



St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery
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2025/26 : 24/25

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 20th March 2026

Home/School Value – Creation and Creativity

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Do you ever have trouble getting your child out of bed on a school day? Reluctant to come to school, but you know they have a great time once they're here?

As part of our **EVERY DAY COUNTS** initiative, Mrs Dimond has asked the Pupil Parliament about ways to encourage all children to come to school every day they are well enough to do so.

The children have devised a raffle-type system, whereby every child in school on time will receive a daily raffle ticket to go in 'the draw'. Classroom doors are closed promptly at 8.55am.

Each week, at Friday Celebration Assembly, one ticket will be drawn to choose a prize from the prize box.

The children have suggested the following prizes:

- Pens/pencils/notepads
- Resin animals
- Fidget toys
- A voucher for the next cake sale
- A voucher for an own clothes day
- Small balls/footballs



This light-hearted initiative complements our 'support first' approach to school attendance. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please do speak to a member of staff.



Congratulations to George in Year 5 who won the first draw!

He chose an own clothes day of his choice.

Well done George!

Better luck next week to everyone else.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Nursery Class places in September 2026



The application deadline for Nursery in September 2026 has now passed. However, do not despair! If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining our Nursery Class please contact the school office for further information on 01279 842626 or email admin@standrews236.herts.sch.uk

Walking and Wheeling!

Well done to all our families who tried out a more sustainable way of travelling into school this week for the Big Walk and Wheel Event. It was great to see local children walking, scooting and cycling into school, and for those who live a little further away – parking and striding into school! The children have also really enjoyed using their bikes and scooters on the court at playtimes.

Many of our Year 6s have also been honing their cycling skills during their Bikeability week – building the skills and confidence for safe cycling on the road.

Come and See Events – Reception and Year 1

It was wonderful to see so many families at our “Come and See” event in Reception. The children enjoyed spring crafts, singing our Hot Cross Bunny song, and exploring both indoor and outdoor provision with their adults in the sunshine. They had great fun making playdough hot cross buns and tasting Easter nests, while parents were able to see the fantastic progress and development taking place. Thank you to all who came! 😊



Year 1 were delighted to welcome their families into class for our DT hand puppet–making ‘Come and See’ morning. The turnout was fantastic, and it was wonderful to see such strong support from families.

Together, children and parents created hand puppets inspired by characters from Little Red Riding Hood. The session focused on developing skills in joining materials, with everyone showing great creativity and enthusiasm. It was hard to tell who enjoyed it more - the children or the parents!

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day such a success.



Y5 Quicksticks Hockey

Last Thursday, Year 5 travelled to Birchwood High school to take part in the annual Quicksticks Hockey Tournament. Our 3 teams, (ably managed by Mrs Cole, Mrs Zenonos and Mrs Small), competed in several games against schools from twelve other schools in the Bishops Stortford Partnership.

Despite most of our games being against Year 6 pupils, our Year 5's showed real 'grit' in their matches winning six out of the eleven played! As ever, the children played with fantastic team spirit, self-belief and were great sports. We were incredibly proud of them.

Thank you to all our parents for driving the children to and from the event.



Netball friendly v Windhill21

Yesterday, children from our after school netball club took part in their first ever competitive netball match against a team from Windhill21. It was a really exciting game with both teams taking the lead at different times of the match, with Windhill finally winning 10 goals to 9. At the end of the match, there were lots of smiles from the girls who had really enjoyed playing against another school and wanted to play again!

Well done Olivia, Libby, Megan, Clara, Seren, Eliana, Emily, Amber, Bella and Lucy for playing the game in great spirit all the way to the end. Thank you to our parents and supporting the team throughout the match.

