

Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 19 June 2026

Home/School Value – Dignity



Fun out of the Sun!

The children have made the most of the shade this week, enjoying the activities available outside under the trees, including water and sand play. Nephin kept cool in the sand pit, with a little help from his friends. Thank you for helping us to keep the children safe in the heat by ensuring the children have hats and water bottles with them every day and are wearing sun screen.

The Big Kick

On Monday, children from Nursery up to Year 6 took part in this year's 'Big Kick' in celebration of the Men's Football World Cup 2026. Everybody had the opportunity to kick the ball as hard as possible into the back the net, using some very clever technology to measure the speed! The money raised will go towards the school and a chosen charity.



Thank you for all the sponsorship money that has been handed in so far. **Please could any remaining donations please be handed into the School Office by Monday, 22 June 2026.** The company will then be able to work out the prizes, which will be awarded to the children at a special assembly in July.



Year 5 River Fly Monitoring

On Thursday, Year 5 took a field trip down to the River Ash to undertake some River Fly Monitoring. As part of this important initiative, Year 5 took samples from the river and looked at the number of each key river fly species they could identify in their samples. These results will be submitted to the Environmental Agency as part of the ongoing monitoring of our chalk streams. It was a fabulous experience and a huge thanks to Mr O'Neill, who led the experience. Also, a big thank you to Mr Reynard and Mrs Roach, who gave up their valuable free time to come along and support.



School Uniform Expectations

As we come into our final half term, please help us maintain our high expectations that all children from Reception to Year 6 wear full school uniform, by ensuring your child has the correct school uniform or PE kit each day.

These can be found on our school website, by following the link here: <https://standrews236.herts.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Children who come to school in incorrect uniform or PE kit will be given spares to change in to from lost property. The school office carries a small amount of stock, including a limited number of ties which can be bought straight away.

Every Day Counts



Congratulations to Seren who won this week's draw.

Seren is going to choose a 'wear your own clothes' day.

Well done!

Better luck next week to everyone else.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Home Learning Policy

Having reviewed our Home Learning policy this week, we look forward to sharing our new approach with you at the Meet the Teacher meetings in September.



Parent Arbor Accounts

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who have successfully created and accessed their Parental Arbor accounts and passwords – **now 79% of you**. Nearly there. Well done!

Please contact the school office for further assistance if you have not received the Welcome email from Arbor or need further assistance. Thank you.

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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[www.hcl.co.uk](#)

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>

Arbor Payments

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

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

[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 ****

Monday, 22/06/2026 – Deadline for Big Kick sponsorship money

Tuesday, 23/06/2026 – NSPCC whole school assemblies

Thursday, 25/06/2026 – YR, Y1 and Y2 Cake Sale

Friday, 26/06/2026 – In School Drums Assembly at 2.30 pm

Friday, 26/06/2026 – Year 6 fundraiser after school

Monday, 29/06/2026 – NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5 and Y6

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

Thursday, 02/07/2026 – Aylmerton Information Meeting for parents at 2.30 pm

Friday, 03/07/2026 – Big Kick Awards assembly

Monday, 06/07/2026 – Early Years Pop Up Village

Tuesday, 07/07/2026 – Dr Doolittle – whole school theatre visit

Wednesday, 08/07/2026 – Moving up Sessions for YN

Thursday, 09/07/2026 – Moving up morning in school

Thursday, 09/07/2026 – Reception Parents Information Talk 11.15 – 11.45 am

Friday, 10/07/2026 – Y5 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Friday, 10/07/2026 – YR Trip to Church Farm Ardeley

Monday, 13/07/2026 – Kings Gentlemen in for morning assembly

Tuesday, 14/07/2026 – KS2 Production 'Mission Implausible'

Wednesday, 15/07/2026 – Meet the Nursery Team for parents at 1.30 pm

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

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

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>

Term Dates for 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday, 1 September 2026	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 2 September 2026	Term begins
Monday, 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026	Half term
Friday, 27 November 2026	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 18 December 2026	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2027	
Monday, 4 January 2027	<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
Monday, 7 June 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 20 July 2027	Term ends 2pm
Wednesday, 21 July 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Thursday, 22 July 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>

School Noticeboard

Free to all (4-11 years olds) football session that is run by a group of village Dads at the rec on Sunday mornings which has now been running for 5 years.

SUNDAY MORNING FOOTBALL

Fun. Friendly. For Everyone.



Sunday morning football (SMF), is a fun and safe place for young footballers who want to enjoy football without having to be part of a competitive club.

SESSION TIMES



AGES 4-7
9:00am – 10:00am



AGES 8-11
10:00am – 11:00am



LOCATION

Much Hadham
recreation ground



*No pressure.
Just play.
Make friends.
Have fun!*



Whether your child is new to football or simply wants to play for fun,

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



INTERESTED?

If you're interested in getting more information or coming along, then please contact



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GET ACTIVE. HAVE FUN. LOVE FOOTBALL.



Carers Week 8th - 14th June 2026

Building Carer Friendly Communities

**Many schools are a safe place for young carers and
you can have a huge impact on identifying and
supporting young carers and their families**

**We want to support you to continue to
grow and maintain your support of young
carers in your school. Do you have:**

- A designated point of contact for your young carers?
- Have a safe and inclusive way for young carers to seek help and/or advice?
- Staff who feel confident on what a young carer is and how they could help?
- have you thought about applying for the Young Carers in Schools (YCiS) Award?
- Are you a member of the Hertfordshire Young Carers in Schools Community of Practice group?



To join the community of practice and to find out more about young carers, please visit:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers

for further information and support and/or contact
the team: **YoungCarers@hertfordshire.gov.uk**



Little Birdie Books

Join me at Little Birdie Books for an

enchanting pop-up bookshop!

on
17th June
from
10am to 1pm

at
Much Hadham
Village Hall

Calling all
parents, grandparents,
and teachers!

- ★ Inspire young minds
- ♥ Nurture a love of reading
- ★ Support every stage of a child's reading journey

Whether you're helping a little one take their first steps into stories or looking to spark new excitement for books, you'll find something special here. ♥

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welcoming you and
sharing the joy of
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Learn. Play.
Have Fun! 

TASTER DAY

FOR
YEAR
3/4
(IN SEPTEMBER)

FOR CURRENT YEAR 2 & 3



WEDNESDAY
10TH JUNE



PRESDALES SCHOOL
OUTSIDE COURTS



5 – 6PM



£5 PER PLAYER
PAYABLE TO:

Hertford Hornets Junior Netball Club
Account Number: **50711802**
Sort Code: **20-20-37**

Ref: **surname taster day**



DON'T FORGET!

All players will need to complete the registration form so we have their details recorded.
(SCAN QR CODE)



WHAT IS A TASTER SESSION?

A fun session for those who might not have tried netball and would like to give it a go!

REGISTER HERE



Scan me! 



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Following on from the taster day, we will be holding Year 3 trials for September (date **TBC**) and we may invite some players from the taster day along.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU! 