

St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Our Home / School
value this half term is:



Life in All its Fullness – Come and See

Collaboration in Nursery

Our youngest children have been working on their collaboration skills this week and created a beautiful St. Andrew's fish together. Each child contributed by painting a circle for the scales.



They are rightly very proud of their beautiful artwork and we are going to make sure that it is displayed somewhere very special for all to enjoy. What a fantastic start to their journey of working together.

Le club français, c'est parti! **(Translation: French club is underway!!)**

Le club français kicked off this week for children in both Year 4 and 5.

Le goûter, the traditional after school snack (which this week consisted of freshly baked baguettes and strawberry jam followed by some delicious "Petit Beurre" biscuits) went down very well with all the children!

Délicieux!!

On Wednesday afternoon, we were even able to enjoy the sunshine and sit in the courtyard to eat and learn all things French!

We always finish French club with a song, and on Monday Year 4 were introduced to 2 songs about colours (Alain le Lait: "Arc en ciel" and "J'aime les voitures") and the Year 5s enjoyed learning the "Bonjour" song. All can be found online.

Merci et à bientôt!

Madame Daniell



If anyone would like to sign up for this term, it's not too late. There are still a few places available.

Year 5 French club on Wednesday has spaces available and is now also open to Year 6.

Year 4 French club on Monday, now has one space available.

For details, please email: caroline.daniell@hotmail.com



Every Day Counts



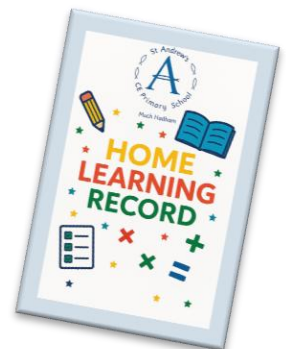
Congratulations to Heidi in Year 3, who won our Every Day Counts raffle this week. She chose a personal notebook and pen set as her prize.



Good luck for next week everyone.
Remember you have to be in it to win it!

Meet the Teacher

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We hope you found them useful. Don't forget to check the website on your child's class page for the updated newsletter and an electronic copy of the new Home Learning Record.



FINAL REMINDER - Home Learning



Just a reminder that the **deadline to order home learning books through school (for all year groups) will be Monday 21st September.** Please check Arbor under 'Trips' to purchase your child's year specific books.

All home learning information along with the class newsletters are now live on the class pages of the website.

Have you checked your child's details on Arbor?

If you have not done so already, please could parents and carers check their child's medical and dietary details on Arbor and update where necessary. It is vital that the school have the most up to date information about any needs. If you are unsure on how to use the app, please come to the office and we would be happy to help you.



School Lunches

We are really lucky at St. Andrew's to have our wonderful cooks, who provide a choice of lovely, hot dinners every day. It is really important, in order to keep the smooth running of this service, that school dinner accounts on Arbor are kept in credit at all times. Please can we ask all parents and carers to ensure they are regularly checking their account and topping up when necessary.

Please be assured that all historic balances from School Gateway have been credited to Arbor, even if you can still see them in the previous Gateway app.



If you are in receipt of Universal Credit you may be eligible for free school meals. Please contact the school office and we will be happy to apply for you, on your behalf. Don't miss out on support you may be entitled to.

Harvest Appeal

For this year's Harvest Appeal, we will be collecting items for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. If you are able to donate long life food such as tins and packets or some toiletries, we would

be very grateful. The food bank have specified items they are particularly in need of are: tinned soup, chopped tomatoes, sponge puddings, tinned vegetables, crisps, jam, uht milk, biscuits, tinned meat, tinned fish, long-life juice and 'free from' items. However, they would welcome any donation. As a school, we will not be collecting money in envelopes this year.



Our Harvest Service is on Monday 28th September at St. Andrew's Church. All are welcome.

Individual School Photos

These will take place on **Tuesday 29th September and Wednesday 30th September**. Please can all children come into school in full school uniform (including a tie in Key Stage 2) on these days, even if your child normally has PE.



