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2025/26-2/3

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 26 September 2025

Our value this term is **Wisdom**

It's Great to be Green!

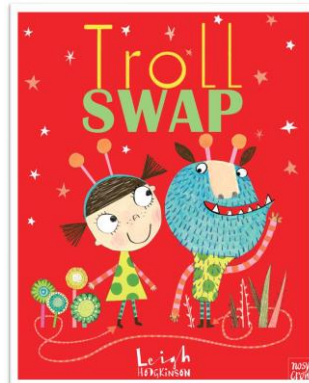
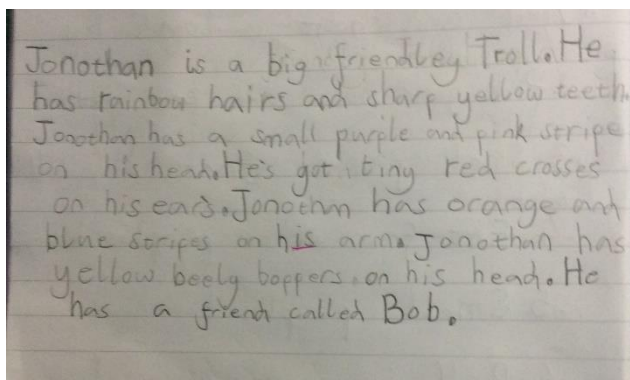
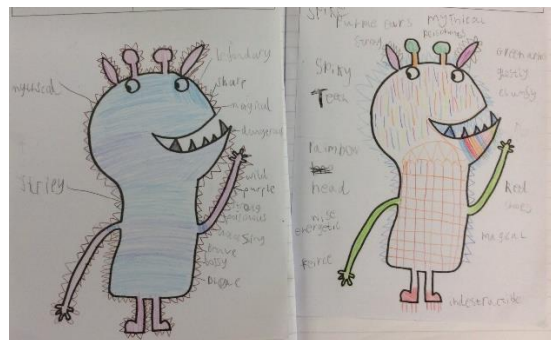
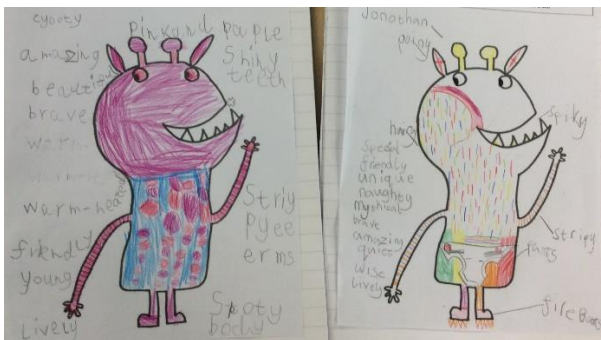
Our Great to be Green working party, made up of children from across the school, has designed a logo to be used on posters, certificates and stickers to promote our green/valued behaviours for learning.

- 'We wanted to use fish because St Andrew was a fisherman'.
- 'We chose a starfish because he is the superstar of all the fish!'
- 'We wanted the starfish to be green to remember **'It's great to be green'**'.
- 'We wanted to add our school logo'



A troll in Year 2?

Year 2 have had a rather unusual visitor to their classroom! – A troll! But what makes a 'good troll?' Year 2 have been finding out, in preparation for reading their new class book – Troll Swap by Leigh Hodgkinson.



Leadership opportunities in Year 6

We are always so proud of our Year 6 children, who we expect to set a good example for the rest of the school. Our new Year 6s are already rising to the challenge! Last week many of them presented to the rest of the class, explaining why they would make the perfect leader. House Captains and Pupil Parliament cabinet leaders have been chosen so far, with many more opportunities for all the children to lead and shine over the coming year.

Aylmerton

Year 5 have now returned from a busy few days in Norfolk. Everyone had a great time. Activities included; seal spotting, night wildlife walk, coastal mud walk, team and den building all against the beautiful coastal backdrop. Thank you to Mrs Cole, Mrs Small, Mrs Daniell and Mr Nuttall.