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	w/e 06/03	
Nursery	89.1%	89.0%	89.1%	89.9%	88.9%	89.1%	89.2%	87.5%	87.5%	
Reception	93.9%	94.0%	93.9%	93.7%	93.8%	93.7%	93.4%	93.2%	92.7%	
Year 1	93.7%	93.7%	93.9%	94.0%	94.0%	94.3%	94.2%	94.3%	94.2%	
Year 2	90.7%	90.8%	91.2%	91.2%	91.5%	91.6%	91.7%	91.8%	92.0%	
Year 3	95.3%	94.9%	94.8%	94.5%	94.6%	94.6%	94.6%	94.7%	94.7%	
Year 4	92.8%	92.5%	92.6%	92.8%	92.8%	92.8%	92.8%	93.0%	93.3%	
Year 5	93.4%	93.3%	92.6%	92.6%	93.1%	93.0%	93.0%	93.0%	93.2%	
Year 6	95.1%	95.1%	94.9%	94.8%	94.8%	94.9%	95.0%	94.9%	95.1%	
Totals	93.4%	93.3%	93.2%	93.2%	93.3%	93.4%	93.4%	93.3%	93.4%	

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/>

**MUCH HADHAM
PRE SCHOOL**  **Wraparound
childcare**

To book your 1st session, please complete the Clubs registration form via our website: www.muchhadhampreschool.co.uk/clubs

Session times & Fees

Breakfast Club: 7.30am-9am £7.50
Lunch Club: 12pm-1pm £6 or 12pm-3pm £18
After School Club: 3pm-4.15pm £6 or 3pm-6pm £18

Ad Hoc and regular bookings. Funding accepted

Bookings can then be made by emailing us at:
muchhadhampreschool@yahoo.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/aQO9yIu>

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 ****

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’ Performances at 2.15 pm and at 5.30 pm

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

Wednesday, 25/03/2026 – Church Easter Service at St Andrew’s Church 9.30am

Friday, 27/03/2026 – End of Spring Term 2.00 pm finish

Monday, 13/04/2026 – Start of Summer Term

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
<i>Wednesday, 22 July 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Thursday, 23 July 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>

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, 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
<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>



School Noticeboard





FREE EASTER HANDBALL

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

09:00–12:00 & 13:00–15:00

HERTS & ESSEX SPORTS CENTRE, BELDAMS LANE CM23 5LH

morning session all school years

afternoon session year 7+

if you attend both sessions, bring a packed lunch

wear sports clothes and indoor trainers

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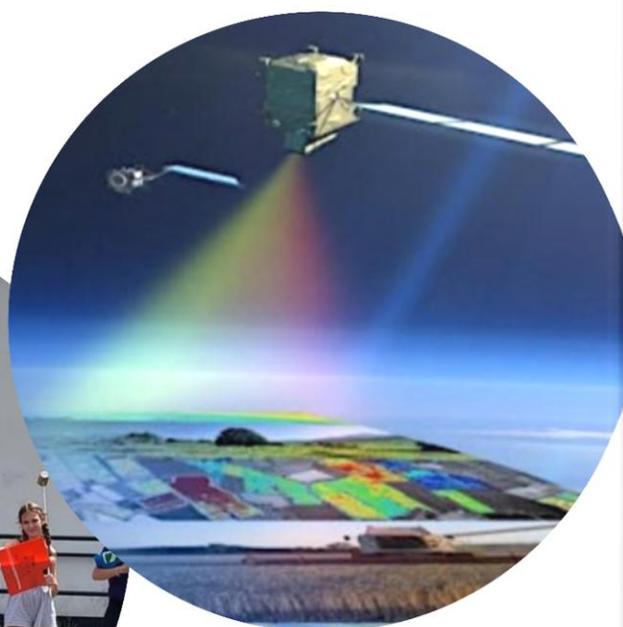
STEM DISCOVERY CENTRE

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SUMMER CAMP

27th & 28th July 9am-5pm

27th July
Eyes in the skies



28th July
Water is Wet!!!

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD COMMUNITY FC



Are you looking for a fun way for girls 9-11 (School years 5 & 6) to get involved with football? Then look no further! Wildcats is the place to be, everyone is super awesome; from the friends you'll meet to The FA qualified coaches and volunteers who deliver the sessions.



Day & Time

Every Tuesday 6pm to 7pm

Venue

The Bishop's Stortford High School
Beaumont Avenue
Bishops Stortford
CM23 4SH

Contact



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Hugo.Vasconcelos@bscfc.co.uk



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visiting
<https://book.Englandfootball.com/>



BISHOP'S STORTFORD COMMUNITY FC



Are you looking for a fun way for girls 5-8 (School years 1 to 4) to get involved with football? Then look no further! Wildcats is the place to be, everyone is super awesome; from the friends you'll meet to The FA qualified coaches and volunteers who deliver the sessions.



