St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Our Home / School value this half term is:

Life in All its Fullness – Come and See

Welcome Back Everyone

It is an absolute joy to have everybody back in school, despite a few drops of rain. We hope you all had brilliant and restful summers, and are ready for the year ahead with all the exciting things we have planned. Thank you to all those parents and carers, who have already attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We hope that you have found them useful. The remaining dates and times for next week are as follows:

Monday 7th September 2.45pm – **Year 1**
Tuesday 8th September 2.45pm – **Year 2**
Thursday 10th September 2.45pm – **Year 4**
Friday 11th September 2.45pm – **Year 3**
Tuesday 15th September 9.05am - **Reception**
Wednesday 16th September 9.05am - **Nursery**

Our new Reception children

A special welcome to our new fabulous Reception class, who have all had a brilliant start to the year. They have spent lots of time exploring the classroom and the garden; getting used to all the new routines.

Uniform

As we start the new school year, just a gentle reminder about uniform. Please could all parents and carers ensure that their children are in full school uniform each day, including a tie in KS2. All long hair should be tied back.

On PE days, children should continue to come into school in their PE kit. Please take the time to double check our PE uniform on the website:

https://standrews236.herts.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/

We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

Home Learning

At St. Andrew's we very much value the partnership we have with our parents and carers regarding their children's learning and wellbeing. We have therefore adjusted our home learning offer to help you support your child's academic journey at home. Whilst this will be explained fully at your 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, we just wanted to highlight that the recommended workbooks will be available to purchase on Arbor from today. **The deadline for orders (for all year groups) will be Monday 21st September.**

Invitation to Worship

We are delighted to welcome parents to our Tuesday worships as part of our school community to sing and pray with us. Due to space, we will be inviting each year group individually. Please see below the dates for each class. Worship starts at 9.05am.

Year 6	Tuesday 22nd September 2026
Year 5	Tuesday 6th October 2026
Year 4	Tuesday 20th October 2026
Year 3	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Year 2	Tuesday 10th November 2026
Year 1	Tuesday 17th November 2026
Year R	Tuesday 24th November 2026
Year N	Tuesday 1st December 2026

School Clubs

We are excited to offer a range of school clubs throughout the week. Please see below the clubs on offer this term:

Club	When	Open to	Further details
Mrs Watson's Football Club	Mondays 3.15-4.15pm	Y4, Y5 and Y6	Please bring kit including shin pads in to change into after school.
Madame Daniell's French Club	Mondays 3.15 – 4.14pm	Y4	Currently full. Please email caroline.daniell@hotmail.com to be added to the waiting list. Starting the week commencing the 14th September.
Mrs Small's Netball Club	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15pm	Y5 and Y6	Please bring kit in to change into after school.
Mr Hanson's Maths Club	Tuesday lunchtimes	Y6	For pupils who enjoy maths and logic puzzles. The focus will be on exploring interesting mathematical ideas beyond the curriculum, from a beginner's perspective. Starting Tuesday 15th September.
Premier Education Gymnastics Club	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.30pm	YR to Y6	Starts Tuesday 8th September. Currently full.
Mrs Webb's Pond Club	Wednesday lunchtimes	Y6	Please let Mrs Webb or Miss Broomfield know if you are interested.
Miss Sharp's Choir	Wednesday lunchtimes	Y5 and Y6	This will begin after half term.
Madame Daniell's French Club	Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.15pm	Y5	Very limited spaces still available. Please email caroline.daniell@hotmail.com for further details. Starting the week commencing the 14th September.
Premier Education Football Club	Thursdays 3.15-4.30pm	YR to Y3	Starts Thursday 10th September. Limited spaces still available.

Free School Meals – New Eligibility Criteria

From September 2026, all families receiving **Universal Credit** may qualify for Free School Meals for their children. Eligibility has expanded, and many more families can now benefit. Applying could save you money and help the school access additional funding to support pupils.

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, please contact the school office and we will be happy to apply for you, on your behalf. Don't miss out on support you may be entitled to.

