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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 20th September 2023

Our Value this half term is **COMMUNITY**

Saying Goodbye to Reverend Steve

This morning, we said a fond farewell to Reverend Steve and wished him well for his retirement. Each class in the school prepared something to say thank you to Reverend Steve for all of his encouragement, support and hard work for our school during the last seven years.

- Year 6 presented Revrend Steve with a magic hat of tricks and memories
- Year 5 sent a personal message from Aylmerton as well as presenting a book of well wishes
- Year 4 sang a personalised song called 'In Every Way'
- Year 3 gave Reverend Steve a framed St Andrew's boat poster
- Year 2 wrote and read a poem of thanks
- Year 1 used their finger prints to create a giant fish
- Early Years wrote their names in two giant cards



Pupil Parliament Update



Primary Minister Xanthe and Deputy James

Mrs Dimond has now met with two of our four parliamentary cabinets to find out their first thoughts on further school developments this year.



Premises and Environment



Health and Wellbeing

Aylmerton

Our Year 5s had an amazing few days in Norfolk this week. In spite of the blustery and rainy weather, they still managed to pack in lots of exciting activities.



Reminder about Play Equipment

Please do not let your children play on any of the outside play equipment before or after school as the school is not insured for this.

School lunches

School lunches are provided free of charge for children in Reception and KS1. For children in KS2 lunches cost £3.20 per day and payment is online via the School Gateway. Please can we remind parents that lunches must be paid for in advance (**pay as you go**) and your account may be frozen if it is in arrears.

Busy Week – Pottery from the Forge Museum

After school on Friday 22nd September, Mr Hutley will have a table outside school where children can pick up their kiln-finished pottery models that they made during Much Hadham Busy Week.

School Development Priorities St Andrew's three main priorities 2023-24:

1. For pupils to play a more active role in their learning journey – including a greater awareness of their own progress towards the end points for each subject.
2. Improve children's emotional literacy across the school, to help them articulate their feelings positively.
3. To improve the school's carbon footprint and the children's understanding of creating a more sustainable future.

Mrs Dimond looks forward to sharing our progress against these priorities at the end of each term.

Friends of St Andrew's School

Parentkind have curated a series of webinars run by their team of parenting experts and professionals. As you may know, the PTA have used Parentkind's resources and guidance across many of our events and fundraisers, but they also directly support people in parenting roles through webinars like these.

Tackling a wide range of topics, the webinars have been designed to share insight on how you can support your child with a wide range of learning and life experiences, strengthen your understanding of education and school life, and foster solid parent-child relationships along the way. The best part is that **they are completely free for any parents of st Andrew's School and Nursery to attend!**

[You can find the full programme of Parentkind's Navigating Parenthood Webinars here:](https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars?utm_source=ptaextra&utm_medium=magazine&utm_campaign=autumn2023)

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Free parent webinars!

Autumn term 2023

Find out more and sign up to our webinars here:

[parentkind.org/parent-webinars](https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars?utm_source=ptaextra&utm_medium=magazine&utm_campaign=autumn2023)

Diary Dates 2023/2024

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

Friday 28/09/2023 – Friends' of St Andrew's (PTA) Welcome Disco for everyone

Wednesday, 4/10/2023 – Individual and Sibling Photos (school uniform please)

Thursday, 5/10/2023 – Individual and Sibling Photos (school uniform please)

Wednesday, 11/10/2023 – EYFS Come and See Morning - 9.10am until 10.10am

Wednesday, 8/11/2023 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening in school – 3.30pm until 5pm

Thursday, 9/11/2023 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening in school – 3.30pm until 5pm

Thursday, 16/11/2023 – Vaccination UK Flu immunisation YR-Y6

W/C Monday, 13/05/2023 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

W/C Monday, 3/06/2023 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

Term Dates for 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023	
<i>Friday, 1 September 2023</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Monday, 4 September 2023	Term begins
Monday, 23 October – Friday, 27 October 2023	Half term
<i>Friday, 24 November 2023</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 19 December 2023	Term ends 2pm
<i>Wednesday, 20 December 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Spring Term 2024	
Thursday, 4 January 2024	Term begins
Monday, 19 February – Friday, 23 February 2024	Half term
Thursday, 28 March 2024	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2024	
Monday, 15 April 2024	Term begins
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
<i>Monday, 3 June</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 July 2024	Term ends 2pm
<i>Monday, 22 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
<i>Monday, 23 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

Are you aged 8+?
Come and join us to complete
fun activities, chat about
books and make new friends!



