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2025/26 : 25

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 27th March 2026

Home/School Value – Creation and Creativity

Year 3 and 4 Production of *Take that Jack*

Years 3 and 4 put on an amazing show this week with two performances of *Take that Jack*. The show that was written by Miss Cox and Mrs Watson was a resounding success, using the songs of *Take That* to tell a modern version of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children were superb at remembering lots of words and dances, bringing a smile to the faces of two very supportive audiences. A huge well done to all involved!



Nursery Parents Come and See

Thank you to all our nursery families who came along to our Easter Come and See.

It was so special to be able to share our Easter crafts and activities with you. The children were very proud to share their indoor and outdoor environment with you. They had fun making Bunny crowns and making playdough chicks.

It was especially lovely to be able to share how much progress the children have made during their time in nursery.



The St Andrew the apostle sculpture



As you know Mr Rodney Munday recently worked with all our children to create the most wonderful 'grotesques' this term.

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.

Y5 Maths Challenge

Huge congratulations to Orson, William, George C and Theo, who made it to the final of the Year 5 maths challenge. As you can see from the results, they did fantastically well, scoring full marks in two of the rounds. We are so proud of their achievement of coming 8th across hundreds of schools, not just in Hertfordshire but across the UK. The organisers commented about how competitive it was in the top ten, with only a few marks between them all.

Round 1 – General Qs (maximum score of 40)	Round 2 – Estimation (maximum score of 40)	Round 3 – Perplexing Puzzles (maximum score of 45)	Round 4 – Complex Conundrums (maximum score of 40)	Total
40	36	45	28	149



Every Day Counts



Congratulations to Nephin who won this week's draw!

He chose an own clothes day of his choice.

Well done!

Better luck next week to everyone else.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Staffing

This week is Mrs Christmas's last week at St Andrew's before she moves on to a well-deserved and exciting new chapter in her life. Mrs Christmas leaves a huge legacy of teaching children across several generations. On behalf of them and all the teachers she has supported - thank you so much for everything! We all love you and will miss you Mrs Christmas!

School Uniform Reunited

We have quite a few items in lost property this term, please do check through all items on display and reclaim. Please can we ask that you all check the names in your school uniform over the Easter holidays. We teach our children to be responsible and look after their own things but please ensure that **ALL items that are brought into school are clearly named**. Thank you.

Book Fair

Thank you so much to all those, who came to support the Book Fair in school. It was lovely to see a real buzz around books and reading and we hope that the children continue to enjoy their purchases at home. We are delighted that from the sales, we have also **raised just over £400** in vouchers for the school to spend on books for the children.



After School Art Club

Here are some photographs of the Art Club's completed Iris Galerie canvases. The children have all done so well and worked so hard this term. Alice can't wait to get started on the next project, Still Life. Art club is on Wednesdays after school for children in Y4, Y5, and Y6.



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

School Lunch Price Increase after Easter

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.

New School Lunch Summer Menu 2026

The school lunch summer menu starters after Easter. Also please note the new price for children's meal will be £3.60 from 1 April 2026.

HCL Hero Summer Menu 26

WEEK 1: 13 Apr, 3 May, 7 Jun, 22 Jun, 13 Jul, 1 Sep, 21 Sep, 12 Oct | WEEK 2: 20 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 29 Jun, 20 Jul, 7 Sep, 28 Sep, 19 Oct | WEEK 3: 27 Apr, 18 May, 15 Jun, 6 Jul, 14 Sep, 5 Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Burger (v)	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Lentil Bolognese Pasta Shells (Ve)	Plant-Based Grill (Ve)	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Tart (v)	Butternut & Chickpea Biryani (Ve) (New)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes	Herby Garlic Bread or Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Beans & Cheese (v)	Grated Cheese (v)	Tuna Mayo	Beans & Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Peach & Apple Crumble & Ice Cream (v)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Raspberry & Lemon Square (v) (New)	Marble Cookie (v)
MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken Curry	Plant-Based Meatballs with Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Battered Fish
MAIN MEAL 2	Plant-Based Sausages & Gravy (Ve)	Mac 'n' Cheese (v)	Quorn Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy (Ve)	Mild Bean Chili (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Potato Wedges	Pasta or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	New Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v)	Beans & Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)	Beans & Cheese (v)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Cheese Baguette (v)	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Salmon Mayo Baguette
DESSERT	Apple Tart & Ice Cream (v)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Strawberry Mousse (v)	Chocolate Muffin (v)
MAIN MEAL 1	Pulled Paprika Chicken Flatbread (New)	Beef Burger	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hotdog (v)	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve)	BBQ Bean Loaded Hash Browns (Ve)	Roasted Summer Veg Quiche (v)	Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (v) (New)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Brown & white Rice or Pasta	Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	New Potatoes	Potato wedges or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Salmon Mayo	Grated Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)	Grated Cheese (v)	Beans & Cheese (v)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Pancake with Blueberries (v)	Ice Cream with Chocolate Cookie Crumb (v)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Orange Shortbread (Ve)

Vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. V = Vegetarian Ve = Vegan

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Job Vacancy

HCL are looking to recruit a new General Catering Assistant at St Andrew's Primary School. Working hours are 12 noon – 1.45 pm Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

Attendance Spring Term

	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	w/e 13/03	w/e 20/03	w/e
Nursery	89.0%	89.1%	89.9%	88.9%	89.1%	89.2%	87.5%	87.5%	87.7%	88%	
Reception	94.0%	93.9%	93.7%	93.8%	93.7%	93.4%	93.2%	92.7%	92.6%	92.7%	
Year 1	93.7%	93.9%	94.0%	94.0%	94.3%	94.2%	94.3%	94.2%	94.3%	94.3%	
Year 2	90.8%	91.2%	91.2%	91.5%	91.6%	91.7%	91.8%	92.0%	91.8%	91.9%	
Year 3	94.9%	94.8%	94.5%	94.6%	94.6%	94.6%	94.7%	94.7%	94.7%	94.8%	
Year 4	92.5%	92.6%	92.8%	92.8%	92.8%	92.8%	93.0%	93.3%	93.4%	93.6%	
Year 5	93.3%	92.6%	92.6%	93.1%	93.0%	93.0%	93.0%	93.2%	93.0%	93.0%	
Year 6	95.1%	94.9%	94.8%	94.8%	94.9%	95.0%	94.9%	95.1%	95.1%	95.1%	
Totals	93.3%	93.2%	93.2%	93.3%	93.4%	93.4%	93.3%	93.4%	93.4%	93.4%	

We are a Nut and Sesame-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/a16WYEG>

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

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Diary Dates 2025-2026

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

**** PTA Events ****

Wednesday, 15/04/2026 – 08/07/2026 – Y3 Swimming lessons (12 sessions)

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

Thursday, 30/04/2026 – School Photographer Class Photos – Wear School Uniform

Thursday, 21/05/2026 – KS2 Sports Afternoon

Friday, 22/05/2026 – KS1 Sports Afternoon

Monday, 01/06/2026 – Friday, 05/06/2026 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

Thursday, 02/07/2026 – Early Years Sports Morning

Tuesday, 22/09/2026- Thursday 24/09/2026 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Term Dates for 2025/2026

Spring Term 2026	
<i>Monday, 5 January 2026</i>	<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
<i>Monday, 1 June 2026</i>	<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

The Friends of St. Andrews Church
Pre-loved Fashion Show

3.30pm on Saturday 18th April 2026
St. Andrews Church, Much Hadham SG10 6DH



Deadline looming for quality spring/summer clothing for women, men and teens.

All donations must be clean, on hangers and delivered to:
Bakers Cross, Hadham Cross, SG10 6DF
by 22nd March 2026.
Collection can also be arranged.

Any questions, please contact:
Adele Rawlinson (07786070987)
Carmel Naughton (07828108608)

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Session Details

24th April - 22nd May

09:30 - 11:30

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SCREEN

**Children's Corner Cinema
King of Kings (PG)
Sat 28 March**

Charles Dickens shares the story of Jesus Christ with his son, Walter, who becomes captivated with the events of Jesus' life.