School Dinner Menu

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• WEEK 1: 13 Apr, 5 May, 1 Jun, 22 Jun, 13 Jul, 1 Sep, 21 Sep, 12 Oct • WEEK 2: 20 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 29 Jun, 20 Jul, 7 Sep, 28 Sep, 19 Oct • WEEK 3: 27 Apr, 18 May, 15 Jun, 6 Jul, 14 Sep, 5 Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Burger (v)	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Lentil Bolognese Pasta Shells (Ve)	Plant-Based Grill (Ve)	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Tart (v)	Butternut & Chickpea Biryani (Ve) (New)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes	Herby Garlic Bread or Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Beans & Cheese (v)	Grated Cheese (v)	Tuna Mayo	Beans & Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Peach & Apple Crumble & Ice Cream (v)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Raspberry & Lemon Square (v) (New)	Marble Cookie (v)
MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken Curry	Plant-Based Meatballs with Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Battered Fish
MAIN MEAL 2	Plant-Based Sausages & Gravy (Ve)	Mac 'n' Cheese (v)	Quorn Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy (Ve)	Mild Bean Chilli (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Potato Wedges	Pasta or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	New Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v)	Beans & Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)	Beans & Cheese (v)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Cheese Baguette (v)	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Salmon Mayo Baguette
DESSERT	Apple Tart & Ice Cream (v)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Strawberry Mousse (v)	Chocolate Muffin (v)
MAIN MEAL 1	Pulled Paprika Chicken Flatbread (New)	Beef Burger	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hotdog (v)	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve)	BBQ Bean Loaded Hash Browns (Ve)	Roasted Summer Veg Quiche (v)	Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (v) (New)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Pasta	Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	New Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Salmon Mayo	Grated Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)	Grated Cheese (v)	Beans & Cheese (v)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Pancake with Blueberries (v)	Ice Cream with Chocolate Cookie Crumb (v)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Orange Shortbread (Ve)

Vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. V = Vegetarian Ve = Vegan.

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We are an Allergy Aware School

St Andrew's is an Allergy Aware school with no nuts. Please do not bring any foods containing nut or sesame into school (including pesto and hummus). Thank you.

Useful links

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.* Please find other useful links below:

Much Hadham Preschool
https://www.muchhadhampreschool.co.uk/

Amazon – Buy a Birthday Book Suggestion List

Nursery and Reception: https://amzn.eu/al6WYEG
Year 1 and Year 2: https://amzn.eu/fBRhfZI
Year 3 and Year 4: https://amzn.eu/jbNTsjQ
Year 5 and Year 6: https://amzn.eu/aQO9ylu

Arbor Payments
https://st-andrews-ce-primary-school-and-nursery.uk.arbor.education/?/

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd Special Dietary Menu Application (now called Citrus)
Allergies & Nutrition Information | HCL

Hertfordshire Catering https://www.hcl.co.uk/parents/primary-school

School Uniform
AVM Schoolwear: Schoolwear – AVM Workwear and Embroidery Ltd
E-squared/Top Form Uniform: About Us - Top Form Schoolwear

Second Hand Uniform – from Friends of St Andrew's school
Please email requests to : friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com

External/other links

Hertfordshire Free School Meals
https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx

DSPL Website
Developing Special Provision Locally (DSPL) 3 - Home

Hertfordshire Families First
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

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 2026-27

**** Parents and carers are invited to the events that are highlighted ****
Monday, 07/09/2026 – Year 1 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm
Tuesday, 08/09/2026 – Year 2 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm
Wednesday, 09/09/2026 – First Day for Nursery Class Children
Thursday, 10/09/2026 – Year 4 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm
Friday, 11/09/2026 – Year 3 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm
Tuesday, 15/09/2026 – Year R Meet Your Teacher 9.05 am
Wednesday, 16/09/2026 – YN Meet Your Teacher 9.05 am
Tuesday, 22/09/2026- Thursday 24/09/2026 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip
Tuesday 22/09/2026 – Y6 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am
Tuesday, 29/09/2026 Y5 Aylmerton 'Come and See' 2.30pm
Tuesday 06/10/2026 – Y5 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am
Tuesday 20/10/2026 – Y4 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am
Tuesday 03/11/2026 – Y3 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am
Tuesday 10/11/2026 – Y2 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am
Tuesday 17/11/2026 – Y1 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am
Tuesday 24/11/2026 – YR Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am
Tuesday 01/12/2026 – YN Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

