



**St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery**

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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022



### Year 6 World War 2 'Keep Calm & Carry on'

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, as part of their World War 2 'Keep Calm & Carry On' topic, Year 6 will be having a special topic day with a focus on 'Evacuees in World War 2'. The day will include elements of role play, investigating historical sources and finding out about the evacuees who came to St. Andrew's School during the war. We hope that this will be a great opportunity to bring history to life.

### EYFS Come and See Morning – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

EY parents are invited to school to get an insight into what Child Initiated Learning is all about and how young children learn. Parents will get to explore the classroom and the different areas of learning.

### School Photographer – Tuesday and Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The photographers will be in school to take individual and sibling group portraits on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022, please come to school wearing school uniform on both days. Thank you.



### Mrs Cole's Early Reading Video

We hope that you have had an opportunity to view Mrs Cole's recent video that was sent out via Schoolcomms earlier this week. In the video, Mrs Cole explains the new approach to the teaching of early reading, in line with the most up to date guidance from the DfE (Department for Education) through this short online seminar.

Whilst the video seminar below is an essential watch for any parent with a child in EYFS or Year 1, anyone with primary age children at our school may find it useful.

### Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum meeting is Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and we will be talking about a new Home/School Charter.

### Queen Elizabeth II Condolence Book

Thank you to all of those people who contributed towards the Condolence Book for Queen Elizabeth II. The Book now has pride of place in our Key Stage 2 library.

### School Disco

Many thanks to everyone who turned up for the Friends of St Andrew's school disco last week. The weather was fine so we were very fortunate to have an open-air event. Thanks to our wonderful PTA for organising everything and to all those parents and carers who helped at the event.

## Picture News this week

This week we are asking 'How can we help those in need who are far away?' and we have been looking at the floods in Pakistan.

# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Pakistan has had the heaviest rainfall in decades. The United Nation's (UN) Secretary General has urged the world to help Pakistan, after flood water covered a third of the country. Starting an appeal to help the tens of millions affected by the disaster, Secretary General Antonio Guterres blamed exceptionally high levels of rain and climate change. The flooding has affected over 30 million people in Pakistan as the heavy rains have washed away roads, people's homes, and farms. Emergency services have been pushed to their limits trying to rescue those stranded and evacuate them to temporary housing.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share any experience you have of floods or flooding, have there ever been floods in your local area? What did people do to help?
- Although they are far away, can you think of ways that you can help others who are in need? What help do you think the people affected need the most?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Information

Have your family circumstances recently changed? Do you think that you might now be eligible for free school meals and pupil premium? If so, please check and apply today via the following link (have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply):

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

**If you're eligible for free school meals due to low income, you can also get vouchers from your school for the October 2022 half term.**

**Other help may be available via the [Household Support Fund](#).**

### **Children in reception, year 1 and year 2:**

All children can get a free lunch at school if they're in reception class, year 1 or year 2. If you register, your school could get extra funding (called 'Pupil Premium') to pay for additional staff time, extra computers, books and trips for students.

Have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply.

### **Children in year 3 or older:**

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 mins** and in most cases, Herts County Council can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

### Harvest Service at St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham



**Sunday 2 October**

**9:15 at St Andrew's Church**

[www.riverashchurches.org.uk](http://www.riverashchurches.org.uk)

*Everyone welcome*



# Harvest Service



*Come and join us for  
Much Hadham's Harvest Festival  
as we thank God for the  
fruitfulness of his creation*

The Benefice of  
Albury,  
Little Hadham  
and  
Much Hadham

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## **School Crossing Patrol**

We are still trying to recruit someone to take up the position of School Crossing Patrol for our school. As I am sure you are aware of the importance of having a school crossing patrol to see our children safely across Tower Hill to school. If you can think of anyone who might be suitable for the role, please share with them the poster below.

# WANTED!

## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE  
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING  
THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

WE URGENTLY NEED TO APPOINT A SCHOOL  
CROSSING PATROL AT

**ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL MUCH HADHAM**

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED  
IN TAKING UP THIS POSITION

THE PAY IS £9.50 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

JOB SHARE CONSIDERED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE  
FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
Active and Safer Travel Team on Tel: 01992 556803  
or email [janet.fairhead@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:janet.fairhead@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,  
County Hall, Page Lane, Hertford SG13 8DF  
Tel: 01992 556803 September 2022

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely





## Diary Dates 2022/23

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

Tuesday, 27/09/2022 – Y1 Parents and Carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 04/10/2022 – Y2 Parents and Carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 04/10/2022 and Wednesday, 05/10/2022 – Photographer individual photos/sibling photos – [Please wear school uniform](#)

Wednesday, 05/10/2022 – EYFS come and see morning

Thursday, 06/10/22 – St Andrew's Choir for Harvest Celebration St Alban's Cathedral

Thursday, 06/10/22 – Parent Forum at 2.30 pm

Monday – Wednesday 10-12/10/2022 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Friday, 04/11/2022 – Flu immunisation

Tuesday, 11/10/22 – Harvest Festival in Church

Friday, 14/10/2022 – Year 6 World War 2 Day

Tuesday, 18/10/2022 – Y3 Parents and Carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 18/10/22 and Thursday, 20/10/22 – Parent Teacher Consultations

Friday, 4/11/2022 – Flu immunisation

Tuesday, 01/11/2022 – Y4 Parents and Carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 08/11/2022 – Y5 Parents and Carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 15/11/2022 – Y6 Parents and Carers invited to Collective Worship

01/09/22 – 31/10/22 – On line secondary transfer applications

## Term Dates for 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022	
Thursday, 1 September 2022	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Friday, 2 September 2022	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Monday, 5 September 2022</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 24 October 2022 – Friday, 28 October 2022	Half Term
Friday, 25 November 2022	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, 21 December 2022</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
Spring Term 2023	
Thursday, 5 January 2023	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 6 January 2023	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Monday, 9 January 2023</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 13 February 2023 – Friday, 17 February 2023	Half Term
<b>Friday, 31 March 2023</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
Summer Term 2023	
<b>Monday, 17 April 2023</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 29 May 2023 – Friday, 2 June 2023	Half Term
Monday, 5 June 2023	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 21 July 2023</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>

Contact email for the Friends of St Andrew's School:

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## School Noticeboard



Hertfordshire's Family Centre Service is made up of the Family Support Service and the Public Health Nursing Service (Health Visitors and School Nurses). Our purpose is to support children and families to have the best start in life, develop well and thrive.

As part of our offer we provide activity sessions for families with children from 0-5 years during term time. These include a variety of free drop-in sessions such as Active Rhyme Time for 6-18 months, Physical Fun for 18 months plus and new Stay & Play sessions for 0-5s. We also offer sessions for children up to 8 years during school holidays.

Stay and Play is a fun session for children aged 0-5 years with a range of activities and resources for children to explore. The team provide a specific area for babies and are on hand to offer support and advice. Families are welcome to come along to have fun and socialise with other parents and carers.

Take a look at our website where you will find further information on the support we offer, sign up to our fortnightly newsletter and view our session What's On Guides: <https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org>.

**Please park  
SAFELY**

**We need everyone to play their part in  
keeping the roads near schools safe.**

**DRIVERS SHOULD NOT:**

- park on yellow zig zag markings.
- park on double yellow lines at any time, or on single yellows during restricted hours.
- park or drive on footpaths.
- park within 10 metres of a junction, as this decreases visibility.
- block driveways or dropped kerbs.

You may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

Prevention First