

Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 17 November 2025

Home/School Value - Joy!

Remembrance Day 2025



The children gave a lot of thought to the creating of their own poppies for Remembrance Day last week. As well as holding two minutes silence, we met as a school for our own remembrance service and created a beautiful wall of poppies.



Poppy Appeal

As a result of Zara and Lucy selling poppies before school to raise money for the Royal British Legion, the collection amounted to £149.45.

Thank you to everyone for your much-appreciated donations.



Young Shakespeare Workshops



Last week, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were treated to a visit from the Young Shakespeare Company, who, using the children to help them, performed a child-friendly version of Romeo and Juliet. It was a super opportunity for the children to experience Shakespeare in a fun and interactive way. I bet you



didn't know that Romeo wore a Spiderman mask to the masked ball!

5 stars for our school kitchen!



Congratulations to Holly and her team in the school kitchen, who have maintained their 5 stars for cleanliness from Environmental Health.

We're a Wilder School!

At St Andrew's we are proud to be part of Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust's Wilder School programme. As a Wilder School, we recognise that our school grounds help to provide connected wildlife corridors and safe habitats across our landscapes. Being a Wilder School also provides an opportunity for our young people to build a connection to nature and learn outside of the classroom.



Our Pond Club has recently met with a representative from the Wildlife Trust and the children now have lots of ideas about how to welcome even more wildlife into our school grounds.

Art Club

We have a new after school Art Club for Years 5 and 6 starting up in the new year. Please watch out for the email with further information.

Applying for a Reception place for September 2026

The online application process to apply for a Hertfordshire reception class place is now open. Parents must submit an online application through the [Hertfordshire County Council website](#) by the **15th January 2026** deadline for September 2026 entry. Parents will also need to complete a separate [Supplementary Information Form](#) and return this directly to school. Thank you.

Attendance Autumn Term 2

	Autumn 1 Totals	w/e 07/11	w/e 14/11	w/e 21/11	w/e 28/11	w/e 05/12	w/e 12/12	w/e 19/12
Nursery	92.0%	92.2%	92.4%					
Reception	97.8%	97.4%	96.4%					
Year 1	96.4%	95.6%	95.6%					
Year 2	92.6%	92.6%	92.1%					
Year 3	96.3%	96.4%	96.0%					
Year 4	93.2%	93.1%	93.4%					
Year 5	96.1%	96.3%	96.1%					
Year 6	95.5%	95.3%	95.6%					
Totals	95.2%	95.1%	94.9%					

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.



The Friends of St Andrew's School

Movie nights - Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th November 2025

The Friends are putting on two Christmas Movie Nights, one on Tuesday 25th for the Nursery to Year 2 children and one on Thursday 27th for the Year 3 to Year 6 children. The children are welcome to bring along a named cushion and blanket and join us for a festive movie in the school hall.

Parents with children in both of these groups are welcome to book their older children into the younger session if they'd prefer that.

The ticket includes snacks and a drink - book at:

Nursery - Yr2: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosamh/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106148>

Yr3 - Yr6: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosamh/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106149>

We look forward to seeing the children there!

Upcoming events

- **Movie night (younger years)** - Tuesday 25th November
- **Movie night (older years)** - Thursday 27th November
- **Elfridges** - Tues 9th & Weds 10th December (Vouchers will be on sale from early November)

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers - if any parent is interested in helping to plan or being more involved in the Friends events, please WhatsApp / call Aaron on 07894 266 683 to find out more.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

The Friends

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>

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/>



In School

Amazon – Buy a Birthday Book Suggestion List



Nursery and Reception: <https://amzn.eu/a16WYEG>

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>

School Gateway

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

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

[Special Diet Application - 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 2025-2026

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

**** PTA Events ****

Tuesday, 25/11/2025 – YR parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 25/11/2025 – PTA Movie Night YN – Y2

Thursday, 27/11/2025 – PTA Movie Night for Y3 – Y6

Friday, 28/11/2025 – Occasional Day – No School

Monday, 01/12/2025 – Decoration Day

Wednesday, 03/12/2025 – Y5 Anglo Saxon Day

Thursday, 04/12/2025 – EYFS Nativity Performance

Thursday, 04/12/2025 – Rapid Fire Cricket Competition

Friday, 05/12/2025 – Josh Dean MP visit

Monday, 08/12/2025 Y6 Carol Service at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford in the evening (rehearsal in the afternoon)

Tuesday, 09/12/2025 and Wednesday, 10/12/2025 – PTA Elfridges Christmas Shop

Thursday, 11/12/2025 – KS1 Nativity Performance

Tuesday, 16/12/2025 – YN – parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 16/12/2025 – Whole school pantomime trip