Bishop's Stortford Library
Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

27th September – New Friends

Welcome to Page One, meet new friends and make a friendship bracelet.



4th October – Black History

Discover the Hidden Figures behind world famous historical events.

11th October – Art and Artists

Find out about famous artists and create your own collage.



18th October – Food for Thought

Uncover fruity facts and make a fruit snack.

£2.50 per session. Places limited please book at the library.

Inspired

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

Further details: 0300 123 4049



Free Easter holiday sessions*



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MINIS & JUNIORS

30TH MARCH
6TH APRIL
1-3PM

ADULTS

1ST & 8TH APRIL
8-9PM

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Boys & Girls
5-16 Years Old

from £25/day



**23 & 24
OCTOBER**

Registration Link



VENUE

Herts & Essex Sports
Centre, Beldams
Lane, CM23 5LH

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info or visit our website**

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We are holding a camp during October half term break 2023. This will be held at Herts & Essex Sports centre, Beldams Lane, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 5LH.

Sign up before 1st October and receive a free t-shirt for the camp.

The camp is suitable for both complete beginners and experienced players and we will tailor the sessions to our attendees ability. The club is run by our Head Coach – Annica, who works for England Handball Association as a Development Coach, with 12 years experience in the Early Years Sector. Fully DBS checked, with safeguarding and first aid certification. The camps are supported by two players – Megan who has been helping our minis and juniors for over two years (DBS checked) and Liv (DBS checked) who is studying sports leadership at H&E, won athlete of the year at the school and captained the u16 school team to the National Finals last year. Your children will be in great hands!

Visit <https://forms.gle/eZskLbKucPF2Xc6B8> to register

£30/day or £25/day for siblings and Stortford Handball Club members

Please contact us with any questions.

Hertfordshire Music Service

Please find below information about Herts Music Service singing opportunities. The Training Choir is for students from Year 6-8 and Changing Voices is mainly aimed at secondary students who are going through a voice change.



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**Hertfordshire Music Service**

Hertfordshire County Youth Choir

Changing Voices - Autumn Term 2023

This is an opportunity for all changing voices to come together in a safe and supportive environment and perform lower voice repertoire that is suited to them.

<u>Choir rehearsals</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>End of term Concert</u>
Wednesdays 5 - 6pm: 8 November 22 November 6 December Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts	Saturday 21 October Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts 10am - 5pm	Saturday 16 December St Etheldreda's Church (Hatfield) Rehearsals: from 1pm Concert: 6pm

Teacher: James Slimings (Principal Conductor, Hertfordshire County Youth Choir)
Cost: CYC members - £30. New members - £90. The price covers involvement in all three events listed above.

To book your place, please email countymusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

For more up-to-date information and to find out about more events follow us on Twitter and Facebook - @hertsmusic @hertscymg

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Hertfordshire County Training Choir

We are piloting a Hertfordshire County Training Choir this Autumn Term!

Why not give it a try?
Hertfordshire County Training Choir is aimed for children in Years 6 to 8 who may have an interest in singing in a county choir!

To secure your place, please email countymusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

<u>Rehearsals</u>	<u>End of term concert - Saturday 16 December</u>
Mid Herts Centre for Music and Arts 5 - 6pm Wednesday 01 November 2023 Wednesday 15 November 2023 Wednesday 29 November 2023	Venue: St Etheldreda's Church (Hatfield) Rehearsals: from 1pm Concert: 6pm <i>E-tickets will be made available closer to the concert.</i>

Cost: £60 (includes rehearsals and end of term performance)
Teacher: James Slimings (Principal Conductor, Hertfordshire County Youth Choir)
Contact us: countymusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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2 WEEKS FREE JUNIOR GOLF LESSON TRIAL



TUESDAYS 5PM
FRIDAYS 4PM, SATURDAYS 12PM,
SUNDAYS 10.30AM



NEW GOLFERS WELCOME, SPACES LIMITED
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED, ONE LESSON PER WEEK
FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 AGE 5-16, GROUP CLASSES
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