

Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 10 September 2025

Our value this term is **Wisdom**

Welcome back to school everyone! Huge thanks for our gifts and warm wishes at the end of last term. We hope that you had a super summer and are looking forward to another great year with your children. And of course, welcome to our new families who have just joined us.

Almost all our Meet the Teacher meetings have now taken place and we hope that parents and carers have found them useful. We have one more to go, Mrs Raffill will be meeting our new Nursery parents next week at 9 am on Thursday, 18 September 2025. Class Newsletters and Home Learning packs have been emailed home and will shortly be available on the School Website under 'Classes'.

It's Great to be Green!

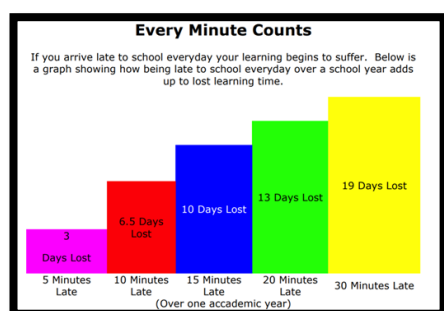
The children have all made a very good start to the new term. In their classes and in whole school worship, we have been talking about valued (green) behaviours that keep us all safe and happy in school. More on this to follow in future newsletters....

Use of Mobile Phones in School

Please can we remind parents/carers not to use their mobile telephones on school grounds for safeguarding reasons. This includes daily mile, pick up and drop off. Thank you.



The importance of being on time for school:



Children who are regularly late for school miss a considerable amount of learning time as well as disturbing the rest of the class on their late arrival.

Classroom doors open at 8.45 am and close at 8.55 am.

Please endeavour to ensure your child is on time for school. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Premier Education came to assembly this morning to promote their after school clubs. Please see link below to join either multi-sports club on Tuesdays or Football club on Thursdays.

[St Andrew's CofE Primary School and Nursery – Premier Education](#)

Mrs Small will be starting Netball Club for Years 5 and 6 next week. Mrs Watson will be starting football club on Mondays.

Attendance Autumn Term 1

	w/e 05/09	w/e 12/09	w/e 19/09	w/e 26/09	w/e 03/10	w/e 10/10	w/e 17/10	w/e 24/10
Nursery	-	100%						
Reception	100%	100%						
Year 1	97.5%	98.3%						
Year 2	98.1%	95.2%						
Year 3	100%	98.8%						
Year 4	94.4%	94.7%						
Year 5	96.4%	97.2%						
Year 6	96.6%	97.5%						
Totals	97.5%	97.4%						

Invitation to SEND Coffee Morning

DSPL3 SEND COFFEE MORNING

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
- Practical advice & emotional support
- Meet and chat with others in a similar situation
- Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss
- Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL

We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

ABEL SMITH SCHOOL, HERTFORD 24TH SEPTEMBER 10AM
Coffee Morning



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Thank You from Jackie

Dear Parents/Carers and children

I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all the kind messages and gifts I received at the end of last term, your generosity and kindness continues overwhelm me, and makes me feel extremely lucky to have such a fantastic job.

For everyone who contributed to the John Lewis gift token I am extremely grateful. Next year I will be running in the London Marathon, raising money for Marie Curie Nurses. Your generosity has enabled me to buy special running shoes and other items I will need to ensure I complete my training.

I will be eternally thankful for the opportunity I was given to work as your Crossing Assistant, you all bring me so much joy and laughter every day, I can't thank you enough.

I look forward to the coming year, as we once again travel through the seasons together.

With my thanks and gratitude always

Jackie xx

Piano Lessons

Herts Music Service have piano lesson availability. For information, please see below ([Registration - Hertfordshire Music Service](#)) and further information is also attached to this newsletter.



**Hertfordshire
Music Service**



Music Lessons

If you are interested in having any of the below music lessons:

Piano

Please register your interest below via the QR code on the HMS speedadmin portal.

PLEASE APPLY VIA THIS LINK
To sign up please scan the QR code or visit
[Registration - Hertfordshire Music Service](#)
[\(speedadmin.dk\)](#)



For more up-to-date information and to find out about more events follow us on
Twitter and Facebook - @hertsmusic

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Hertfordshire Music Service
hertsmusicservice.org.uk



Hertfordshire

St Andrew's School Website.. did you know?..

We aim to make our school website a 'one stop shop' for information about our vibrant school.

<https://standrews236.herts.sch.uk/>

Here you can find information about your child's learning in all areas of the curriculum, a number of useful school policies, information about school uniform, upcoming events, links to outside school support and so much more! *If there is anything extra that you would like to see on our*

school website, do drop Mrs Dimond an email via the school office and we'll see what we can do.

We are a Nut-Free School

St Andrew's is a 'No Nut' school. Please do not bring any foods containing nut or sesame into school (including pesto and hummus). Thank you.



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to the end of Year 2 with a free meal every day, many families do not apply for means-tested free school meal provision until their child reaches Year 3.

This could mean parents are missing out on other sources of support they are entitled to, linked to household income and the benefits of associated pupil premium funding.

When your child reaches year 3 school meals become chargeable.