National Teaching Assistant (TA) day!



Today is National TA Day! We are so fortunate at St Andrew's to have the BEST Teaching Assistants in the universe! They are a fantastic team who not only support the learning of our children, but also work hard to ensure their safety and wellbeing. I'd like to take this opportunity to say an enormous 'thank you' to all the support staff at St Andrew's for all of their hard work and dedication.

Harvest Appeal 2025

Once again, we will be supporting charities at home and abroad for our Harvest Appeal this year. For the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank we will be collecting tins, packets, toiletries and jars. Please donate to our collection in the hall if you are able. In addition, we will be collecting money for the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal for building schools and improving access to education in some of the world's most under-resourced communities. The children's decorated Harvest envelopes will be coming home next week, to be filled with any spare change you may have at home please. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Car Parking outside School

Please can we remind parents and carers to park considerately along the road outside school and to avoid blocking our neighbours!

Updated Diary Dates

Updated diary dates for this term can be found at the end of this newsletter, along with a section of useful information links.

Attendance Autumn Term 1

	w/e 05/09	w/e 12/09	w/e 19/09	w/e 26/09	w/e 03/10	w/e 10/10	w/e 17/10	w/e 24/10
Nursery	-	100%	95.6%	95%				
Reception	100%	100%	98.5%	97.2%				

Year 1	97.5%	98.3%	96.5%	96.5%				
Year 2	98.1%	95.2%	93.0%	93.8%				
Year 3	100%	98.8%	98.8%	98.3%				
Year 4	94.4%	94.7%	94.3%	93.9%				
Year 5	96.4%	97.2%	97.0%	96.8%				
Year 6	96.6%	97.5%	97.0%	97.2%				
Totals	97.5%	97.4%	96.4%	96.2%				

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/>

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/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](#)

HCL		Hero Summer-Autumn 2025				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1		22 APRIL, 12 MAY, 9 JUNE, 30 JUNE, 21 JULY, 3 SEPT, 22 SEPT, 13 OCT				
MAIN MEAL 1		Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN MEAL 2		All Day Breakfast (Omelette, Grilled Tomato, Beans)	Beany Seashell Pasta	Cheesy Spring Vegetable & Potato Bake	Sweet & Sour Quorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Brown & White Rice or Hash Brown	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION						
EXTRA OPTION						
DESSERT		Tropical Crumble with Ice Cream 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Chocolate Pastry Whirl	Lemon Shortbread
WEEK 2		28 APRIL, 19 MAY, 16 JUNE, 7 JULY, 8 SEPT, 29 SEPT, 20 OCT				
MAIN MEAL 1		Bean & Cheese Slice	Chicken Pie with Gravy	Roast Beef with Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
MAIN MEAL 2		Macaroni Cheese	Mild Mexican Bean Chili	Veggie Sausages with Gravy	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Diced Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Wholemeal Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION						
EXTRA OPTION						
DESSERT		Apple Cornflake Crunch 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Jammy Cookie	Chocolate Muffin
WEEK 3		6 MAY, 2 JUNE, 23 JUNE, 14 JULY, 15 SEPT, 6 OCT				
MAIN MEAL 1		Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with a Tomato Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2		Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Creamy Quorn & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Roasted Veg Lasagne	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Spaghetti or Diced Potatoes	Pasta or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION						
EXTRA OPTION						
DESSERT		Strawberry Mousse	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Ice Cream with Chocolate Cookie "Wafer"	Pineapple Pastry Squares 50% Fruit
Vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. 🌱 = Vegetarian 🌿 = Vegan.		in f v X @hclcatering www.hcl.co.uk				

Diary Dates 2025-2026

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

**** PTA Events ****

Tuesday 30/09/2025 – Y5 Aylmerton 'Come and See' at 2.30 pm

Wednesday, 1/10/2025 and 2/10/2025– School photographer for individual and sibling portraits – please wear full school uniform

