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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 24th March 2025

Our Value this half term is **Grit, Don't Quit!**

Sponsored Fitness Challenge

Last Tuesday, children from Reception through to Year 6 were led in a Sponsored Fitness Circuit by GB gymnast Saffron Severn. It was a fantastic event full of energy and enthusiasm with children performing squat jumps, spotty dogs, plank taps and star jumps to music and encouragement from Saffron and each another.

Once all the children had taken part, Saffron presented a special assembly explaining her inspirational path from starting gymnastics at seven years old and going on to becoming British Champion and European Bronze medallist. She explained to the children that her journey was thwarted by injury and setback but her message of *"I am resilient, brave and strong"* helped her through the difficult times to *"focus on her goals"*.

In the last part of the assembly, the children were treated to a demonstration of Saffron's fantastic gymnastic skills which left them amazed and inspired.



Thank you to all our children and families for supporting the Sponsored Fitness Challenge with your donations. Please can any sponsorship money that is in cash come into school by Tuesday 25th March so that this can be added to the online donations for our grand reveal of the total money raised for equipment to support the physical activity in school. Thank you.

Mrs Small

Big Walk and Wheel this week

As part of our ongoing commitment to our School Travel plan, we are encouraging the children to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school for the Big Walk and Wheel this week. Every journey makes a difference. We hope that you will be able to support this venture.



Pupils who have suitable clothing and a helmet will be allowed to cycle or scoot their own bikes or scooters in the court at morning playtimes for the week.

Easter Service

We have a date for our Easter Service at the church - 9.30 am on Thursday, 3rd April 2025. Everyone is welcome.

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the Scholastic book fair last week which raised over £700. Every pound spent results in vouchers that we can use to spend on books for school. Thank you.

Attendance Spring Term 2

	Spring Term 1 Totals	w/e 28/02	w/e 07/03	w/e 14/03	w/e 21/03	w/e 28/03	w/e 04/04
Nursery	90.2%	90.6%	90.6%	90.7%	91.0%		
Reception	94.6%	94.6%	94.6%	94.8%	94.8%		
Year 1	96.7%	96.8%	96.8%	96.7%	96.8%		
Year 2	95.3%	95.4%	95.6%	95.6%	95.6%		
Year 3	94.3%	94.2%	94.0%	94.1%	94.0%		
Year 4	97.3%	97.1%	97.1%	97.0%	97.0%		
Year 5	96.4%	96.4%	96.4%	96.5%	96.4%		
Year 6	94.8%	94.8%	95.0%	95.1%	95.0%		
Totals	95.3%	95.3%	95.3%	95.4%	95.4%		

Autumn term school total 95.4%

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.



School Meal Price Increase

In line with other local primary schools, the price of a Hertfordshire Catering child school meal will be increasing to £3.50 from 1st April 2025. Please note this price rise is one week before the Easter holidays.

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 £3.35 per day. Multiply this by 190 (days in a school year) and **Free School Meals are worth £636.50 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

Hertfordshire Families First

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

Hertfordshire Free School Meals

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

School Gateway

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

Pharmacies First

[How pharmacies can help - NHS](#)

East Herts Council – Keeping Safe Online

[Get Safe Online | The UK's leading Online Safety Advice Resource](#)

From the Friends of St Andrew's School

After four years of chairing the PTA, I have come to the decision to step down as chair. Aaron Hansen has very kindly stepped in for me in the interim but we are looking for someone to take over the reins from next year. The position of secretary is also open.

If you would like to be more involved or nominate yourself as chair of the PTA please get in contact with Aaron Hansen in the first instance.

It is a wonderful role and I have greatly enjoyed putting on the many events that the children and families have enjoyed over the years. Please do consider getting involved if you can.

Many thanks
Katherine Batchelor



Easter Trail – Thursday, 3rd April 2025

Join us for an Easter trail around the school grounds on **Thursday, 3rd April** after school and win a prize. Tickets cost **£3.50** per child and are available now through <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosamh/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=95910>

There will be a chocolate egg prize for every child taking part.

Tickets must be bought in advance for this event, and ticket sales close on **Monday, 31st March** at **9pm**.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers - if any parent is interested in helping to plan or being more involved in the Friends events, please WhatsApp / call Aaron on 07894 266 683 to find out more.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.
The Friends

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

Buying second-hand uniform has many benefits! Not only can you make a significant saving compared to purchasing new, but you'll also help reduce waste by giving perfectly good clothing a second life.

The **Friends of St Andrew's** run the second-hand uniform shop, and you can easily order items via their website: [PTA Events - FOSAMH](#).

If your child has outgrown their uniform and it's still in good condition, please consider donating it to the PTA. Simply drop it off in the **brown donation bin** located in the front courtyard of the school.

