

St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Our Home / School
value this half term is:



Life in All its Fullness – Come and See

Pupil Parliament

We are delighted to introduce our new Year 6 Pupil Parliament Cabinet, which was voted in last week. We can't wait to see what they achieve.

Primary Minister – Lucy Cole

Deputy Primary Minister – Sophie Pickering

Well-Being Cabinet Leaders – Nephin and Bray

Environment Cabinet Leaders – Orson and Theo

Worship Cabinet Leaders – Phoebe

Curriculum and Learning Cabinet Leader – Bobby



Stronger Together



It was lovely to welcome Reverend Tayo in for his first worship of the year. He spoke to us all about the importance of collaboration and how we are all stronger together than as separate parts.

Outdoor Learning

Our amazing Year 1 children have been loving their Outdoor Learning this week. They have been learning how to use tools safely and building on our value of collaboration by working in teams to try and dig the biggest hole! Smiles all round!



Every Day Counts



Congratulations to Sophie (Y6) and Lily (Y4), who have both won our Every Day Counts raffle. They have both chosen an 'own clothes day' as their prize.

Good luck for next week everyone.

Remember you have to be in it to win it!



Parking outside school

We understand that drop off and pick up can be a little busy but please do ensure that you are not blocking our neighbours' driveways, even if it is just for a few minutes, as this can understandably cause a lot of frustration. Thank you for your support in this.



Updating Arbor with your child's details



If you have not done so already, please could parents and carers check their child's medical and dietary details on Arbor and update where necessary. It is vital that the school have the most up to date information about any needs. If you are unsure on how to use the app, please come to the office and we would be happy to help you.

Home Learning



Just a reminder that the **deadline to order home learning books through school (for all year groups) will be Monday 21st September**. Please check Arbor under 'Trips' to purchase your child's year specific books.

All home learning information along with the class newsletters are now live on the class pages of the website.

A message on behalf of church about the sculpture of St. Andrew

You may have heard that enough money has been raised to commission Rodney Munday to produce his sculpture of St. Andrew.

He is working on it now with a view to installation in the late Autumn. Anyone in the School community who is interested is welcome to contact Rodney if they would like to view whatever part of the process interests them.

Rodney's contact details are :
rodneymunday@gmail.com ; 01279-843652 . He will be able to supply directions (he lives just south of the village).



Message from the St. Andrew's Friends (PTA)

Welcome Disco next Friday

The welcome disco is next Friday in the school hall from 5pm to 7pm! There will be music, Hotdogs and a glowstick stall.

Tickets are £4 per family and can be purchased via pta-events: [https://www.pta-](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosamh/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=121334)



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2nd Hand Uniform

The Friends are changing what second hand uniform we stock, in response to the items parents have been looking for. We will only be stocking school logo'd and school specific pieces, namely **Cardigans, Jumpers, PE Shirts, Summer Dresses** and **Ties**.

If anyone would like to order Polo Shirts, Smart Shirts, Skirts, Trousers or Shorts for a discounted rate of **£1 per item** before we donate them to charity, please email us at friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com before next Friday 18th!

Also please only donate Cardigans, Jumpers, PE Shirts, Summer Dresses and Ties going forwards; any other items we receive will be donated to charity.



Please check the 'Diary Dates' section of this newsletter for more upcoming PTA events.

School Clubs



We are excited to offer a range of school clubs throughout the week. Please see below the clubs on offer this term:

Club	When	Open to	Further details
Mrs Watson's Football Club	Mondays 3.15-4.15pm	Y4, Y5 and Y6	Please bring kit including shin pads in to change into after school.
Madame Daniell's French Club	Mondays 3.15 – 4.14pm	Y4	Currently full. Please email caroline.daniell@hotmail.com to be added to the waiting list. Starting the week commencing the 14 th September.
Mrs Small's Netball Club	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15pm	Y5 and Y6	Please bring kit in to change into after school.
Mr Hanson's Maths Club	Tuesday lunchtimes	Y6	For pupils who enjoy maths and logic puzzles. The focus will be on exploring interesting mathematical ideas beyond the curriculum, from a beginner's perspective. Starting Tuesday 15 th September.
Premier Education Gymnastics Club	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.30pm	YR to Y6	Starts Tuesday 8 th September. Currently full.
Mrs Webb's Pond Club	Wednesday lunchtimes	Y6	Please let Mrs Webb or Miss Broomfield know if you are interested.
Miss Sharp's Choir	Wednesday lunchtimes	Y5 and Y6	This will begin after half term.
Madame Daniell's French Club	Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.15pm	Y5	Very limited spaces still available. Please email caroline.daniell@hotmail.com for further details. Starting the week commencing the 14 th September.
Premier Education Football Club	Thursdays 3.15-4.30pm	YR to Y3	Starts Thursday 10 th September. Limited spaces still available.

Free School Meals - New Eligibility Criteria

From September 2026, all families receiving **Universal Credit** may qualify for Free School Meals for their children. Eligibility has expanded, and many more families can now benefit. Applying could save you money and help the school access additional funding to support pupils.



If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, please contact the school office and we will be happy to apply for you, on your behalf. Don't miss out on support you may be entitled to.

School Dinner Menu

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Summer Menu 26

• WEEK 1: 13 Apr, 5 May, 1 Jun, 22 Jun, 13 Jul, 1 Sep, 21 Sep, 12 Oct • WEEK 2: 20 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 29 Jun, 20 Jul, 7 Sep, 28 Sep, 19 Oct • WEEK 3: 27 Apr, 18 May, 15 Jun, 6 Jul, 14 Sep, 5 Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Burger (v)	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Lentil Bolognese Pasta Shells (Ve)	Plant-Based Grill (Ve)	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Tart (v)	Butternut & Chickpea Biriyani (Ve) (New)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes	Herby Garlic Bread or Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Beans & Cheese (v)	Grated Cheese (v)	Tuna Mayo	Beans & Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Peach & Apple Crumble & Ice Cream (v)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Raspberry & Lemon Square (v) (New)	Marble Cookie (v)
MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken Curry	Plant-Based Meatballs with Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Battered Fish
MAIN MEAL 2	Plant-Based Sausages & Gravy (Ve)	Mac 'n' Cheese (v)	Quorn Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy (Ve)	Mild Bean Chilli (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Potato Wedges	Pasta or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	New Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v)	Beans & Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)	Beans & Cheese (v)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Cheese Baguette (v)	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Salmon Mayo Baguette
DESSERT	Apple Tart & Ice Cream (v)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Strawberry Mousse (v)	Chocolate Muffin (v)
MAIN MEAL 1	Pulled Paprika Chicken Flatbread (New)	Beef Burger	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hotdog (v)	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve)	BBQ Bean Loaded Hash Browns (Ve)	Roasted Summer Veg Quiche (v)	Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (v) (New)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Pasta	Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	New Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Salmon Mayo	Grated Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)	Grated Cheese (v)	Beans & Cheese (v)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Pancake with Blueberries (v)	Ice Cream with Chocolate Cookie Crumb (v)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Orange Shortbread (Ve)

Vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. V = Vegetarian Ve = Vegan.

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We are an Allergy Aware School

St Andrew's is an Allergy Aware school with no nuts. Please do not bring any foods containing nut or sesame into school (including pesto and hummus). Thank you.



