

Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 20 January 2026

Home/School Value – Creation and Creativity

Young Artists Competition

Is your child a budding young artist? St Andrew's is registered for the Young Artists Summer Exhibition. Parents and carers can submit artwork on behalf of their children using the link below. These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

New teachers at St Andrew's

This term we welcome Mrs Marshall and Miss Hall to our teaching team. Mrs Marshall is a highly qualified and experienced music teacher, who will be delivering music lessons to children in Key Stage 2, as well as supporting music and singing across the whole school.

Miss Hall is trained in delivering high quality outdoor learning experiences to young children and is looking forward to working with our Key Stage 1 children this term.

Making the most of the weather in EYFS!



Our EYFS children have embraced the cold weather recently, proving that learning can happen in all places, whatever the weather!



We do like to play and learn outside. Please make sure your child is dressed for all weathers. Thank you.

Uniform on PE days

Please ensure your child is wearing school colours on PE days – plain blue, black or grey t-shirt, sweatshirt and shorts or joggers. Many thanks.

'Who's in Charge' details

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Rivers Behaviour Team will be running a 9-week parenting course at school. The free course is delivered face to face and is open to parents and carers of children aged 4 and over.

This course is designed to support parents and carers who may be experiencing challenging or distressing behaviour and would like practical guidance to help restore a sense of calm, confidence, and control at home.

Sessions will take place on Friday mornings, starting on Friday, 30th January 2026 – 9.30-11.45am. Before the course begins, parents and carers will be asked to complete a short questionnaire, which will be shared with the Rivers Team. This helps them ensure the course is a good fit for your family's needs.

The questionnaires are available from Mrs Small who can be contacted by email senco@standrews236.herts.sch.uk

The course is also open to parents and carers from other local schools. As places are limited, the Rivers Team will get in touch with parents and carers directly to let you know if a place is available.

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning, 21 January 2026



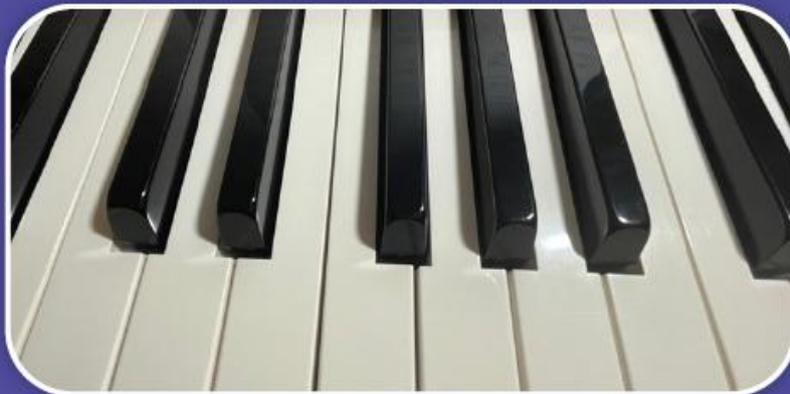
Nursery Class places for September 2026

The application process for Nursery in September 2026 is open. Please see school website for further information and application form as the application process is directly to the school. Application forms are also available from the school office.

Hertfordshire Music Service Keyboard Workshop

Keyboard Collective Workshop

- Does your child play the piano or keyboard? Are they aged between 5 and 11? If you answered yes to these, this workshop is for them!
- Led by our experienced teachers, children will learn fun pieces with a short informal concert for parents and carers at the end of the session.
- This is an exciting new opportunity for pianists and keyboard players to meet each other and make music in a fun and supportive environment.



Friday 27th February 2026



4.30pm - 5.30pm



Bishop's Stortford Music Centre, CM23 5BD



£5 per student, adults accompanying, no charge



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Attendance Autumn Term 2

	Spring 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	87.8%	89.1%						
Reception	93.9%	93.9%						
Year 1	93.7%	93.9%						
Year 2	90.5%	91.2%						
Year 3	95.3%	94.8%						
Year 4	92.8%	92.6%						
Year 5	93.4%	92.6%						
Year 6	95.1%	94.9%						
Totals	92.3%	93.2%						

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>

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/>

A flyer for Much Hadham Pre School. It features the school's name and logo, a QR code, and contact information. The text includes: 'MUCH HADHAM PRE SCHOOL', 'Wraparound childcare', 'To book your 1st session, please complete the Clubs registration form via our website: www.muchhadhampreschool.co.uk/clubs', 'Session times & Fees', 'Breakfast Club: 7.30am-9am £7.50', 'Lunch Club: 12pm-1pm £6 or 12pm-3pm £18', 'After School Club: 3pm-4.15pm £6 or 3pm-6pm £18', 'Ad Hoc and regular bookings. Funding accepted', and 'Bookings can then be made by emailing us at: muchhadhampreschool@yahoo.co.uk'.

