Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School

NEWSLETTER

23rd October 2026

Dear Parents,

It was so lovely to see so many of you at St Andrew's Church today for our harvest festival. The children sung beautifully, the poems were wonderful and everyone managed to ignore the bats in the roof!

It was Mrs Spilling's 25th harvest festival at St Andrew's and we celebrated her time with us with ex-colleagues, family and friends. A lovely time celebrating a much loved member of staff.







Wishing you all a lovely half term break,
School returns on Monday 2nd **8:30am**
Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team.















Well done to our wonderful readers.

SCHOOL MEAL PRE-ORDERING

By 4th November – for week beginning 9th November 2026

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

Autumn Term 2026 – Diary Dates

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

UPCOMING VISITS & TRIPS	
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.

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

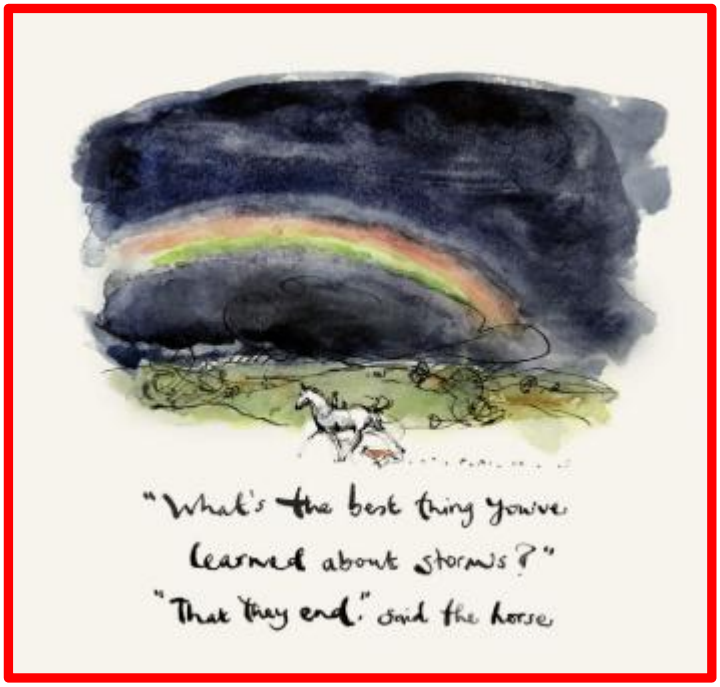


Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:

19th October to 1st November 2026

Ellie S (Maple), Harry I (Sycamore),
Harrison R (Rowan), Phoebe W (Apple),
Isaac A (Fir), Lola W (Apple), Theo C (Cherry)

Mr Jacques,



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



Winner of House Points for this week is
GREYSTONES

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



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



Apple – Maisie D-S
Birch – Zac
Cherry – Caleb
Fir – Maisie
Maple – Olivia
Oak – Arya
Rowan – Harrison
Sycamore – Lara

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











AMAZING PUMPKINS

Well done to everyone who took part!













Pumpkin Competition Winners

Thank you to our judges -Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Woods from the Infant School and Thank you to the JSA for organising and funding the prizes!



Year 3
Daisy Canham



Year 4
George Lee



Year 5
Rosie-May Aley



Year 6
Olivia Sculfor





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

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

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 World War 1 Day (in-school visit)	Full payment due 1st November Payment by Monday 16th November

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

Year 3 MOST PLAYED

1st	Euan B	10,454
2nd	Stanley S	4,712
3rd	Bonnie B	4,290

Year 4 MOST PLAYED

1st	Samuel T	22,872
2nd	Cai A	19,656
3rd	Sophia G	11,208

Year 5 MOST PLAYED

1st	Arthur S	22,640
2nd	Zachary K	9,227
3rd	Nilha R	8,632

Year 6 MOST PLAYED

1st	Rhys A	21,601
2nd	Logan S	20,930
3rd	Theodore J	15,260

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 1

Week beginning: 02/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken Burger in a Bun	Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken	Fish Fillet
	Vegetable Burger in a Bun (VE)	Veggie Sausage Roll (VE)	Sausage & Bean Puff (VE)	Fishless Fingers (VE)
Bauguette Slice (VE) Broccoli (VE)	Wedges (VE) Mixed Salad (VE)	Herby Diced Potatoes (VE) Baked Beans (VE)	Roast Potatoes (VE) Yorkshire Pudding (V) Carrots & Sweetcorn (VE) Gravy (VE)	Chips (VE) Peas (VE)
Yoghurt (V)	Jam Sponge & Custard (V)	Fresh Fruit (VE)	Cake of the Day (V)	Fresh Fruit (VE)

