



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

9th October 2026

Dear Parents,

The children have really enjoyed making the most of the lovely school field this week, I am hopeful that the weather will remain kind to us!

Thank you for your patience regarding Spelling Shed this term. There have been a number of 'back-office' changes made that have had a significant impact on usability in school and at home. We are very sure that these gremlins have been sorted now. Thank you to the staff who have spent a lot of their own time working to fix and reload work that the app had lost. Very frustrating for everyone.

We were visited today by our new County advisor Mr Fox. He was very impressed with the children's work ethic, confidence, keenness to speak to a new person and their ability to explain their work. He was particularly impressed with year four explaining what a 'non-chronological report was and what fictitious' meant!

If your child is in Year Five and you haven't yet made your donation for the Planetarium visit please do. We are currently 50% short of the required amount for the experience that the children will get so much out of. The children will be walking to the village hall as our Hall ceiling is too low.



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



UPCOMING VISITS & TRIPS

Year 5	Planetarium Dome (Monday 12th October) contributions towards the visit by Friday 9th October please.
Year 6	- Hilltop residential trip (Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th January 2027). Full payment due by 1st November. - WW1 Day (in-school visit Wednesday 25th November) contributions towards the visit by Monday 16th November please.

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By 14th October – for week beginning 19th October 2026

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

Autumn Term 2026 - Diary Dates

Monday 12th October: Y5 Planetarium Dome Day (in-school hours visit)

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

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October: Parent Consultation Meetings

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)

CHANGE OF DATEWednesday 11th November - JSA FILM NIGHT****

Wednesday 25th November: Y6 WW1 Day (in-school visit)

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:

5th to 11th October 2026

Ginevra C (Birch), Lexie G (Sycamore), Niah H-K (Sycamore), Cecil L (Fir), Ruby M (Birch), Emilia L (Fir), Thea A (Birch), Sophie A (Cherry), Teddy S (Rowan)

Miss Atkins, Miss Delf,



*"I haven't really achieved anything," said the boy.
"You are kind," said the mole, "which is everything."
Charlie Mackesy*

If you want to see more from Charlie Mackesy please follow <https://www.charliemackesy.com/>



Winner of House Points for this week is VINEHURST

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





**These are the children who have been spotted shining in
school this week.
Well done for demonstrating our CARE values.**

**Apple – Molly
Birch – Ruby
Cherry – Sienna-Grace
Fir – Isabelle
Maple – Charlotte
Oak – Logan
Rowan – Ellis
Sycamore – Verity**



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



Amara's family shared this fantastic news:

Amara (Birch) took part in her very first gymnastics competition this weekend and we couldn't be prouder of her. She came joint 3rd out of 35 girls in her category, an incredible achievement for her first ever competition!

To make it even more special, she got to meet Max Whitlock, who actually presented her with her medal!

We are especially proud of Amara for stepping so far outside of her comfort zone and competing in front of such a large crowd of people. Seeing her overcome her nerves and believe in herself enough to do it was just amazing.

This is incredible Amara – congratulations on your podium achievement 🏆 – we are all proud too!





We had this lovely message from Dylan & Lola's family:

This weekend Dylan and Lola both entered an item into The Hatfield Peverel and Ulting Horticultural Society Autumn show. They had to make a recycled item made from pre-used or repurposed material with the Halloween theme. They both decided to make puppets from cereal boxes and they both worked really hard designing and making them. They were really happy with what they made. Dylan came away with 1st place and Lola came 2nd. We are so proud of them and they can't wait to enter the spring show next year. Well done Dylan and Lola!

We love this! What fantastic work from both of you – well done!





Hatfield Peverel Infant and Nursery and Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School

Smartphone Free Childhood: Parent-Led Group

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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	Planetarium Dome Day	Payment by Friday 9 th October please
Year 6	Hilltop World War 1 Day (in-school visit)	Full payment due 1 st November Payment by Monday 16 th November



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



Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Sienna M	3,303
2 nd	Aliya M	2,656
3 rd	Casey J	2,360



Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Cai A	10,007
2 nd	George L	5,998
3 rd	Jamal W	5,732



Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1 st	James B	9,460
2 nd	Rosie A	9,402
3 rd	William B	3,130



Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1 st	Theo J	9,030
2 nd	Cameron G	7,923
3 rd	Lara P	3,760

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

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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

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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)
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or				
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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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FATHER CHRISTMAS *Experience*

Layer Marney Tower

Friday 18th December 2026
Timeslots from 10:00am to 5:00pm

Tickets £35 per child, £10 per adult



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TICKETS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

www.helenrollason.org.uk

For more information call 01245 380719
or email fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk



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CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Are you having a real Christmas tree
this Christmas?

Would you like an easy
way to recycle it after
Christmas?



We'll be collecting real Christmas trees
from doorsteps across Essex in return
for a small, suggested donation.

(We'll be collecting from 9th January to 13th January 2027)

Register Today

www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Helen Rollason will receive 85% of the net monies raised
JustHelping will distribute the remaining 15% to other local charities

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Find out about help available for children and young people (aged 0-25).

This is called the Local Offer.



Join us at the SEND Roadshow in Wickham Bishops

Date: Monday 12 October 2026

Time: Drop in anytime

- 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (all ages)
- Quieter times: Prefer a quieter visit? Pop in after 11:30 AM.
- Location: Wickham Bishops Village Hall, Church Road, Wickham Bishops, CM8 3JZ
- Cost: FREE

What to Expect:

Have questions about your child's needs and the best support available? The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams.

You can:

- access support and information
- understand the different services available
- discover local support, such as parent groups and inclusive activities
- attend free talks



Mid Autumn Term

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



Monday 12 October 2026



Wickham Bishops Village Hall, Church Road, Wickham Bishops, CM8 3JZ

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



In Partnership with



Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day

2026



25th and 27th of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM

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RM17 5QS



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Free Entry



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