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**Whatever your reason,
whatever your level.**

**age
16+**

TIME & DATE :

7pm to 8pm every Wednesday

ORGANISERS:

Bishop's Stortford Community FC

**VENUE/
ADDRESS**



**The Bishop's Stortford High School
Beaumont Avenue
Bishop's Stortford
CM23 4SH**

TO BOOK A SESSION, SCAN THE QR CODE OR [CLICK HERE](#)



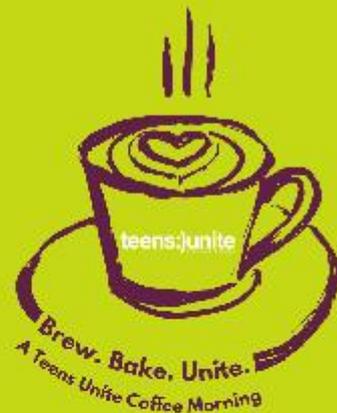
Come together over coffee and cake this April for Teens Unite Fighting Cancer.

At Teens Unite we bring teenagers and young adults with a shared experience of cancer, together.

Now it's your turn to unite your school. What better way to bring everyone together than over coffee and cake?

Be a coffee morning host this April for Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Awareness Month, and help ensure no young person has to put their life on hold, or face cancer alone.

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Easter What's On?



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South Mill Arts
What's On?



The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show

Thu 10th Mar | 1pm & 4pm & Fri 20th Mar | 11am
£17 | £15 Conc | Ages 3-6

We invite you and your loved ones on an unforgettable journey that will delight anyone from ages 1 to 99, as The Very Hungry Caterpillar jumps off the page and onto the stage! It's truly one VERY magical hour.

The Cat in the Hat

Mon 30th Mar | 2pm & 4pm
£17 | £15 Concs. | Ages 3+

Experience mischief and mayhem in this acclaimed stage adaptation of Dr Seuss' The Cat In The Hat. A lively and engaging first theatre experience for children aged 3+, based on the best-selling book.



Kids Crafts - We're In a Spin

Tue 3rd Mar, Wed 1st, & Thu 2nd Apr - Tue 7th,
Wed 8th, & Thu 9th Apr | £2 per child | Ages 3 - 11

This Easter we are in a spin! Come and make different spinning stuff each week. Drop in between 10am-2pm - Let us know you're coming online. Please note that these events run on a first-come-first-served basis.



The Man Who Was Magic

Wed 1st Apr | 7.30pm
£26.50 | £39 M&G | Ages 12+

Dare to believe in magic as the UK's #1 magic show returns with a completely new and uplifting production for 2025. You're invited to a night of wonder, as secrets unravel and the impossible becomes possible.

Help shape the next version of the Playground



Share your views on the
Playground and Recreation Ground

Scan the QR code below
to take our short survey



Family Lives Workshops

Spring Term Online Workshops 2026 for parents in Hertfordshire



Sibling Rivalry - Online via MS Teams

This parenting workshop promotes cooperation and manages conflict between siblings.

Friday 13 March 9.30 to 11.30

Anxiety around ADHD - Online via MS Teams

This workshop helps parent/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

**Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm or
Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am**

Empowering Parenting - Online via MS Teams

A workshop to equip parents with practical tools, resources and strategies to enhance parenting skills and navigate parenting challenges effectively

Friday 20 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Its a Dads Life - Online via MS Teams

A workshop for dads to help build strong attachment and relationships with their child.

Tuesday 24 March 7pm to 9pm

For more information, you can scan our QR code to make a referral or call Louise and Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email **services@familylives.org.uk**.



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Anxiety around ADHD

The workshop helps parents and carers navigate:

- What is ADHD
- Understanding why a child with ADHD may also have anxiety
- Explore strategies to help support you and your child
- Signposting to other support that is available



**Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm or
Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am
Online via MS Teams**

To book your place, call **Lesley** on **020 4522 8701**, email **services@familylives.org.uk** or scan our QR code to use our online referral form

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Its a Dads Life

Free Online Workshop for Dads

For many dads, managing their children's behaviour can prove a particularly challenging time when raising children. This workshop aims to empower dads with the knowledge and skills to develop deeper connections with their children and enhance their parenting journey.

When

Tuesday 24 March 2026

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams



Scan Me!

To book your place:

- Please scan our QR code to use our online referral form
- Or call Lesley on 020 4522 8701

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