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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 6 March 2026

Home/School Value – Creation and Creativity

A wonderful week of sculpture!

What a wonderfully creative week we had in school last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to work with clay from professional sculptor Rodney Munday.



Mr Munday worked with every class over 2 days to create the most wonderful 'grotesques'. We can't wait to see if he is commissioned to create a life size 'St Andrew' by the local Parochial Church Council. If he does, school will get to keep his



fabulous 'maquette'!

If you would like to make a pledge towards this historic community project, more information and pledge forms can be collected and deposited in the school office.



Big Walk and Wheel Week – Monday 16th – Friday 20th March



After the success of previous years, we once again invite the children to walk, wheel or park and stride to and/or from school for the Big Walk and Wheel starting Monday 16th March! Children will be allowed to bring their scooters and/or bicycles to school for the week and ride them on the court at morning playtime should they wish. Don't forget your helmets please as only children with well-fitting helmets will be able to participate.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind everyone about parking safely and considerately, particularly at the recreation ground opposite school. This is not the school's car park and is used by other members of the village every day. Thank you.

Handwriting and Presentation

The teachers have recently updated the school's handwriting policy. Our revised 'end points' for each year group can now be found on the school website:

<https://standrews236.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/english/>

We are encouraging all the children to improve their handwriting and presentation this term, with 'Great to be Green' awards available for the neatest and most improved work in every class!



World Book Day

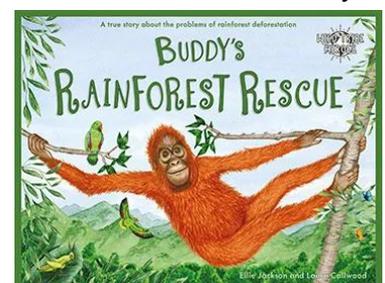
What a wonderful animal and environmental themed World Book Day we all had! The day kicked off with a fun assembly, where we had a great



time seeing all the unique and creative reading photos that had been sent in – a big thank you to everyone who got involved. We had such a hard time choosing the overall winners but every child, who entered, received an animal bookmark. Well done to Lexie, Hamish, Sienna, Clara and Millie, who received a £5 book token to spend at the book fair next week.



The assembly was followed up with each class focusing on a Wild Tribe Hero book written by Ellie Jackson. This amazing series of books highlights environmental issues happening in our world today, but in a child friendly way. We hope that everyone had a brilliant day and learned something about looking after our beautiful world. We also raised just over £80 which will be donated to the charity, WWF for Climate Change. Thank you for all your kind donations. There is



still time to bring in a donation to your class teacher or the school office.

Book Fair – 12th and 13th March

Please do come and visit our **Scholastic Book Fair**, which takes place in the hall, after school on **Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March**. There will be books and book related items available to purchase for Nursery up to Year 6. As a school, we will receive a percentage of the sales in book vouchers, which will go directly to purchasing books for the children's class libraries. You may use your World Book Day tokens to receive a £1 discount. Thank you for your support.



Ways to pay:

- **School Gateway App** – We have set up a Book Fair payment on our St. Andrew's School Gateway for you to use. (This is our preferred option.)
- **Cash** – please note, we will have limited change available.
- **Scholastic Website** – We will provide a QR code to the payment page. Please note that you will need your credit/debit card available to use this option. Scholastic does NOT accept Apple Pay or any other quick pay systems.

Take that Jack

Date for LKS2 performance of their 'Take that Jack' musical is Tuesday, 24 March 2026.

Maths Challenge Success for Year 5 team!

We are delighted to tell you that for the second year running, our Year 5 team have scored enough points in the Maths Challenge heat to qualify for an invitation to the 2026 Year 5 Maths Challenge Grand Final!



Below are the scores for our team. The average total score was 123.

St Andrew's Much Hadham

Round 1 – General Qs	Round 2 – Visual Estimation	Round 3 – Memory Round	Round 4 – General Qs	Total
35	35	42	30	142

Huge congratulations to William, Orson, George, Theo and to Mrs Cole and Mrs Campbell for preparing the children so well for the challenge. We wish them every success for the Grand Final!

Bishop's Stortford Library

Bishop's Stortford Library have an exciting show on Friday, 10th April. "A Noise Annoys", by poet Jude Simpson, is a show of "spoken word, song and silliness" perfect for children from 6 years and their families. Michael Rosen (former Children's Laureate) said, "Jude is funny, sharp, emotional in her work, and a terrific performer. She should be seen and heard wherever possible."

"A Noise Annoys" is full of joyful humour and witty wordplay, as Jude takes the audience on a mind-bending journey through the sounds of language and the language of sounds. This is a really entertaining show for the whole family and will help your children enjoy language and experiment with words, so it gets a thumbs up from English teachers too!!

Book tickets here: <https://herts.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSEENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=15176489> or pop into the library.



hertfordshire.gov.uk
0300 123 4049



Suitable for ages 4+ years, £1 per child suggested donation.
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



£4.40 per child
5+ (children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult)
Booking recommended as places are limited.