What is a Free School Meal? A KS2 school meal costs £3.50 per day. Multiply this by 190 (days in a school year) and **Free School Meals are worth £665 a year!**

Please see link below to check your eligibility:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

HCL		Hero Summer-Autumn 2025				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		WEEK 1 22 APRIL, 12 MAY, 9 JUNE, 30 JUNE, 21 JULY, 3 SEPT, 22 SEPT, 13 OCT				
SUPER CHARGE YOUR LUNCH!	MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
	MAIN MEAL 2	All Day Breakfast (Omelette, Grilled Tomato, Beans)	Beany Seashell Pasta	Cheesy Spring Vegetable & Potato Bake	Sweet & Sour Quorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Hash Brown	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
	COLD OPTION	Bread Roll with Various Fillings				
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings				
	DESSERT	Tropical Crumble with Ice Cream 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Chocolate Pastry Whirl	Lemon Shortbread
		WEEK 2 28 APRIL, 19 MAY, 16 JUNE, 7 JULY, 8 SEPT, 29 SEPT, 20 OCT				
	MAIN MEAL 1	Bean & Cheese Slice	Chicken Pie with Gravy	Roast Beef with Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
	MAIN MEAL 2	Macaroni Cheese	Mild Mexican Bean Chili	Veggie Sausages with Gravy	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Diced Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Wholemeal Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
	COLD OPTION	Bread Roll with Various Fillings				
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings				
	DESSERT	Apple Cornflake Crunch 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Jammy Cookie	Chocolate Muffin
		WEEK 3 6 MAY, 2 JUNE, 23 JUNE, 14 JULY, 15 SEPT, 6 OCT				
	MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with a Tomato Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog	Fish Fillet Fingers
	MAIN MEAL 2	Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Creamy Quorn & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Roasted Veg Lasagne	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Spaghetti or Diced Potatoes	Pasta or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
	COLD OPTION	Bread Roll with Various Fillings				
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings				
	DESSERT	Strawberry Mousse	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Ice Cream with Chocolate Cookie 'Water'	Pineapple Pastry Squares 50% Fruit
		Vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. 🌱 = Vegetarian 🌿 = Vegan.				
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Useful links

DSPL Website

[Developing Special Provision Locally \(DSPL\) 3 - Home](#)

Hertfordshire Families First

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

Hertfordshire Free School Meals

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

School Gateway

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd Special Dietary Menu Application (now called Citrus)

[Special Diet Application - HCL](#)

Pharmacies First

[How pharmacies can help - NHS](#)

East Herts Council – Keeping Safe Online

[Get Safe Online | The UK's leading Online Safety Advice Resource](#)

Diary Dates 2025-2026

**** Parents and carers are invited to the events that are highlighted ****

**** PTA Events ****

Friday, 12/09/2025 – PTA Welcome Disco 5-7 pm

Tuesday, 16/09/2025 – Year 6 invited to worship (9.05 am)

Tuesday 23/09/2025 – Thursday 25/09/2025 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Tuesday 30/09/2025 – Y5 Aylmerton 'Come and See'

Wednesday, 1/10/2025 and 2/10/2025 – School photographer – individual and sibling portraits

Wednesday, 22/10/2025 and Thursday, 23/10/2025 – Parent Teacher Consultations

Friday, 31/10/2025 – Herts Application deadline for Secondary Schools 2026

Thursday, 15/01/2025 – Herts Application deadline for Primary School Reception Class 2026

Monday, 01/06/2026 – Friday, 05/06/2026 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

Term Dates for 2025/2026

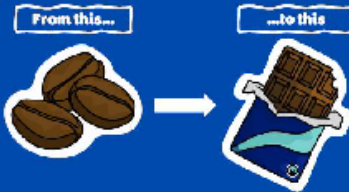
Autumn Term 2025	
Wednesday, 3 September 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Thursday, 4 September 2025	Term begins
Monday, 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	Half term
Friday, 28 November 2025	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 December 2025	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2026	
Monday, 5 January 2026	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 6 January 2026	Term begins
Monday, 16 February to Friday, 20 February 2026	Half term
Friday, 27 March 2026	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2026	
Monday, 13 April 2026	Term begins
Monday, 4 May 2026	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday, 25 May to Friday, 29 May 2026	Half term
Monday, 1 June 2026	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 21 July 2026	Term ends 2pm
Wednesday, 22 July 2026	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Thursday, 23 July 2026	<i>Inset – school closed</i>

School Noticeboard

Bishop's Stortford Library



**Page One is one of our Key Stage Two offerings
at Bishop's Stortford Library.
Please see below some of the activities we have
planned for the next few weeks!**



**Find out more about Fairtrade
and Fairtrade Chocolate!
Where does it come from?
How is it made?
And most importantly...
What does it taste like?!**



**Wednesday 17th September
4-5pm
Suitable for ages 8 - 12**



**Bishop's Stortford Library
£2.75 per session
Please book in the library**



We are 100!



**We have lots of '100' activities
for you to try and a
100 bookmark to make!**

**Wednesday 24th September
4-5pm
Suitable for ages 8 - 12**



**Bishop's Stortford Library
£2.75 per session
Please book in the library**



**It's Guide Dog awareness month!
Come and find out about why
the Guide Dogs charity
is so important.
You will even meet a
retired Guide Dog!**

**Wednesday 1st October
4-5pm
Suitable for ages 8 - 12**



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Hertfordshire Family Centre Services



For further information/the timetable about East Herts at Hertfordshire Family Centre Services Summer programme in Hertfordshire: [What's On - EAST HERTS](#)

Hertfordshire Police Neighbourhood Alerts System

Launched by Hertfordshire Police in April 2024, Herts Connected is a really useful tool and allows residents to receive the latest crime or emergency updates and alerts, as well as information about policing events in their area. Local residents can get involved in helping to make their local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in their area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe, and tell us what matters are causing local communities harm.

<https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk/>

Apply for school on time

Applying for a school place for September 2026

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical
College Application deadline: Friday 31 October 2025

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Thursday 15 January 2026

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