Year 6 Secondary School Applications

As you are no doubt aware, the application process for secondary schools is now open for children in Year 6. Please visit the following link for further information:



[School admissions and transport | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Please note the deadline for applications is Saturday 31st October 2026.

What happens when?

1 September 2026	Online application system opens.
June, July, September, and October	Secondary and upper schools hold their open events (Details available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory)
31 October 2026	Deadline for applications
1 December 2026	Last date to: • submit reasons for making a late application and for that application to be considered 'on time' • notify us of a change of address and for that address to be taken into account for allocation day Please refer to the online admission pages for more detail about these processes.
29 January 2027	Last date to make a late application to be considered for allocation day.
1 March 2027	Allocation Day. School places are offered.

Please could you let the school know in advance if your child will be attending any of the aptitude tests that take place during the school day.

Many thanks.

School Dinner Menu

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Summer Menu 26

● 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

	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 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.

@hclcatering

www.hcl.co.uk

We are an Allergy Aware School

St Andrew's is an Allergy Aware school with no nuts. Please do not bring any foods containing nut or sesame into school (including pesto and hummus). Thank you.



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/>

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>



Arbor Payments

<https://st-andrews-ce-primary-school-and-nursery.uk.arbor.education/?/>

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd Special Dietary Menu Application (now called Citrus)

[Allergies & Nutrition Information | 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 2026-27

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

Monday 21/09/2026 – Y3 Visit to Rodney Munday's Art Studio

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

Tuesday 22/09/2026 – Y6 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Monday 28/09/2026 – Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's Church 9.30am

Tuesday 29/09/2026 – Y5 Aylmerton 'Come and See' 2.30pm

Thursday 01/10/2026 – Y3 Rocks and Soils Day

Friday 02/10/2026 – Y6 World War II Evacuee Day

Tuesday 06/10/2026 – Y5 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 20/10/2026 – Y4 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Saturday 31/10/2026 – Y6 Deadline for Secondary School applications

Tuesday 03/11/2026 – Y3 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 10/11/2026 – Y2 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 17/11/2026 – Y1 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 24/11/2026 – YR Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 01/12/2026 – YN Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

**** PTA Events ****

Friday 18/09/2026 – Welcome disco, school hall, 5-7pm

Thursday 08/10/2026 – Cake & coffee morning & AGM, school hall, 9am-10:45am

Thursday 15 /10/2026– Years 5 & 6 cake sale, outside school, 3:15-3:45pm

Tuesday 01/12/2026 & Thursday 03/12/2026 – Christmas film nights, school hall, 3:15pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 08/12/2026 & Wednesday 09/12/2026 – Elfridges

October-November Date TBC – School tea towel, coaster and Christmas card sales

December Date TBC– Christmas hamper raffle

Term Dates for 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday, 1 September 2026

Inset – school closed

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, 25 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>

Term Dates for 2027/2028

Autumn Term 2027	
<i>Wednesday, 1 September 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Thursday, 2 September 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Friday, 3 September 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 6 September 2027	Term begins
Monday, 25 October - Friday 29 October 2027	Half term
<i>Friday, 26 November 2027</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 17 December 2027	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2028	
Tuesday, 4 January 2028	Term begins
Monday, 14 February to Friday, 18 February 2028	Half term
Friday, 31 March 2028	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2028	
Tuesday, 18 April 2028	Term begins
Monday, 1 May 2028	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday, 29 May to Friday, 2 June 2028	Half term
<i>Monday, 5 June 2028</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 6 June 2028	<i>Back to school</i>
Friday, 21 July 2027	Term ends 2pm
<i>Monday, 24 July 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>

FESTIVAL — OF — THE GIRL

Sat 3 & Sun 4 Oct

Business Design Centre,
Islington London



For 7-11 year old girls & their families

Activities range from: engineering to sports, aerospace to visual effects, vaccinations to gaming, mental health to sustainability, medicine to dancing, activism to mechanics and much more.

Although aimed at girls everyone is welcome!

Tickets via QR code or website

www.festivalofthegirl.com

SEND & Pay-what-you-can options available

Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries

- Parent Group

This guided parent-delivered programme teaches parents cognitive behavioural strategies to help their child overcome anxiety through the accompanying book

5 two-hour online sessions over 6 weeks

WHO IS IT AIMED AT?