Jacket Potato with Cheese (V), Baked Beans (VE) or Tuna served with veg and Dessert of the Day

School Packed Lunch: Ham, Cheese (V) or Tuna Roll with Carrot & Cucumber Sticks (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 2

Week beginning: 09/11/26, 30/11/26, 4/01/27

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita Pizza (V)	Beef Burger in a Bun	Pasta & Meatballs	Roast Turkey	Fish Fingers
	Vegetable Burger in a Bun (VE)	Pasta & Veggie Meatballs (VE)	Veggie Sausages (VE)	Vegetable Fingers (VE)
Pasta Salad (VE)	Wedges (VE) Mixed Salad (VE)	Peas (VE)	Roast Potatoes (VE) Yorkshire Pudding (V) Carrots & Broccoli (VE) Gravy (VE)	Chips (VE) Baked Beans (VE)
Yoghurt (V)	Banoffee Sponge (V)	Fresh Fruit (VE)	Cookie (V)	Fresh Fruit (VE)

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Week 3

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Crispy Dippers (VE)	Sausages	BBQ Chicken	Roast Gammon	Fish Fingers
	Veggie Sausages (VE)	BBQ Fillet (VE)	Mince & Onion Puff (VE)	Vegetable Fingers (VE)
Wedges (VE) Mixed Salad (VE)	Hash Browns (VE) Baked Beans (VE)	Herby Diced Potatoes (VE) Peas (VE)	Roast Potatoes (VE) Yorkshire Pudding (V) Carrots & Sweetcorn (VE) Gravy (VE)	Chips (VE) Baked Beans (VE)
Yoghurt (V)	Pancakes (V)	Fresh Fruit (VE)	Chocolate Brownie (V)	Fresh Fruit (VE)

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Meals can be pre-ordered up to the first week back in January 2027 and will only be charged to ParentPay once the meal has been taken.

VACCINATION UK

Message for Parents

Respiratory illnesses and flu cases are currently on the rise. We encourage you to ensure your child receives their flu vaccination. You can choose between the quick and painless nasal spray vaccination or the injectable vaccine, which is porcine and gelatine-free.

Vaccination not only helps protect your child from becoming seriously unwell but also helps protect vulnerable family members and the wider community.

We currently have several community catch-up clinics available. Please use the link below to book an appointment. If you previously declined consent when we visited your child's school, you can still change your decision and book an appointment.

Alternatively, please contact our office on 01245 984145, and a member of our team will be happy to arrange a clinic appointment for you.

https://www.essexchildrensimmunisations.co.uk/Book-a-clinic-vaccination

Please note that GP practices are not routinely providing flu vaccinations for healthy children in Reception through to Year 11.

Thank you for your support in helping us protect children and communities against the flu.

We hope you have a restful and well-deserved half-term break.

Kind Regards

Essex Team

Office: 01245984145

St Andrew's Junior School

TEATOWEL SALE

IS NOW ON!

Your child has had the opportunity to draw their own portrait and our **2026 teatowel sale** is now on, available to purchase from the PTA Events page.

The shop will be open for **2 weeks** before closing so orders can be made in time for Christmas.



AVAILABLE NOW
FROM THE PTA EVENTS PAGE

It's a perfect Christmas gift!

St.Andrew's Junior School

Association

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets will be sent home with children from the 2nd November. Please return all monies, counterfoils and unsold tickets to the school by the 4th December.

£1 Ticket



1ST PRIZE: £150 CASH GENEROUSLY DONATED BY WE ARE FRED LTD.



2ND PRIZE: FAMILY DAY PASS TO JIMMY'S FARM (WORTH OVER £100!)



