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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 23 April 2026

### Home/School Value – Dignity

#### Year 4 Tag Rugby Competition

On Thursday, Year 4 enjoyed going to Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club to participate in a Tag Rugby festival. There were 310 children at the festival from other local schools. The children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon, and were able to learn and practise new skills. We were impressed by the teamwork and sportsmanship shown by all the children! A great big thank you to all the parents who helped drive the children there!



#### Midday Supervisor Position

We are looking for support from 12 noon to 1.30 pm each day, term time only, starting w/b 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. This could be just one person who can work daily, or could be several people over the week. A passion for working with children and being outdoors is essential. All other training will be provided.

Please call the school office on 01279 842626 to express your interest and to find out about pay and conditions.

#### Class Photographs on Thursday

Please can all children come to school in uniform next Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in readiness for class photographs. Thank you.

## Every Day Counts



Congratulations to Cameron who won this week's draw!

He chose a fidget toy.

Well done!

Better luck next week to everyone else.

## **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

## Attendance Spring Term

	Spring Term Totals	w/e 17/04	w/e 24/04	w/e 01/05	w/e 08/05	w/e 15/05	w/e 22/05	
Nursery	87.8%	88.1%						
Reception	92.6%	92.7%						
Year 1	94.1%	94.3%						
Year 2	91.9%	92.0%						
Year 3	94.7%	94.8%						
Year 4	93.7%	93.9%						
Year 5	93.0%	93.1%						
Year 6	95.1%	94.7%						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>93.4%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>						

## Jackie and the London Marathon

We would like to wish Jackie the very best of luck as she takes part in the London Marathon on Sunday. Jackie would like to thank all parents/carers and children who have generously contributed to the cash collection box throughout the week, raising an incredible £207.18. This brings Jackie's total fundraising to over £3,500 for the charity Marie Curie. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support.



Jackie would also like to say that all the kind messages, wonderful support, and best wishes she has received—especially from the children—will motivate her to keep going on Sunday. Please let Jackie know if you'd like to donate further.

Good luck Jackie!!

## 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.

## New School Lunch Summer Menu 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1: 13 Apr, 5 May, 1 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					
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 Chilli (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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Please note the price for a children's meal is now £3.60.

### 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 £3.60 per day. Multiply this by 190 (days in a school year) and **Free School Meals are worth £684 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](mailto: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](http://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 \*\***

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

**Monday, 04/05/2026 – Bank Holiday – School Closed**

Friday, 08/05/2026 – Y6 Brenscombe meeting for children and parents/carers at 2.45 pm

Monday, 11/05/2026 – Start of Y6 SATS Week

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, 14/07/2026 – KS2 Production

Monday, 20/07/2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Service at church AM *tbc*

**Tuesday, 21/07/2026 – Term ends at 2 pm**

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

## Term Dates for 2025/2026

<b>Summer Term 2026</b>	
<b>Monday, 13 April 2026</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
<b>Monday, 4 May 2026</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Monday, 25 May to Friday, 29 May 2026	Half term
<i>Monday, 1 June 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, 21 July 2026</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<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

<b>Autumn Term 2026</b>	
<i>Tuesday, 1 September 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, 2 September 2026</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026	Half term
<i>Friday, 27 November 2026</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 18 December 2026</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Spring Term 2027</b>	
<i>Monday, 4 January 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, 5 January 2027</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 15 February to Friday, 19 February 2027	Half term
<b>Thursday, 25 March 2027</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2027</b>	
<b>Monday, 12 April 2027</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
<b>Monday, 3 May 2027</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
Monday, 31 May to Friday, 4 June 2027	Half term
<i>Monday, 7 June 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, 20 July 2027</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<i>Wednesday, 21 July 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Thursday, 22 July 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>

**School Noticeboard**

**You are invited to  
The Much Hadham  
Preschool Ball 2026**

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at**

**The Lordship**

**For tickets please visit:**

**<https://www.muchhadhampreschool.co.uk/ball>**

**WINE NOW AVAILABLE TO PREORDER**