SCREEN

**Arco (PG)
Fri 27 Mar - Thu 2 Apr**

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SCREEN

**The Magical Faraway Tree (PG)
Fri 27 Mar - Thu 2 Apr**

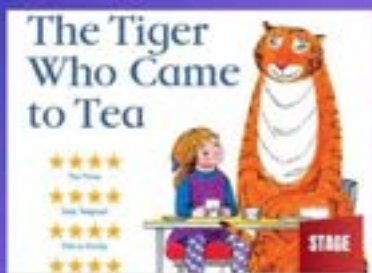
The Magic Faraway Tree follows Polly, Tim and their three children - a modern family forced to relocate to the remote English countryside.



STAGE

**The Sooty Show
Mon 6 Apr**

Izzy Wizzy Let's get busy - The Sooty Show heads into town in a magical new show to delight the whole family!



**The Tiger
Who Came
to Tea**

STAGE

**The Tiger Who Came To Tea
Fri 10 - Sun 12 April**

Classic stories, families and home life, animals, food and drink, communication and language



SCREEN

**The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG)
from Fri 3 Apr**

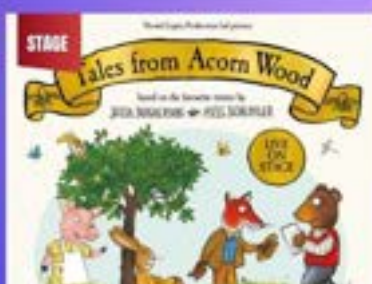
Mario ventures into space, exploring cosmic worlds and tackling galactic challenges far from the familiar Mushroom Kingdom.



SCREEN

**Children's Corner Cinema
Mulan (PG)
Sat 11 Apr**

Mulan proves her worth when, disguised as male soldier "Ping," she bravely takes her father's place in China's Imperial Army.



STAGE

Tales from Acorn Wood

**Tales From Acorn Wood
Thu 30 Apr- Fri 1 May**

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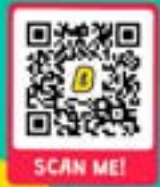
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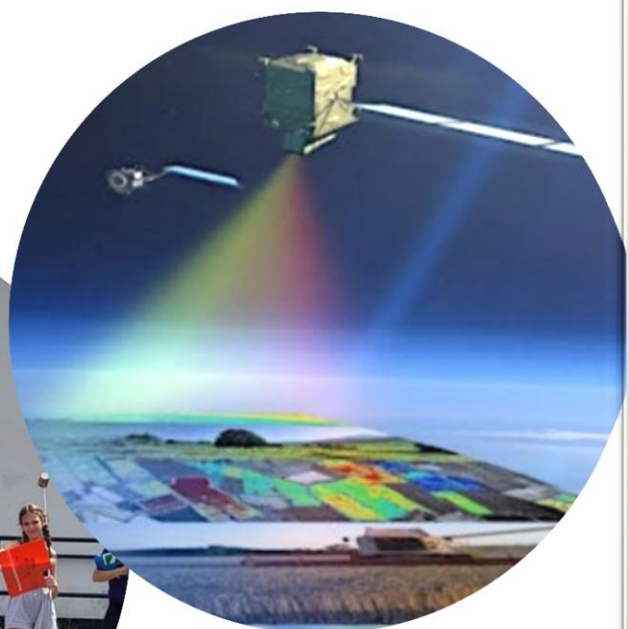
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String Day!

at Mid Herts Music Centre

Join us for a fun-filled day of music making on Tuesday
19th May 2026

String Day is a day course for students already having lessons on violin, viola, cello and double bass to gain ensemble experience. This event is for students in year groups 3-6. Students need to have at least 2 terms playing experience, or be able to play open strings.



Tuesday 19th May 2026



9.30am - 2.30pm



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Wind Band Day!

at Mid Herts Music Centre

Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion players - join us for a fun-filled day of music making!

This event is aimed at students in year groups 4-9.

Students need at least 2 terms of playing experience.

Students will be grouped in bands suited to their standard.



Wednesday 20th May 2026



9.30am - 2.30pm



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Day & Time

Every Tuesday 6pm to 7pm

Venue

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

Contact

 Hugo Vasconcelos
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Day & Time


Every Wednesday 6pm to 7pm

Venue

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