3RD PRIZE: £50 AMAZON VOUCHER

And many more Prizes

Non Uniform Day

6th November 2026

Instead of a monetary donation, we're seeking pre-loved teddy bears and gifts for our Christmas Fayre's Adult and Children's Tombola. Your contributions will make our event a success.

For the Adult Tombola, suggested donations are gift boxes, wines, and relaxing candles and alike.

For the children's tombola, perhaps games, crafts, fidget toys, and puzzles featuring popular characters could be included.

Teddy Bears donations will go towards our ""Adopt a Bear" stall which is a really popular game at the Fayre.

Any donations are really appreciated, they help make our Christmas Fayre successful.



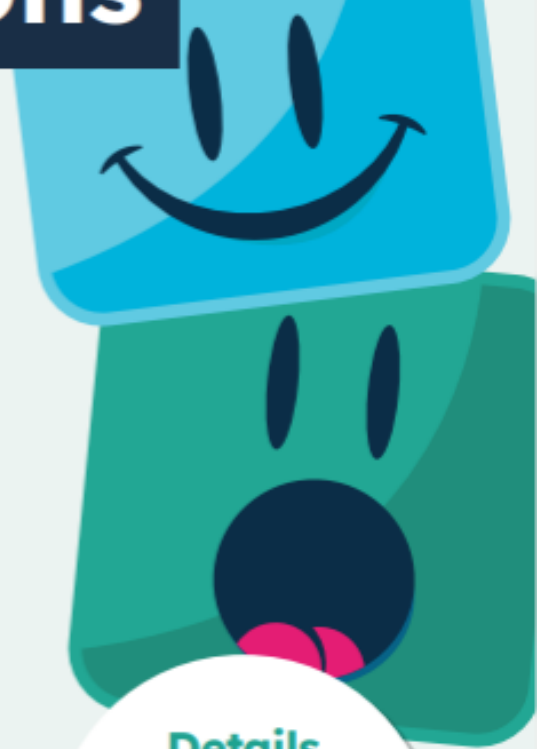
Donations close on the 20th November 2026

ACL

Family Learning

Managing Big Emotions

Sign up online
HO1A05CO26



- Understand what sits behind **challenging behaviour**
- Help your child to **manage feelings** with confidence
- **Build resilience**, calm and emotional wellbeing

Details

Monday 9th November
9.00-10.30am
Free

Location: St Andrews Junior School
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20 October 2026

Dear Mrs Black,

Witham MP Christmas Card Competition 2026

I am writing to offer a gentle reminder for my 2026 Christmas Card Competition, which is open to all local schools across the Witham constituency. This year's theme is: **"Animals at Christmas"**, and I hope that all students will enjoy creating their Christmas card designs.

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 then 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 time is running out quickly, so 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 Theo in my office if you have any questions at:
theo.mirfin@parliament.uk

I look forward to receiving and reviewing many excellent entries.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Member of Parliament for Witham

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a parent support hub

ANXIETY WORKSHOP FREE TO ATTEND

presented by SPACE
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An open and supportive session looking at strategies to help manage anxiety for children and young people with SEN



17th November
1-2.30pm

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Swan Side Braintree
CM7 3DA

SPACE

www.eventbrite.com/e/anxiety-workshop-free-to-attend-tickets-2002950533965

Free courses for parents & carers

2nd - 6th November 2026

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

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

These courses all take place online

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd November	3rd November	4th November	5th November	6th November
Support Your Child to Attend & Enjoy School 7:30 - 9:30pm	Assertive Parenting 6:30 - 8:30pm Positive Parenting for Teens 7pm - 9pm	About Boys 7pm - 9pm Understanding ADHD in Children 6:30 - 8:30pm Support Your Child to Attend & Enjoy School 9:30 - 11:30am SEND Support for Families 6pm - 8pm	SEND Support for Families 9:30 - 11:30am Managing Big Emotions 7pm - 9pm	

To book, please visit **aclessex.com** and search the course name or give us a call on **0345 603 7635**.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16th November	17th November	18th November	19th November	20th November
How to Communicate and Connect with Your Teen 7pm - 9pm	Communicating with Children Aged 5-11 7pm - 9pm	Managing Big Emotions 7pm - 9pm	Zones of Regulation 7pm - 9pm	
23rd November	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November
				Setting Boundaries 9:30 - 11:30am

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