In School

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/aQO9yIu>

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 ****

Thursday, 22/01/2026 – Birchwood Athletics Y6 team event

Tuesday, 27/01/2026 - Year 4 parents and carers invited to collective worship

Wednesday, 28/01/2026 – Leventhorpe Football Y3 and Y4 team event

Friday, 30/01/2026 – Parenting Course 'Who's in Charge?' First Session

Tuesday, 03/02/2026 - Year 3 parents and carers invited to collective worship

Friday, 06/02/2026 – Lieutenancy visit to Year 6

Tuesday, 20/02/2026 – Leventhorpe Y5 and Y6 team event

Wednesday, 11/02/2026 and Thursday, 12/02/2026 – Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday, 03/03/2026 - Year 2 parents and carers invited to collective worship

Friday, 06/03/2026 – Nursery Class applications for places in September 2026 closes

Tuesday, 24/03/2026 – Nursery Class Come and See

Tuesday, 10/03/2026 - Year 1 parents and carers invited to collective worship

Tuesday, 17/03/2026 - Reception parents and carers invited to collective worship

Tuesday, 24/03/2026 - Nursery parents and carers invited to collective worship

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

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



PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUBS...

Fawbert & Barnard Infants School, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9AT 🙌

16th - 19th February 2026

From £20.99 per day, 8am - 5:30pm

St Mary's Junior School, Ware, SG12 0RL 🙌

16th - 19th February 2026

From £20.99 per day, 8am - 5:30pm

Downfield Primary School, Cheshunt, EN8 8SS 🙌

17th - 19th February 2026

From £20.99 per day, 8am - 5:30pm

Northaw Primary School, Potters Bar, EN6 4PB 🙌

17th - 19th and 23rd* February 2026

From £20.99 per day, 8am - 5:30pm

*School Inset Day club

🙌 Accepts tax free payments/childcare vouchers



A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!



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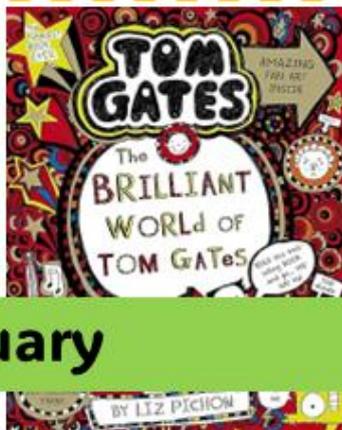


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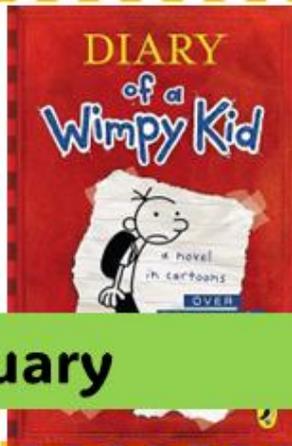
Join us for activities
and crafts inspired
by your favourite
books and authors.



21 January



28 January



4 February



11 February

Wednesdays 4:15pm – 5:15pm

£2.75 per session – please book in the library

For children aged 7-11 years.

(Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult)

| **Bishop's Stortford Library**



Family Lives Online Programme Spring 2026



**Less Shouting,
More Cooperation**
(6 weeks)



Tuesday 20th January to 3rd March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.



Monday 9th February to 23rd March, 9.45am to 11.45am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

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Dads Together
(6 weeks)



Wednesday 4th February to 18th March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Calling all Dads - join our free online group, come along and receive support from other dads and learn how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control.



Tuesday 3rd February to 17th March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? You may have an FFA, CIN, or CP in place and need more support. Learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

**Getting on
with Your
Pre-teen or
Teenager**
(6 weeks)

For more information, call **0204 522 8700/8701**, email **services@familylives.org.uk** or scan the **QR code** for our online form.

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A note about cycling training during February half term

Dear Parents and Carers

Does your child want to learn to ride a bike? Ready to boost their cycling skills? Missed out on Bikeability training?

If you answered yes to any of these, we've got you covered this February half term!

Cycle training sessions are running across Hertfordshire, with options for all ages and abilities. Check out what's happening near you:

🚲 Watford Cycle Hub

King George V Playing Fields, Tolpits Lane

More details: www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk

🚲 Stevenage Cycling Hub

Fairlands Valley Park, Stevenage

Find out more: www.stevenagecyclinghub.co.uk

🚲 St Albans Cycle Hub C.I.C

Cottonmill Estate, St Albans

Course info: www.stalbanscyclehub.co.uk

🚲 SEND Cycling Courses

Various locations across Hertfordshire during most school holidays

In partnership with the Herts Disability Sports Foundation, we offer specialist 1 to 1 cycle training for riders with additional needs.

Find out more: www.hdsf.co.uk/find-an-activity/cyclingactivities/

Many thanks.

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