

Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 3rd July 2026

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Office Staff update



As you may be aware, Mrs Katharine Reynolds is retiring from her post at St Andrew's at the end of this term, after many years of dedicated service to the school. She will be greatly missed by staff, parents and the children.

We warmly welcome Miss Christina Whellams to the office team. Christina has been learning the ropes over the last few weeks and is looking forward to her official start date at the beginning of next academic year.

Miss Cox is getting married!

This summer, Miss Cox will be becoming Mrs Buck! I'm sure you will all join me in wishing the soon to be Mr and Mrs Buck every happiness and a fantastic wedding day! Huge congratulations from us all at St Andrew's!



EYFS Sports Morning

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Early Years Sports morning yesterday. It was a joyous event, with all the children taking part in a wide range of activities including a sprint race at the end! It was lovely to see all the children having a go, with lots of smiling faces 😊.



Games Mark – We got GOLD....again!



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, along with the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. This is the 6th Gold Mark we have received.

French fashion show

Year 6 had an opportunity to show off their French and their fashion sense in a French Fashion Show yesterday afternoon. Taking to the stage, the children were able to explain, what they were wearing and review each others' outfits – all in French of course! Thank you to Madame Daniell for organising such a novel event!



Big Kick Fundraiser

Premier Education visited us this morning to present the prizes to the speediest kickers and those who raised sponsorship. It was a lovely celebration of all the work that has done to raise money for the school and for our chosen charity, the NSPCC, whilst also having a lot of fun too!

Thank you so much for all your support. We can confirm that we have raised a total of £1,083.93.

A special congratulations to Lucy Cole, who raised the most money. She won a personalised Spurs shirt.



Moving up day – Thursday 9th July

The teachers and teaching assistants are excited to be meeting their new classes (please see previous email) next Thursday morning. After a short special assembly, the children who are heading into Years 1-6 will get to try out their new classrooms, carry out some fun transition activities and ask questions about life in their new classes. Our current Year 6s will be visiting their new secondary schools.



Meet the teacher dates and times for September 2026

Our Meet the Teacher Meetings will set out the learning and expectations for the new academic year. We will be discussing home learning and there will be an opportunity to ask questions to the new class teachers. We hope you will be able to join us:

- Thursday 3rd September 2.45pm – Year 6
- Friday 4th September 2.45pm – Year 5
- Monday 7th September 2.45pm – Year 1
- Tuesday 8th September 2.45pm – Year 2
- Thursday 10th September 2.45pm – Year 4
- Friday 11th September 2.45pm – Year 3
- Tuesday 15th September 9.05am - Reception
- Wednesday 16th September 9.05am - Nursery



Every Day Counts



Congratulations to Penelope who won this week's draw.

She has chosen a resin cow as a prize!

Well done!

Better luck next week to everyone else.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Parent Arbor Accounts

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who have successfully created and accessed their Parental Arbor accounts and passwords – **now 87% of you**. Well done so far!

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





Lost Property

We have a little collection of cuddly toys keeping us company in the office. If you recognise any of them, please do pop in to claim them.

St. Andrew's Church – Blessing the Pets

St. Andrew's Church would like to invite everybody along to a very special half hour service on Sunday 19th July. Please bring along the furry, scaly and feathery members of your family for a blessing from Reverend Tayo. We expect it to be a fun and wonderfully spiritual way of celebrating all of God's creatures.



School Lunch Summer Menu 2026

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● 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.

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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/aQO9yIu>

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 2025-2026

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

**** PTA Events ****

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 – Upper KS2 Production (Y5 &6) 'Mission Implausible' 2.00 pm and 5.30 pm #exact timings tbc

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
<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, 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>



School Noticeboard



Administration **Assistant** for River Ash Benefice (The Parishes of Much Hadham, Little Hadham and Albury)

Job Specification:

The Benefice is looking for someone to provide administrative support under a contract for services. We are looking for 6 hours a week, spread over 2 to 3 days, on the basis of a regular commitment to the same hours and days each week. Hourly rate and other terms to be agreed. We would want the individual usually to provide the services in the Rectory office, in Station Road, Much Hadham.

The support required includes:

- * being a key face of the Benefice to the outside world, including to people who are contacting us in times of stress
- * dealing with phone calls and answerphone messages
- * dealing with emails
- * assisting with the organisation of weekly and other occasional events
- * diary co-ordination for the organisation and Priest – in Charge
- * maintenance of a simple website
- * ordering of supplies
- * liaison with a small team of volunteers and trustees, helping them to collaborate effectively

Essential skills and attributes

- * friendly and approachable
- * comfortable working in a team with a strong Christian ethos
- * very well organised
- * able to work with minimal supervision
- * able to prioritise, and explain to others why certain things are priorities
- * discretion and sensitivity
- * expertise in Microsoft Office
- * ability to typeset flyers, booklets etc
- * understanding of the principles of Data Protection

Specialist training and support in connection with Church – related matters can be provided.

Ideally, the provider of services would also be able to offer:

- * the ability to help us with social media
- * basic book-keeping
- * an understanding of the law relating to charities and other relevant issues, such as Gift Aid
- * willingness to pick up extra hours occasionally, as and when requested.

If you are interested please contact Nick Brent on 01279-842615 for a further discussion.

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CHARITY BAKE SALE

MUCH HADHAM PAVILION

RECREATION GROUND, TOWER HILL,
MUCH HADHAM, HERTS, SG10 6DL

14TH JULY 2026

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM



**All proceeds will be
donated to H.A.B.S.**

A therapeutic service
supporting children, young
people, and families across
Hertfordshire.

THE KING'S MEN CONCERT

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham
Sunday 12 July 2026 | 7.30pm

CHORAL SCHOLARS AND LAY CLERKS OF THE CHOIR
OF KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

TICKETS

£20 to include a drink | Students £10 | Under 16s free

<https://buytickets.at/muchhadhamparochialchurchcouncil/2141570>

Tickets also available at Londis, Much Hadham.



Scan QR code to buy tickets



the
KING'S MEN
CAMBRIDGE

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning
Buntingford First School SG9 9HZ
15th July 2026, 10am - 11.30am



You are invited 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 & emotional support

Meet and chat with others in a similar situation

Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss

Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL

We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

Groups and workshops **coram**

Autumn 2026

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 5th October to 16th November, 7pm to 9pm OR
Friday 6th November to 11th December, 9.30am to 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6th October to 17th November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4th November to 9th December, 7pm to 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Wednesday 21 October 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

Monday 9 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Wednesday 25 November 7pm to 9pm

It's a Dad's Life Online Workshop

Thursday 26 November 7pm to 9pm

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Online Workshop

Wednesday 2 December 9.30am to 11.30am

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential.

For more info, please contact **Louise** on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email **services@coramfamilylives.org.uk** or scan the QR code for our online form.



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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



COURSES 2026



SWCO Saffron
Walden
Children's
Orchestra

Fun holiday courses for
instrumentalists grades 1-5

Summer: 27-30th July, 9.30 - 3.30

The courses will be held at:
Saffron Walden County High School

For more information including prices visit:

www.saffronsymphony.org/childrens-orchestra
swco.bookings@gmail.com