



St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery
Tower Hill, Much Hadham
Hertfordshire SG10 6DL



Headteacher: Mrs Caroline Dimond

Tel: 01279 842626

Email: admin@standrews236.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.standrews236.herts.sch.uk

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 8th May 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

Being a Kindness Keeper at St Andrew's



During assembly yesterday, as part of our value of 'Service', Mrs Dimond spoke to all the children about the importance of using their voices to help themselves and others. The children were encouraged to be assertive and use their words before seeking the support from a grown up.

We hope that you agree that standing up for themselves and others is an important skill for the children to have and school offers a safe place for them to practice this.

At St Andrew's, we call those who call out unkindness 'Kindness Keepers' and we are very proud of our children who show kindness and compassion to each other every day.

Homework Survey for St Andrew's Parents and Carers Summer 2024

Thank you to everyone who has completed Mrs Dimond's homework survey so far. We really would welcome every family's feedback and the questionnaire takes no more than two minutes to complete. Please click on the link below. Thank you.



[Homework Survey](#)

SATS Week

Year 6 SATs start next week beginning on Monday, 13th May and will be taking place throughout the week. Please can children from all year groups arrive to school promptly to avoid disrupting any tests. Thank you.

Hats and Water Bottles

Please remember sun hats (named), sunscreen and water bottles every day, but particularly for PE Days and our upcoming Sports afternoons.



Premier Education

Premier Education have been running weekly Multisports and Gymnastics sessions this academic year but they would like to explore the possibility of introducing new types of clubs and activities which will take place on Tuesday and Thursday after school. Please keep an eye out for the survey email.

KS1 and KS2 Sports Afternoons

We are looking forward to seeing everybody at the KS1 and KS2 Sports Afternoons on Tuesday, 21 May (KS1) and Wednesday, 22 May (KS2). Sports Afternoons start at 1.15 pm and should be finished by 3.15 pm.

Early Years Sports Morning

Nursery Class and Reception Class Parents and Carers are invited to come and join us for our Early Years Sports Morning on Tuesday, 2nd July 2024. More details to follow.

Wellbeing Policy

Good pupil and staff wellbeing and mental health is at the heart of all we do at St Andrew's. To find out more about how we support this please see our new [Pupil and Staff Wellbeing Policy](#) which can be found on our [website](#).

Class Photographs

The Class photographs are now ready for viewing on line using your QR code. Please note that the free delivery back to school date ends on the 24th May 2024 for those wishing to benefit from this offer.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals – Reception, Y1 and Y2

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to 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. Please see link below to check eligibility:

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



As part of our ongoing effort to become more environmentally friendly we are starting a 'reduce, reuse and recycle' section here in the newsletter. Please consider donating your items to school if you have a clearout.

Our School Development Plan

School Development Priorities – St Andrew’s three main priorities 2023-2024:

- 1 For pupils to play a more active role in their learning journey – including a greater awareness of their own progress towards the end points for each subject.
- 2 To improve children’s emotional literacy across the school, to help them articulate their feelings positively.
- 3 To improve the school’s carbon footprint and the children’s understanding of creating a more sustainable future.

Mrs Dimond looks forward to sharing our progress against these priorities at the end of each term.

Diary Dates 2024

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

Friday, 10/05/2024 – PTA Quiz Night - POSTPONED

W/C Monday, 13/05/2024 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

Tuesday 21/05/2024 – KS1 Sports Afternoon

Tuesday, 21/05/2024 – Year 4 Collective Worship

Wednesday, 22/05/2024 – KS2 Sports Afternoon

Thursday, 23/05/2024 – Year 6 Crucial Crew

03/06/2024 – 07/06/2024 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

Tuesday, 04/06/2024 – Year 3 Collective Worship

Tuesday & Wednesday 11&12/06/2024 – Someone Special Shop (PTA)

Tuesday, 11/06/2024 – Year 2 Collective Worship

Tuesday, 18/06/2024 – Year 1 Collective Worship

Tuesday, 18/06/2024 – Drama Club Production ‘Beauty and the Beast’