**** PTA Events ****

Term Dates for 2026/2027

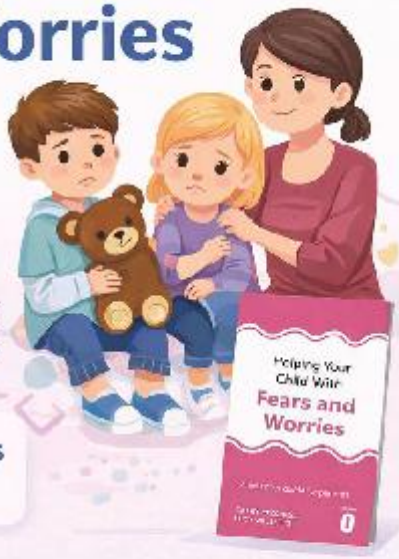
Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday, 1 September 2026	*Inset – school closed*
Wednesday, 2 September 2026	**Term begins**
Monday, 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026	Half term
Friday, 27 November 2026	*Occasional day – school closed*
Friday, 18 December 2026	**Term ends 2pm**
Spring Term 2027	
Monday, 4 January 2027	*Inset – school closed*
Tuesday, 5 January 2027	**Term begins**
Monday, 15 February to Friday, 19 February 2027	Half term
Thursday, 25 March 2027	**Term ends 2pm**
Summer Term 2027	
Monday, 12 April 2027	**Term begins**
Monday, 3 May 2027	**May Bank Holiday – school closed**
Monday, 31 May to Friday, 4 June 2027	Half term
Monday, 7 June 2027	*Inset – school closed*
Tuesday, 20 July 2027	**Term ends 2pm**
Wednesday, 21 July 2027	*Inset – school closed*
Thursday, 22 July 2027	*Inset – school closed*

Term Dates for 2027/2028

Autumn Term 2027	
Wednesday, 1 September 2027	*Inset – school closed*
Thursday, 2 September 2027	*Inset – school closed*
Friday, 3 September 2027	*Inset – school closed*
Monday, 6 September 2027	**Term begins**
Monday, 25 October - Friday 29 October 2027	Half term
Friday, 26 November 2027	*Occasional day – school closed*
Friday, 17 December 2027	**Term ends 2pm**
Spring Term 2028	
Tuesday, 4 January 2028	**Term begins**
Monday, 14 February to Friday, 18 February 2028	Half term
Friday, 31 March 2028	**Term ends 2pm**
Summer Term 2028	
Tuesday, 18 April 2028	**Term begins**
Monday, 1 May 2028	**May Bank Holiday – school closed**
Monday, 29 May to Friday, 2 June 2028	Half term
Monday, 5 June 2028	*Inset – school closed*
Tuesday, 6 June 2028	*Back to school*
Friday, 21 July 2027	**Term ends 2pm**
Monday, 24 July 2027	*Inset – school closed*

Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries

- Parent Group



This guided parent-**delivered** programme teaches parents cognitive behavioural strategies to help their child overcome anxiety through the **accompanying book**

5 two-hour online sessions over 6 weeks

WHO IS IT AIMED AT?

The programme is intended for **parents** of **children aged 5 to 12**

EVIDENCE BASE

Those who receive the programme are **twice as likely** to recover from their main anxiety problem and **three times more likely** to be free of all anxiety diagnoses than those who receive no treatment (Thirlwall et al, 2013)

How to Join

https://forms.office.com/e/eUUHqe9v32

Hertfordshire Partnership
University NHS Foundation Trust

NHS

SPLASH SAFELY *in the garden*

Top Tips for Enjoying Water Safely

1. STAY TOGETHER
Young children should always be kept within arm's reach. Never leave your child unattended or under the supervision of child siblings.

2. SECURE
Almost 90% of parents of under 5s told us they had at least one potential water hazard in their outdoor space at home, whether this is a pond, paddling pool, water table, or even a bucket.

Don't forget to keep this space secure! Lock doors and gates to outdoor spaces to prevent unsupervised access.

3. PREPARE
Get any towels, toys, nappies and dry clothing ready to go before your children start their water play. This will ensure you won't need to leave their side at any point.

4. AVOID DISTRACTIONS...
...such as using a mobile phone when children are playing in or around water. In a group of adults, appoint a 'water watcher' to ensure children are supervised at all times.

5. EMPTY IT OUT, COVER IT UP
After your children have enjoyed splashing about in their paddling pool, empty the water out straight away to avoid accidents.

In the case of larger pools and hot tubs, ensure that the cover is securely replaced immediately after use to prevent children from accidentally falling in.

6. KEEP YOUR GARDEN TIDY!
When you've finished playing, it's best to totally clear up your space. Turn off the hosepipe at the tap to block access. Clear away or turn over paddling pools and other water containers like buckets, as these can unexpectedly fill up with water if it rains.

Don't let your child get into harm!

For more helpful advice and Splash Safely at Home tips, please visit **www.rlss.org.uk/splash-safely-at-home** or scan here.

Spread the word @RLSSUK #SplashSafely

Enjoy Water **Safely** | **Free From** Drowning