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Separation Anxiety (Primary) Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Separation Anxiety (Early Years) Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Managing Conflict at Home Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Building Better Routines Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am
26th October	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October
Half Term Week! Visit aclessex.com to see what's starting soon.				



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1 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Academic Year

As we begin a new school year, I am writing to all parents and carers to let them know about my engagement with schools across the Witham constituency which might be of interest.

Improving and supporting educational standards and outcomes for children and young people has been central to my work across the constituency and it is a privilege to work with local schools on a wide range of initiatives, and I look forward to engaging with Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School over the course of this academic year.

I engage with local schools on a wide range of activities and opportunities, including visits to Parliament, my annual literacy event which is called Get Witham Reading, where I bring together schools across the constituency to promote the many benefits of reading which build on the brilliant work within schools to improve literacy standards and which help to inspire children to develop a life-long passion for reading. I also hold an initiative called Get Witham Growing, which encourages horticultural skills and I donate suitable items to schools interested in participating in this scheme. This is in addition to my annual Christmas card competition and visits to our local schools.

I am also here to support my constituents with any issues they may face. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0207 219 3528 or at withammp@parliament.uk.

I send every pupil all my best wishes for the forthcoming school and academic year and I hope that they will enjoy taking part in many of the activities and opportunities that will come their way in the year ahead.

All my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Member of Parliament for Witham

Christmas Card Competition 2026

I am delighted to announce the details of my 2026 Christmas Card Competition. The competition is open to schools across the Witham constituency, and I hope pupils will enjoy taking part in this festive and creative opportunity. This year's theme is: "**Animals at Christmas**"

Students are invited to create a Christmas card design featuring animals celebrating Christmas in imaginative and festive ways. The winning design will be featured on my official Christmas card, and the winner will receive a prize. My office will arrange for the prize to be presented at the winning pupil's school during December.

Competition Rules

- Entries must be no larger than A4 size.
- Entries must not be folded.
- Designs must be suitable for reproduction using a standard four-colour printing process (please do not use glitter, cotton wool or other materials that cannot be reproduced).
- The pupil's name, age and school must be clearly marked on the reverse of each entry.

All entries must be received by my Westminster Office no later than: **Friday 6**

November 2026 and they need to be sent to:

Priti Patel MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

The winner and runners up will be announced in the following two weeks, and I will then contact the winning pupil's school to arrange for a prize to be presented to them.

Unfortunately, entrances submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. I know how busy the school schedule for this term is, and I do hope I can encourage your school to participate in what should be an exciting and creative Christmas competition this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