Wednesday, 17/12/2025 – Christmas Lunch

Friday, 19/12/2025 – KS2 Carol Service in Church 9.30 am

Friday, 19/12/2025 – Last Day of Term – School finishes at 2 pm

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

Friday, 06/02/2026 – Lieutenancy visit

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

Tuesday, 22/09/2026- Thursday 24/09/2026 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Term Dates for 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
<i>Wednesday, 3 September 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Thursday, 4 September 2025	Term begins
Monday, 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	Half term
<i>Friday, 28 November 2025</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 December 2025	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2026	
<i>Monday, 5 January 2026</i>	<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
<i>Monday, 1 June 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 21 July 2026	Term ends 2pm
<i>Wednesday, 22 July 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Thursday, 23 July 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>

Term Dates for 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026	
<i>Tuesday, 1 September 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 2 September 2026	Term begins
Monday, 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026	Half term
<i>Friday, 27 November 2026</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 18 December 2026	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2027	
<i>Monday, 4 January 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 5 January 2027	Term begins
Monday, 15 February to Friday, 19 February 2027	Half term
Thursday, 27 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
<i>Monday, 7 June 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 20 July 2027	Term ends 2pm
<i>Wednesday, 21 July 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Thursday, 22 July 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>



School Noticeboard



Norwich City Football Development - Girls Open Football Trials Year 4 - Year 6

Please see details of an exciting opportunity for female footballers in school year 4-6 to attend a free trial training session at one of our player development centres in the Hertfordshire area. If your daughter is passionate about football, dedicated to improving, and wants to be part of a professional development programme, this is the opportunity for her.

Players on our programmes pay a small fee to take part in the programme but receive the following benefits:

- Take part in weekly training sessions delivered by our UEFA qualified coaches, we pride ourselves on sessions being both educational and enjoyable for our players
- Train with highly talented players to develop skills and tactical understanding.
- The opportunity to progress within the clubs development pathway.
- Full Norwich City Training kit included.
- The opportunity to travel on residential training trips.
- Take part in fixtures against other development programmes.

Please see full details below of the session and how to book your place.

Harlow – *BRAND NEW* Girls Development Centre

Venue: Mark Hall Academy

Address: First Ave, Harlow, CM17 9LR

What3Words: ///skin.holly.rigid

Evening: Monday

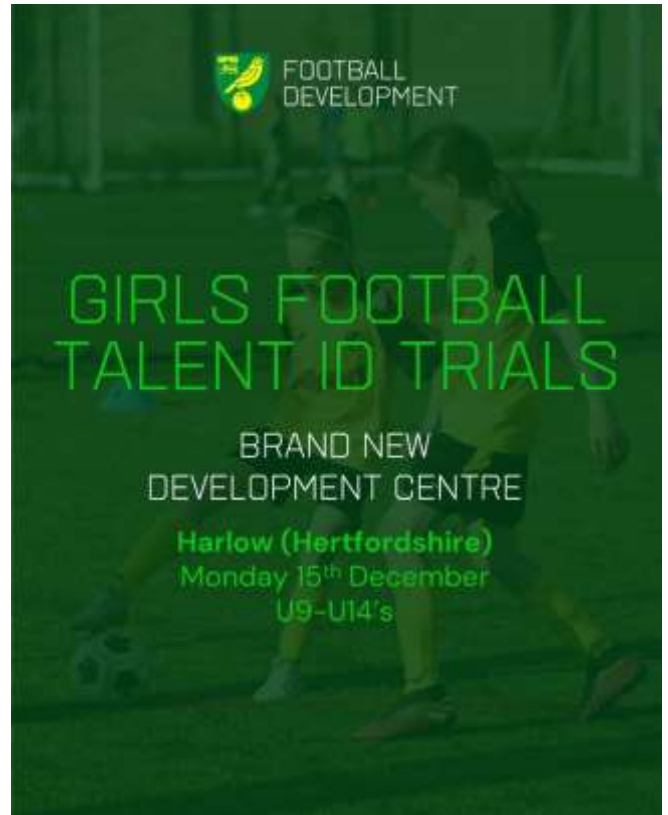
Trial Date: 15th December 2025

Times: 18:00 – 19:30 | Girls U9/U10,U11/U12 & U13/U14

Trial Booking

Link: <https://www.abler.io/shop/ncfcfd/girlsdevelopmentpathway/product/Q2x1YINlcnZpY2U6NDkxNzg=?>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email – phil.turner@canaries.co.uk





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