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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 26th June 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

KS2 School Games Day

On Wednesday 19th June, the weather at last decided to settle and allowed our KS2 School Games Day to take place.

It was a super afternoon, with children taking part in a variety of different activities, aimed at showcasing a range of sporting skills. Every competitor earned points for their House, with the emphasis on this being a team event where everyone can compete, contribute to their House points total and have fun at the same time!

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part and in particular, to RIB who were the afternoon's eventual winners.

Thank you to all the children for their efforts, to the staff and governors who ran the events and kept score, to our Year 2 helpers who ran back and forth for the whole event, to the Friends for provision of refreshments and to parents and family for coming along to support the children. It was a truly enjoyable afternoon.



Y6 Magistrates Talk and Cyber Crime Police Visit

Last week Y6 had a visit from a team of local magistrates. The magistrates spoke about the legal system and the role of a magistrate. The children particularly enjoyed acting out the 'mock trial' based around a shoplifting case.

Later in the week the Police came to Y6 to talk about cyber crime and cyber security.



Year 2 Music Festival

Y2 have been working together with a group of local primary schools celebrating the enjoyment of music and singing with a theme of animals and nature. On Monday, 24th June the whole class set off for South Mill Arts Centre to practice before their festival performance to a packed audience in the afternoon. The children all sang beautifully and it was such a joyous event. Thank you to our Y2 parents and carers for supporting the festival and for helping with transport to and from the event.

Summer Reading Challenge

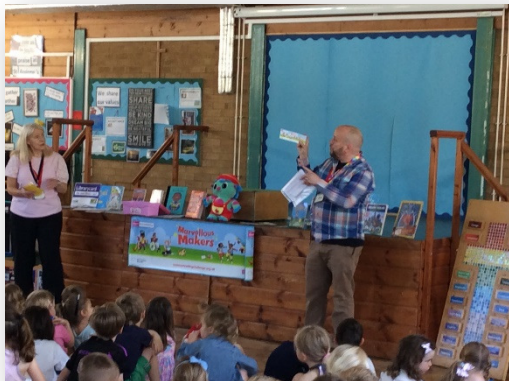
We were delighted to welcome representatives from Bishop's Stortford Library to our worship on Friday, to talk to the children about the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge.... 'Marvellous Makers'. This is an annual event, which encourages school-age children to continue reading over the long Summer break in a fun and engaging way.

More information about how to take part can be found here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



We would love for as many children as possible to take part this year and we look forward to celebrating all the reading achievements in September.



Attendance Update

Regular and punctual attendance is a legal requirement for pupils registered at schools, academies or other maintained or alternative provision. The government has recently updated its plans to increase fining for families who take holidays in term time.

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 2023-2024:

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

Friday, 28/06/2024 – PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Year Nursery Collective Worship – postponed due to clash with Sports Morning

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 Aylmerton Trip

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

Monday 02/06/2025 – Friday 06/06/2025 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

(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
Monday, 3 June	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 July 2024	Term ends 2pm
Monday, 22 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
Monday, 23 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

Term Dates for 2024/2025

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

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WEEKDAYS 10AM - 4PM
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TECH CAMP 2024

TWO WEEKS OF TECH FUN AT EACH LOCATION

WEEK 1
ROBOTICS, VR & TECH FUN

WEEK 2
MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

www.nextthing.education

CHILDREN'S VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024
JULY - AUGUST

NEW ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

ORDER OF WEEKS MAY VARY, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE

WEEK 1
ROBOTICS, VR & TECH FUN

Design & build robots, design games, create 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to make a Pro D4, master Videography and Editing... plus MEGA LABS TAG! A week of inspiration and teamwork with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, whilst learning real-world skills.

WEEK 2
MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING

Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and delve into coding. A week of inspiration and teamwork with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will combine with sensors and motors, to create cool inventions covered by code.

What to bring to camp?

- Pro and Sports Bag/Backpack
- Water Bottle
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are in your area!

We have more than 80 camps running this Summer. Find your local camp on our website: www.nextthing.education

RAVE REVIEWS ★★★★★

"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"

Long Kait, St. Michael's Primary School

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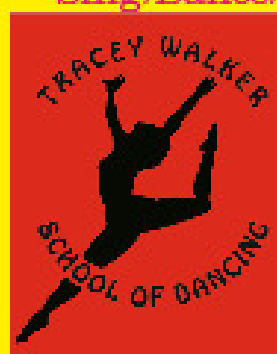
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Summer Dance Camp 12-16 August 2024

Sing/Dance/Act every Day! Awards given & performances



Ages 4-11 Years
Little Hallingbury Village Hall
Time: 10.00-3.00pm
Price: £130 for 5 Days
www.traceywalkerschoolofdancing.com

Charity Football Match



Sunday 30th June

1pm Kick off



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