Friday, 03/10/2025 – Harvest Festival Service at Church 9.30 am

Tuesday, 07/10/2025 – Y4 parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Wednesday, 08/10/2025 – PTA Y5/Y6 Cake Sale

Wednesday, 08/10/2025 – YR 'Come and See' at 9.30 am

Tuesday, 14/10/2025 – Y3 parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Thursday, 15/10/2025 – Flu immunisation YR-6

Wednesday, 22/10/2025 and Thursday, 23/10/2025 – Parent Teacher Consultations after school

Monday, 27/10/2025 – Friday, 31/10/2025 – Half Term

Friday, 31/10/2025 – Herts Application deadline for Secondary Schools 2026

Tuesday, 04/11/2025 – Y2 parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 11/11/2025 – Young Shakespeare visit KS2

Tuesday, 18/11/2025 – Y1 parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

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

Tuesday, 25/11/2025 – PTA Movie Night EY & KS1

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

Monday, 01/12/2025 – Decoration Day

Thursday, 04/12/2025 – EYFS Nativity Performance

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

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

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

Term Dates for 2025/2026

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

School Noticeboard

Free to attend football sessions on Sunday morning at Much Hadham Recreation Ground

The younger 4-7 years old group numbers have dwindled and we'd love to keep the sessions going.



FREE

FOOTBALL

SESSIONS



EVERY SUNDAY
MUCH HADHAM RECREATION GROUND

4-7 YEARS 9-10AM
7-11 YEARS 10-11AM

MORE INFO :
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07889 031710





HOLIDAY CLUB SAVINGS

Valid until 30.09.2025. 15% off Premier Education Holiday Club day!
(East Herts, Broxbourne & Potters Bar areas only!)

To claim this offer, please use code OCTOBER-15-1 when booking online



YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUBS...



Fawbert & Barnard Infants School, Sawbridgeworth, CM23 9AT 🦇
From £29.99 per day, 8:30am – 5pm

St Mary's Junior School, Ware, SG12 0RL 🦇
From £29.99 per day, 8:30am – 5pm

Downfield Primary School, Cheshunt, EN8 8SS 🦇
From £29.99 per day, 9am – 3:30pm

Northaw CoFE Primary School, EN6 4PB 🦇
From £29.99 per day, 9am – 3:30pm

🦇 Accepts tax free payments/childcare vouchers



**SCAN HERE TO BOOK
YOUR CHILD'S PLACE**

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps



SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025



FAMILY FUN RUN

willow
10K

Sign up today to run or walk the 1.8K with family and friends. Every finisher gets a medal, plus great prizes for the best fancy dress!

HATFIELD HOUSE
GREAT NORTH RD, HATFIELD, AL9 5HX



SIGN UP HERE

WWW.WILLOWFOUNDATION.ORG.UK/WILLOW10K



WRIGHTS

SIMMONS



DAVID SEAMAN MBE STARTS OFF THIS YEAR'S RACE!

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The Railway Children



Telephone: 01279 842 742

13th-15th Nov | 7:30pm

Matinee Sat 15th | 2:30pm



NODA
For every stage

Tickets: ticketsource.co.uk/much-hadham-drama-group

Presented by: Much Hadham Drama Group Venue: Much Hadham Village Hall

Written By: E. Nesbitt, Adapted by Dave Simpson Directed by: Lisa Turpeu & Sue Clarke

Conker Contest & Autumn Open Day Sun 12th Oct, 11:00 – 15:30



MUCH HADHAM
FORGE
MUSEUM
a hive of history

£2.50 to enter, fab yummy prizes!

Anyone can play, anyone can win!

Drop in and help Much Hadham Forge Museum's fundraiser!

* Crafts * Refreshments * Raffle *

* Museum Free Open Day *

@HadhamMuseum, High Street, Much Hadham, SG106BS