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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 15th May 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

End of Key Stage 2 SATS

Miss Broomfield and I could not be prouder of our Year 6's and how they have conducted themselves during this week of standardised testing.

The children have stayed calm and positive, yet determined to do their best in the tests in which they are asked to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in Spelling, Grammar, Reading, Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning. Huge congratulations Year 6!

At St Andrew's we are proud of our broad and balanced curriculum offer and we also remember at this time, the many things that SATS do not measure:

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,

SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,

SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,

SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,

SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.

So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,

Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best. (Source unknown, stolen by Mrs Dimond).

Walk to School Week – next week



Next week St Andrew's is taking part in the Living Streets **Walk to School Week**. The children are encouraged to travel actively to school every day of the week. Much Hadham Village Hall have kindly agreed that parents and carers who have to drive to school may leave their cars in their car park to allow the children to park and stride.

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

Thank you to everyone who has completed Mrs Dimond's homework survey. We are in the process of reviewing our homework policy in the light of your responses and comments. We will share our updated policy with you after half term.

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.



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. All Nursery parents are invited to collective worship at 9.10am before the Sports Morning begins at 9.45am.

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 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. 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 2023-3024:

- 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 ****

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

Tuesday 21/05/2024 – KS1 Sports Afternoon

Wednesday, 22/05/2024 – KS2 Sports Afternoon

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

Thursday 23/05/2024 – Year 5 'Come and See' Maths in Action morning – 9am until 10am

Half term

03/06/2024 – 07/06/2024 – Year 6 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 - Year 3 and Year 4 Museum Trip to Cambridge

Tuesday, 18/06/2024 – Drama Club Production *'Beauty and the Beast'*

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

Wednesday, 26/06/2024 – Diocesan Heart for the Earth filming day

Thursday, 27/06/2024 – Year 5 Colchester Zoo Trip

Friday, 28/06/2024 – PTA Summer Fair

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

Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Early Years Sports Morning from 9.45am

Friday, 05/07/2024 – YR trip to Church Farm Ardeley

Tuesday, 09/07/2024 – YN Pop up Town in school

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, 16/12/2024 pm – Pantomime Trip to South Mills Arts Centre – 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
<i>Monday, 3 June</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 July 2024	Term ends 2pm
<i>Monday, 22 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
<i>Monday, 23 July 2024</i>	<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



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CAMBRIDGE QUEEN EDITH SCHOOL 23rd July
24th July
25th July

ST GARDEN FIELDS SCHOOL 30th July
ALBANS SCHOOL 31st July
1st August

SAFFRON RA BUTLER SCHOOL 6th August
WALDEN SCHOOL 7th August
8th August

HERTFORD ST JOSEPH'S IN THE PARK 13th August
14th August
15th August

BISHOP'S WINDHILL SCHOOL 19th August
STORTFORD SCHOOL 20th August
21st August

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Packaged Lunch
(with drinks included)



Water Bottle



Medicine if Required



Weather appropriate Clothing

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Road to Year 7 Group

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Year 7

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Helping to build confidence around starting secondary school

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