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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

### Brenscombe

We are so very proud of our Year 6s who embraced all aspects of their residential trip to Brenscombe last week. For many of the children it was the longest time they have been away from home and the first time they have tried activities such as canoeing and/or abseiling. Miss Broomfield, Mrs Small and Mrs Zenonos said that the children did a fabulous job of representing St Andrew's and showed courage, resilience and great teamwork. They had a super time and came home with lots of stories and adventures to share.



### Speed Kick Challenge

Our Speed Kick Challenge has taken place today and has been lots of fun! Your child will bring home their fastest 'speed' in their book bags. Thank you so much for supporting this event at home. Please could all sponsor money be brought into school by the end of next week (in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front). Certificates and prizes will be awarded at a special assembly later this term. Thank you.



### Leventhorpe Athletics Competition

Last Tuesday, two teams of 8 children from Year 5 took part in a Primary Athletics Competition at Leventhorpe. The children did incredibly well as they were competing against Year 6 teams in a number of events that they had *never* tried before! The children were enthusiastic in their efforts and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to our individual winners, Alice and Josh, in the sprint race and the shot put. Overall a great team effort and we look forward to building on their success in the next academic year. Thank you to our parents for helping with transportation and to Mrs Small and Mrs Godfrey.

## Multiplication superstars

A huge well done to our Year 4 class who took part in the Multiplication Times Tables Check this week. The children have been practising for this all year and were finally able to show off their times tables knowledge. Great job Year 4!

## Coming to School on Time

Unfortunately, we still have a number of children who are often late for school in the mornings.

I thought it might be helpful to remind you of our morning routines here at St Andrew's, in order to show how important it is for children to be in school on time:



- 8.30 am School is open for the Daily Mile. All children on site between 8.30 am and 8.45 am should report to the member of staff supervising the daily mile please.
- 8.45 am classroom doors open.
- 8.45-8.55 am children carry out 'early morning work' during registration time.\*
- 8.55 am classroom doors close.

Any children arriving after 8.55am will be registered as 'late' and will need to report to the school office.

\* Children who are in school consistently for 8.45 am receive 50 minutes a week of extra work time compared to peers who arrive at 8.55 am. Those who are even just 5 minutes late each day, not only miss out on 25 minutes of work time, but also disrupt the rest of the class.

Children should be in class by 8.55 am at the latest. Many thanks to the majority of our families who are consistently on time for school.

## Knives and Forks



Mrs Dimond and Ms Walton are giving out special stickers to anyone who uses both their knife and fork correctly at lunchtimes. This is a requirement for all of our Early Years children as well as an important life skill for all. Please help us by supporting this at home.

## Parking gridlock at the Recreation Ground

Please be considerate when parking at the Recreation Ground by **not** parking across the middle, thus blocking in the cars parked around the edge of the carpark. The carpark gets very busy at this time of year at pick up but please use a bit of good sense and kindness when leaving your car. Thank you.

## 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 Summer clear-out.

## 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 \*\***

Thursday, 13/06/2024 – 'Changing Me' PSHE talk for Year 4, 5 & 6 Parents and Carers (Mrs Dimond and Mrs Small)

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*'

Wednesday, 19/06/2024 – KS2 Sports Afternoon **\*NEW DATE\***

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**

Thursday, 18/07/2024 – Y6 Leavers Day

Friday, 19/07/2024 – Last day of term. School finishes at 2 pm.

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**

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

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



# ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?



**Do you care for a family member because.....**

they have a  
mental or  
physical  
illness?

they  
struggle  
with  
alcohol?

they have a  
mental or  
physical  
disability?

they  
struggle  
with drugs?

**Carers in Hertfordshire will help you by...**



Listening



Supporting



Empowering



Building networks  
with other carers



**Carers in  
Hertfordshire**

**Young Carers**

**Support for YOU**



For more information, visit  
[www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers)  
or scan the QR code

*"Having people listen  
and support me has  
got me through the  
hardest of times."*



# PATHWAY TO WORK

## Volunteer with us!



Looking to return to work?  
Interested in a career  
working with children  
and families?

### Gain new skills and build on your experience by volunteering for Home-Start Hertfordshire

Be a Volunteer Family Mentor and help build brighter futures for children – and we will support you on your Pathway to Work. **It's a win win!**

Your free training will include:

- **Safeguarding & confidentiality**
- **Communication & values**
- **Meeting the needs of children**

We can also offer you a reference\* and support with writing your CV. We are an inclusive charity and value a diverse volunteering workforce.

\* Subject to a minimum of six months volunteering



**FREE  
TRAINING  
COURSE**



*"If anybody is looking to do some volunteering I would recommend Home-Start without hesitation. As a volunteer you support the family – but Home-Start supports you."*

HSH Volunteer Family Mentor

**Contact us today for more information:**

For an informal chat about this opportunity please call us on 01438 367788 or email [admin@home-startherts.org.uk](mailto:admin@home-startherts.org.uk)

[www.home-startherts.org.uk](http://www.home-startherts.org.uk)

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HERTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# Concerts for Children

Sunday 30th June  
2:30pm & 4:15pm  
Drill Hall, Amwell End  
Ware

Lucy Drever presents:  
**Musical Fairytales**

A collection of enchanting and inspiring  
music for young people including:

Hansel and Gretel – Sally Kee  
Firebird – Stravinsky  
Frozen – Lopez arr. Bob Krogstad  
In the Hall of the mountain King – Grieg  
Pictures at an Exhibition – Mussorgsky  
Dance of the Knights – Prokofiev



**Conductor: Jonathan Mann**

**Leader: Emily Groom**

**TICKETS: £12 Adults £6 Students/children  
£34 Family Ticket**

**WeGotTickets.com**

**Hertford Tourist Information Centre (01992 584322)**

**On the Door from 2:15pm**



[www.hertfordsymphonyorchestra.org.uk](http://www.hertfordsymphonyorchestra.org.uk)

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