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/>

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>



Arbor Payments

<https://st-andrews-ce-primary-school-and-nursery.uk.arbor.education/?/>

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd Special Dietary Menu Application (now called Citrus)

[Allergies & Nutrition Information | 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 2026-27

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

Tuesday, 15/09/2026 – Year R Meet Your Teacher 9.05 am

Wednesday, 16/09/2026 – YN Meet Your Teacher 9.05 am

Tuesday, 22/09/2026– Thursday 24/09/2026 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Tuesday 22/09/2026 – Y6 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday, 29/09/2026 Y5 Aylmerton ‘Come and See’ 2.30pm

Tuesday 06/10/2026 – Y5 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 20/10/2026 – Y4 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 03/11/2026 – Y3 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 10/11/2026 – Y2 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 17/11/2026 – Y1 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 24/11/2026 – YR Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 01/12/2026 – YN Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

**** PTA Events ****

Friday 18/09/2026 – Welcome disco, school hall, 5-7pm

Thursday 08/10/2026 – Cake & coffee morning & AGM, school hall, 9am-10:45am

Thursday 15 /10/2026– Years 5 & 6 cake sale, outside school, 3:15-3:45pm

Tuesday 01/12/2026 & Thursday 03/12/2026 – Christmas film nights, school hall, 3:15pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 08/12/2026 & Wednesday 09/12/2026 – Elfridges

October-November Date TBC – School tea towel, coaster and Christmas card sales

December Date TBC– Christmas hamper raffle

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, 25 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>

Term Dates for 2027/2028

Autumn Term 2027	
<i>Wednesday, 1 September 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Thursday, 2 September 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Friday, 3 September 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 6 September 2027	Term begins
Monday, 25 October – Friday 29 October 2027	Half term
<i>Friday, 26 November 2027</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 17 December 2027	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2028	
Tuesday, 4 January 2028	Term begins
Monday, 14 February to Friday, 18 February 2028	Half term
Friday, 31 March 2028	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2028	
Tuesday, 18 April 2028	Term begins
Monday, 1 May 2028	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday, 29 May to Friday, 2 June 2028	Half term
<i>Monday, 5 June 2028</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 6 June 2028	<i>Back to school</i>
Friday, 21 July 2027	Term ends 2pm
<i>Monday, 24 July 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>

Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries

- Parent Group

This guided parent-delivered programme teaches parents cognitive behavioural strategies to help their child overcome anxiety through the accompanying book

5 two-hour online sessions over 6 weeks

WHO IS IT AIMED AT?

The programme is intended for parents of children aged 5 to 12

EVIDENCE BASE

Those who receive the programme are **twice as likely** to recover from their main anxiety problem and **three times more likely** to be free of all anxiety diagnoses than those who receive no treatment (Thirlwall et al, 2013)

How to Join

<https://forms.office.com/e/eUUhqe9v32>



Hertfordshire Partnership
University NHS Foundation Trust





SPLASH SAFELY

in the garden



Top Tips for Enjoying Water Safely

1. STAY TOGETHER

Young children should always be kept within arm's reach. Never leave your child unattended or under the supervision of child siblings.

2. SECURE

Almost 90% of parents of under 5s told us they had at least one potential water hazard in their outdoor space at home, whether this is a pond, paddling pool, water table, or even a bucket.

Don't forget to keep this space secure! Lock doors and gates to outdoor spaces to prevent unsupervised access.

3. PREPARE

Get any towels, toys, nappies and dry clothing ready to go before your children start their water play. This will ensure you won't need to leave their side at any point.

4. AVOID DISTRACTIONS...

...such as using a mobile phone when children are playing in or around water. In a group of adults, appoint a 'water watcher' to ensure children are supervised at all times.

5. EMPTY IT OUT, COVER IT UP

After your children have enjoyed splashing about in their paddling pool, empty the water out straight away to avoid accidents.

In the case of larger pools and hot tubs, ensure that the cover is securely replaced immediately after use to prevent children from accidentally falling in.

6. KEEP YOUR GARDEN TIDY!

When you've finished playing, it's best to totally clear up your space. Turn off the hosepipe at the tap to block access. Clear away or turn over paddling pools and other water containers like buckets, as these can unexpectedly fill up with water if it rains.

Don't let your child get into harm!

For more helpful advice and Splash Safely at Home tips, please visit www.rlss.org.uk/splash-safely-at-home or scan here.

Spread the word     @RLSSUK #SplashSafely

Enjoy Water **Safely** | Free From Drowning