Tuesday, 25/06/2024 – Year Reception Collective Worship

Friday, 28/06/2024 – PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Year Nursery Collective Worship

Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Early Years Sports Morning

Tuesday, 09/07/2024 – The Selfish Giant

Thursday, 11/07/2024 – Moving Up Day

Thursday, 11/07/2024 – PTA Quiz Night

Tuesday, 16/07/2024 – KS1 Shepreth Trip

Tuesday, 16/07/2024 – Y5/Y6 Production

Wednesday, 25/09/2024 – Friday, 27/09/2024 – Y5 at Aylmerton

02/10/2024 and 03/10/2024 – Photographer – individual and sibling portraits

Monday, 16/05/2024 – Pantomime Trip – Robin Hood

(Collective Worship starts at 9.10 am and lasts approximately 20 minutes)

Term Dates for 2023/2024

Summer Term 2024	
Monday, 15 April 2024	Term begins
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
Monday, 3 June	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 July 2024	Term ends 2pm
Monday, 22 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
Monday, 23 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

Term Dates for 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2023	
<i>Monday, 2 September 2024</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, 3 September 2024</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 4 September 2024	Term begins
Monday, 28 October - Friday 1 November 2024	Half term
<i>Friday, 29 November 2024</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 20 December 2024	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2025	
<i>Monday, 6 January 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 7 January 2025	Term begins
Monday, 17 February to Friday, 21 February 2025	Half term
Friday, 4 April	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday, 22 April 2025	Term begins
Monday, 26 May to Friday, 30 May 2025	Half term
<i>Monday, 2 June 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, 3 June 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 23 July 2025	Term ends 2pm

School Noticeboard

fab science[®] HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science fun in the holidays! Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.

£36
per child

Sibling
discount
available



FANTASTIC FLIGHT

Launch rockets, design parachutes, investigate the Bernoulli effect, find out how birds fly and try out our super-charged paper plane launchers!

ARTY SCIENCE

We're celebrating STEAM: science, technology, engineering, art and maths in a brand new summer camp. Build doodling robots, create art from explosions and investigate colours.

AMAZING EARTH

We're investigating biodiversity, animal adaptations, ecosystems and finding out about some weird and wonderful creatures!

CAMBRIDGE	QUEEN EDITH SCHOOL	23rd July 24th July 25th July
ST ALBANS	GARDEN FIELDS SCHOOL	30th July 31st July 1st August
SAFFRON WALDEN	RA BUTLER SCHOOL	6th August 7th August 8th August
HERTFORD	ST JOSEPH'S IN THE PARK	13th August 14th August 15th August
BISHOP'S STORTFORD	WINDHILL SCHOOL	19th August 20th August 21st August

BOOK NOW AT: WWW.FABSCIENCE.CO.UK

...AND WE DO
FAB SCIENCE
PARTIES TOO!

www.facebook.com/FabScience | 07799 624777 | clubs@fabscience.co.uk

WHITSUN
HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS



Premier
Education

INSPIRING
ACTIVITY



SCAN HERE FOR
MORE INFORMATION

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps



Based on over 20,000 reviews



WHITSUN
HALF-TERM

PREMIER FOOTBALL CAMPS



Premier
Education

INSPIRING
ACTIVITY



SCAN HERE FOR
MORE INFORMATION

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps



Trustpilot



Based on over 15,000 reviews



MAY HALF TERM 2024
28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!



LEGO ANIMATION



MINECRAFT CODING



3D PENS



CIRCUITRY

SMART ROBOTICS

LAZER TAG

VR

ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS



Robotics & Coding



Circuitry & Electronics



Tech Fun

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

www.nextthing.education

What to bring to camp?

- Packed Lunch and Snacks w/eat
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are in your area!

We have more than 30 camps running this May. Find your local camp on our website: www.nextthing.education



Kids love NextThing!

"My child had a fabulous time, and this is the first type of STEM holiday club I've seen in our area. I'd definitely recommend and book again!"
Parent - St John's College School

£5 OFF
WITH CODE: MAYS

W: www.nextthing.education

E: info@nextthing.education T: 01442 873150