Diary Dates 2025-2026

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

**** PTA Events ****

Tuesday, 25/03/2025 – YR invited to collective worship. Followed by Easter 'Come and See'

Tuesday, 25/03/2025 and Wednesday, 26/03/2025 – PTA Someone Special Gift Shop

Wednesday, 26/03/2025 – Year 3 and Year 4 Performance Dress Rehearsal AM

Thursday, 27/03/2025 – Year 3 and Year 4 Performance 'The Piper' at 2.15 pm and 5.30 pm

Tuesday, 01/04/2025 – YN invited to collective worship. Followed by Easter 'Come and See'

Thursday, 03/04/2025 – Easter Service at Church 9.30 am

Thursday, 03/04/2025 – PTA Easter Trail after school

Friday, 04/04/2025 – Last day of term school finishes at 2 pm

Tuesday, 22/04/2025 – Summer Term begins

Wednesday, 30/04/2025 – Wednesday, 09/07/2025 – Y3 Swimming

Thursday 01/05/2025 – School Photographer - class photographs

Monday 05/05/2025 – May Day Bank Holiday – no school

Monday 12/05/2025 – Thursday 15/05/2025 – KS2 SATS Week

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

Tuesday 23/09/2025 – Thursday 25/09/2025 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Term Dates for 2024/2025

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, 5 May 2025	<i>Bank Holiday – school closed</i>
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

Term Dates for 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
Wednesday, 3 September 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Thursday, 4 September 2025	Term begins
Monday, 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	Half term
Friday, 28 November 2025	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 December 2025	Term ends 2pm
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>

School Noticeboard



Raring2go Magazine

This is the new digital version of the Raring2go magazine. Please click on image below to read.



Spring break!



South Mill Arts Family



Leap into tons of fun this Spring at your local Arts Centre!
southmillarts.co.uk

Spring break!



There's a Monster in your show
Thu 20th - 2pm & 5pm
Fri 21st Mar - 11am & 2pm | 2+
£17 | £15 Cones, | £14 Groups
A high-energy 50-minute adventure featuring lively original music.



Storytime: Zoe and Beans
Tue 1st Apr | 10.30am
Ages 2-6 | Free
Enjoy a story and some colouring and craft. Free to join. Colour Beans and his friends on their sea-aw.



Moana 2
Mon 7th April | 11am & 2pm
PG | £10 Adults
£8 Children (under 16s)
Sequel to Disney's smash hit! Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Auli'i Cravalho and Man Tudyk.



Kids Crafts - Pets
Tue 8th, Wed 9th & Thu 10th Apr
Drop in between 10am-2pm
£1 per child | Ages 3-11
International Pet Day is in April. Join us to make the pet you wish you had!



Woman Like Me: The Little Mix
Thu 10th Apr | 7pm
£18 | £66 Family
Chart-topping hits, incredible voices, and the electrifying energy of Little Mix brought to life in an unmissable celebratory!



Singing Cinema: Encanto
Sat 12th Apr | 3.30pm
£15 | £12 Cones. | PG
Join us for an all singing, all dancing Encanto screening! Sing along to your favourite songs from the movie.



Kids Crafts - More Pets
Tue 16th, Wed 16th & Thu 17th Apr
Drop in between 10am-2pm
£1 per child | Ages 3-11
More Pets to make! Your £1 donation can be paid on the day.



Claytime
Tue 15th Apr | 11am & 2pm
£14.60 | Ages 3-6
The award-winning Indefinite Articles present their work for the very young! Claytime, a play with clay, where the audience are invited to participate.

southmillarts.co.uk






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Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

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Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

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AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

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EASTER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

Day 1 <small>(NOT RUNNING ON 23RD APRIL)</small>	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5 <small>(NOT RUNNING ON 18TH APRIL)</small>
9 am drop off				
Take Home Inventions				
4 pm pick up				

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★

"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★

"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★

"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

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ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

Colour in the eggs and design your own!



FUN FACT

The Cairngorms in Scotland hold the record for being the snowiest place in the UK

HEY!

I'm BILLY Barracuda! Are you looking forward to the Easter holidays? We hope to see you at our Easter camps!



EASTER WORD SEARCH!

- Basket
- Bonnet
- Bunny
- Celebration
- Chick
- Paffodil
- Egg
- Flowers
- Hunt
- Jellybeans
- Lamb
- Pastel
- Spring
- Tulip



HAPPY EASTER!

Hop through the maze!



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to see more info about our camps!



How many easter eggs can you see?



ANSWERS



Robin Count: 18

Quiz:

- Eggs
- Chick
- Bunny
- Bunny

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*Minimum 2 days. *Not to be used in conjunction with other offer codes

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COMPETITION!
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**PLUS £250 DONATION FOR YOUR
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KIDS COMPETITION

Task: Design a new activity for Easter 2025! ☆

ACTIVITY COULD BE:

- ⦿ Based on existing activity with a twist
- ⦿ Repurposing equipment to play in another way
- ⦿ Add your theme to an activity
- ⦿ An activity you love already which you'd like to see at camp

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& NAME & LOCATION OF
SCHOOL WITH YOUR
ENTRY!

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Camp open dates 7th - 17th April



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camp4 
champs 

AGES 4-14



Join us!

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Book Today
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We have lots of fun activities on offer from Dodgeball and Cookery to Arts & Crafts, Archery and lots more! Come along and try something new!





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(extended day 8am-6pm also available at selected sites)

For dates & bookings for all sites please visit
camp4champs.co.uk

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Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

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