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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 19th July 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**



We are nearing the end of the academic year and what a busy year it has been! Thank you to all our pupils, staff, parents and governors for all your hard work and support throughout the year.

On Friday we wave goodbye to Year 6 as they start a new part of their learning journey at secondary school. We wish them all well.

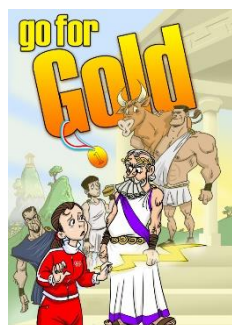
We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

School Games – Platinum Award!!

We are delighted to announce that this year St Andrew's has been awarded the prestigious School Games Platinum Award for participation and contribution to sport throughout the year.

The School Games Mark is a government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

Every year, schools can apply to be considered for bronze, silver or gold award marks from School Games. Schools are judged on the areas of sports; participation, competition, staff and clubs. This year we are delighted to have been awarded the highest level of all, the Platinum Mark award! We are immensely proud of all our children and staff for their continued dedication to all aspects of sport and exercise, expertly led by the amazing Mrs Small. Well done!



Year 5/6 Production

The Year 5 and Year 6 performance of 'Go for Gold' earlier this week was an absolute triumph! The children wowed us with their singing and acting skills and the hall was full of smiles – from the children and the audience 😊. Please look out for the link of the digital download which will be sent to all Year 5 and 6 parents and carers. This will need to be downloaded as soon as it is received as the link will expire during the school holidays.

Art Celebration Assembly

On Wednesday morning we held a whole school celebration of the amazing artwork that has taken place across the school this term. It was fantastic to see the breadth and depth of work

that has been created – using such a wide range of media and techniques! We think you'll agree they look amazing!





KS1 Trip to Shepreth

KS1 really enjoyed their day out at Shepreth Wildlife Park. Despite a rain drop or two, we loved seeing all the different animals and learning about their habits.

It was really difficult deciding what our favourite animal was! Some of us felt very nervous going into the Nocturnal building but were very impressed how the bats didn't crash into us because they use something called echo-location.

We heard how the Red Panda is becoming endangered because of their natural habitat being cut down and what we can do to help - even living in the UK!

We also participated in a brilliant workshop led by Alex who talked to us about how animals can be grouped together. We were all very impressed by the skulls he showed us! Of course, as always, having a picnic was also a particular highlight!



Summer Holiday Homework

In order to keep up with reading over the summer, we love as many children as possible to take part in the **Summer Reading Challenge** organised by Hertfordshire Libraries. The children are encouraged to read or listen to six books, comics, magazines or audio books over the summer break. All those that complete the challenge will receive a certificate, a medal and a finishing gift from the library. They will also be entered into a prize draw to win a ticket to a creative workshop with Joshua Seigal, an award-winning poet.

Please follow this link or visit your local library for more information or to register.

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

We look forward to celebrating all the children's reading achievements when we are back in September.

THE
READING
AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

**Marvellous
Makers**

would

at least

Lost Property

Please claim any lost property as all left items will go to charity/our second hand uniform collection over summer. Lost clothing is on the clothing rail and smaller items/sandwich boxes etc are in the box on the floor in KS2 glass porch.

September 2024

Class teachers

Year Group	Class teacher(s)
Nursery	Mrs Raffill and Mrs Healey
Reception	Miss Sharp
Year 1	Mrs Loft
Year 2	Mrs Handley
Year 3	Mrs Watson
Year 4	Miss Cox
Year 5	Mrs Cole and Mrs Campbell
Year 6	Miss Broomfield

The class teachers are looking forward to working in close collaboration with you and we hope that you can make our Meet the Teacher meeting at the start of next term.

Year Group	Date and time
Nursery	Friday, 13 th Sep 9.00-9.30
Reception	Thursday, 12 th Sep 9.00-9.30
Year 1	Wednesday, 11 th Sep 2.45-3.15
Year 2	Thursday, 12 th Sep 2.45-3.15
Year 3	Monday, 9 th Sep 2.45-3.15
Year 4	Tuesday, 10 th Sep 2.45-3.15
Year 5	Wednesday, 4 th Sep 2.30-3.15 to include preparations for Aylmerton
Year 6	Thursday 5 th Sep 2.45-3.15

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

As part of our ongoing effort to become more environmentally friendly we have a 'reduce, reuse and recycle' section here in the newsletter. Please consider donating your items to school if you have a Summer clear-out.