The programme is intended for parents of children aged 5 to 12

EVIDENCE BASE

Those who receive the programme are **twice as likely** to recover from their main anxiety problem and **three times more likely** to be free of all anxiety diagnoses than those who receive no treatment (Thirlwall et al, 2013)

How to Join

<https://forms.office.com/e/eUUHqe9v32>



Hertfordshire Partnership
University NHS Foundation Trust





DSPL3

PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 24th September 2026 | 10-11:30am
Hertford St Andrews School, SG14 2EP

You are invited to to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
- Practical advice and emotional support
- Professionals in attendance

Please bring any questions or topics you would like to discuss - we look forward to seeing you there!



For more information about
DSPL3, please scan the QR
code



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DSPL3 Website and Facebook page

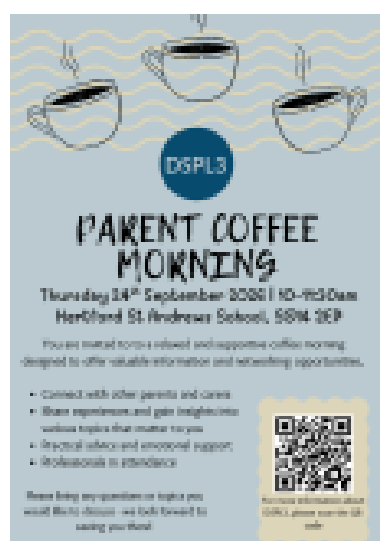
- The DSPL3 Website and Facebook page are now live.
- Please click [here](#) to view the website
- Please click [here](#) to view the Facebook page

Workshops, Courses and Training

Please click [here](#) to view workshops, courses and training available for this academic year.

DSPL3 SEND Coffee Mornings

- 24th September 2026 10-11:30am—
Hertford St Andrews School, SG14 2EP
- 24th November 2026 10-11:30am—
Mandeville School, Sawbridgeworth,
CM21 0BL
- 19th January 2027 10-11:30am—
Watton-on-Stone School, SG14 3SG
- 11th March 2027 10-11:30am—Christ
Church School, Ware, SG12 7BT
- 27th April 2027 10-11:30am—Hillmead
School, Bishops Stortford, CM23 4PW
- 17th June 2027 10-11:30am—Freman
College, Buntingford, SG9 9BT



Families in Focus Training

- Families in Focus is offering a free online course for Hertfordshire parents of children aged 4-11 with Autism and/or ADHD, including those on assessment pathways.
- This supportive six-week course helps parents understand how Autism, ADHD and sensory differences can affect emotions and behaviour, explore what happens in a child's brain during anger, and learn practical, evidence-based strategies to support emotional regulation, reduce stress and de-escalate big emotions.
- The course also provides an opportunity to connect with other parents in a supportive environment.
- Sessions run on Wednesdays from 9 September to 14 October 2026, with a choice of either 9.30-11.30am or 6.30-8.30pm. To book a place, email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk.

Journeys Academy

- Journeys Academy, a brand new purpose-built specialist setting which will offer 60 places to primary-aged children with complex communication and autism needs, is due to open in **Autumn 2026**. The purpose-built setting will offer modern classrooms and specialist facilities, including sensory spaces, calm rooms and outdoor learning areas, all designed to support independence, wellbeing and engagement in learning.
- Places will be allocated through the Hertfordshire County Council SEND panel process for children who meet the admissions criteria.



Delivering Special Provision Locally
(DSPL3)
Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth,
Buntingford, Watton-at-Stone,
Hertford, and Ware

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Amwell View School
& Specialist Sports College

Website:
dsp3.org.uk

Facebook: DSPL3

Useful links:

The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer

SENDIASS Hertfordshire

IPSEA (Independent Provider
of Special Education Advice)

SOS SEN

Herts Parent Carer Involvement

EHCP Support

Children and Young People's Speech
& Language Therapy Service
Advice line for parents:
01923 470 680, choose option 3,
then option 1 and leave a message.