Attendance Spring Term

	Autumn Totals	w/e 09/01	w/e 16/01	w/e 23/01	w/e 30/01	w/e 06/02	w/e 13/02	w/e 27/02		
Nursery	89.1%	89.0%	89.1%	89.9%	88.9%	89.1%	89.2%	87.5%		
Reception	93.9%	94.0%	93.9%	93.7%	93.8%	93.7%	93.4%	93.2%		
Year 1	93.7%	93.7%	93.9%	94.0%	94.0%	94.3%	94.2%	94.3%		
Year 2	90.7%	90.8%	91.2%	91.2%	91.5%	91.6%	91.7%	91.8%		
Year 3	95.3%	94.9%	94.8%	94.5%	94.6%	94.6%	94.6%	94.7%		
Year 4	92.8%	92.5%	92.6%	92.8%	92.8%	92.8%	92.8%	93.0%		
Year 5	93.4%	93.3%	92.6%	92.6%	93.1%	93.0%	93.0%	93.0%		
Year 6	95.1%	95.1%	94.9%	94.8%	94.8%	94.9%	95.0%	94.9%		
Totals	93.4%	93.3%	93.2%	93.2%	93.3%	93.4%	93.4%	93.3%		

Nursery Class places for September 2026

The application process for Nursery in September 2026 closes today. Please see the 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. Please contact the school office for further information.

School Lunch Price Increase

In accordance with HCL's meal price increase for the 2026-2027 financial year, the price of a school meal for children in Years 3-6 will increase by 10p to £3.60 day from 1 April 2026. Meals for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are free of charge.

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](#)

Diary Dates 2025-2026

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

**** PTA Events ****

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

Monday, 09/03/2026 – Y6 Bikeability week

Thursday, 13/03/2026 – Y5 Quicksticks Hockey AM

Thursday and Friday 12 and 13/03/2026 – Book Fair after school

Thursday, 01/03/2026 – Y1 Come and See 9 am – 10 am

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: and

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

Tuesday, 24/03/2026 – Y3 and Y4 Production 'Take that Jack'

Wednesday, 15/03/2026 – 08/07/2026 – Y3 Swimming lessons (12 sessions)

Wednesday, 25/03/2026 – Church Easter Service *tbc*

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	
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>

Term Dates for 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday, 1 September 2026	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 2 September 2026	Term begins
Monday, 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026	Half term
Friday, 27 November 2026	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 18 December 2026	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2027	
Monday, 4 January 2027	<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
Monday, 7 June 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 20 July 2027	Term ends 2pm
Wednesday, 21 July 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Thursday, 22 July 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>

School Noticeboard

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champs**

**Christ Church Primary
School, Ware**

**Two Easter Holiday Sports,
Cookery, Crafts &
Enrichment Camps**

Ages 4-9 and Ages 10-14

**March 30th - April 10th 2026
9am-4pm**

camp4champs.co.uk



Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme





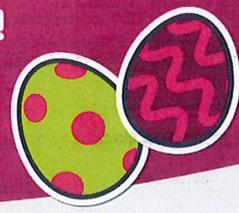
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Fawbert & Barnard Infants School, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9AT 🙌❤️
30th March - 10th April 2026
From £25.49 per day, 8am - 5:30pm

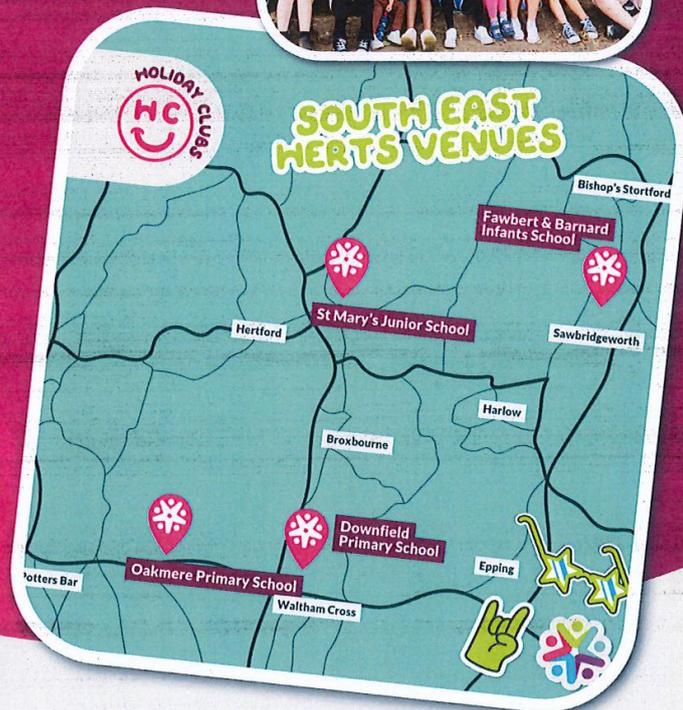
St Mary's Junior School, Ware, SG12 0RL 🙌
30th March - 10th April 2026
From £25.49 per day, 8am - 5:30pm

Downfield Primary School, Cheshunt, EN8 8SS 🙌❤️
30th March - 10th April 2026
From £25.49 per day, 8am - 5pm

Oakmere Primary School, Potters Bar, EN6 ❤️
30th March - 10th April 2026
From £14.39 per day, 9am - 3pm

🙌 Accepts tax free payments/childcare vouchers

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