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>

Diary Dates 2024

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

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

Summer Holidays

Please see above for the dates of our Meet the Teacher meetings – we hope that you will be able to join us.

Monday, 02/09/2024 and Tuesday, 03/09/2024 – INSET Days (no school)

Wednesday, 04/09/2024 – First day of term

Monday, 15/09/2024 – Nursery starts

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 – dates to follow)

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



A vibrant poster for the SWAN Summer Netball Camp. At the top left is a smiling sun wearing sunglasses. The title 'SWAN Summer Netball Camp' is written in large, bold, purple letters on a green banner. Below the title, the time '10am-3pm' and the cost '£30 a day' are displayed in large, bold, purple letters. To the right, three overlapping circles contain the words 'Friendship', 'Fun', and 'Netball' in a light orange font. Below the cost, the text 'Hosted at Herts & Essex Sports Centre' is written in orange. A QR code is located on the left side, with the text 'Book your place here, https://forms.gle/dcrBWafxahgat9j17' next to it. At the bottom, a table lists the dates, school years, and age groups for the camp. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for the SWAN NETBALL CLUB, featuring a stylized netball and the text 'SWAN NETBALL CLUB'.

SWAN Summer Netball Camp

10am-3pm

£30 a day

Hosted at Herts & Essex Sports Centre

Book your place here,
<https://forms.gle/dcrBWafxahgat9j17>

Dates	School year	Age
24/7/24	3-5	U8-U10
25/7/24	6-8	U11-U13
26/7/24	9-11	U14-U16
27/8/24	3-5	U8-U10
28/8/24	6-8	U11-U13
29/8/24	9-11	U14-U16

Netball

Skills

SWAN NETBALL CLUB

Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding the school milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

Due to challenging weather conditions this spring and summer resulting in reduced milk volumes and anticipated increases in winter feed costs, the price of milk for children over 5 will soon increase. This adjustment will help Cool Milk continue to support our valued dairy partners.

However, there is good news! If your child is already 5 or will be turning 5 soon, you can still lock in the current price. Simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register and make a payment. You even have the option to pre-pay at the existing rate for the entire academic year.

For children who are already over 5, you can make payment immediately. If your child is still under 5, we will email you shortly before their 5th birthday with easy steps to continue their milk deliveries. Rest assured, we will continue providing free milk automatically until they turn 5.

If you already have a Cool Milk account, simply log in to your existing account and make the payment for the upcoming year. To register a sibling, select 'Add Child' and fill in their details—it's that simple!

Should you need further assistance, our customer service team is always here to help.

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☎: 0800 321 3248

💻: www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

Looking for fun, free ways to get moving more this summer?

We have got you covered! We run Beezee Families, a free healthy lifestyle programme designed to help families like yours make healthy habits and discover the joy of movement.

We have got a week's worth of Olympics-inspired activities for you to try.



DAY
1

Try an online yoga workout and practise your balancing.



DAY
4

Warm up with five minutes of stretches.



DAY
7

Walk or run 100m - and time it!



DAY
2

Put on your favourite tune and dance!



DAY
5

Have a thumb wrestle!



DAY
8

Forget cross-country running and take a stroll through the countryside instead.



DAY
3

Go for a bike ride.



DAY
6

Play a round of crazy golf.



Beezee
Families

Hertfordshire

Check out our website to find out how we can help you and your family get moving more*.

*Our courses are for families with children aged 5+ and above their ideal weight.

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Have YOU got
what it takes
to turn
the page?



FREE Taster Session!
Wednesday 21st August 4pm-5pm
Please sign up at the Enquiries Desk



Are you aged 8+?
**Come and join us to complete fun activities, chat
about books and make new friends!**

Bishop's Stortford Library
Wednesdays 4pm-5pm
Check for dates in the library or on the website
£2.50 per session – please book in the library

