

Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 21st July 2026

Home/School Value – Dignity

Have a super summer break everyone! We look forward to welcoming children in Reception to Year 6 back to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 8.45am.

A visit from The King's Men

What a treat we had from The King's Men vocal group, who visited St Andrew's last Monday. Here is what they wrote on their Facebook page about their visit 😊.

'Following a hugely successful concert with a brilliant audience in St Andrew's Church, we arose bright and early for an assembly and workshop at the village's CofE school.

We entertained 100+ incredibly musical children during assembly, who in turn performed their school song tremendously! We then worked with Y3 on vocal warm-ups before singing in a harmonious four-part round - a truly rewarding day for all, overlooking the fact they thought we were all in our 40s... '

Mission Implausible!

The children were also in fine voice, and wowed us all with their acting, in the Upper Key Stage Two performance of 'Mission Implausible' last week. There were some outstanding performances from our predominantly Year 6 cast, who were more than ably supported by Year 5. Huge thanks to everyone who made these performances so slick and enjoyable.



Leavers' Service

Thank you to everyone who supported our Leavers' Service on Monday morning. It was an opportunity to say a huge congratulations to our Year 6's for all they have achieved during their time at St Andrew's. We also have a small number of children in other classes who are leaving St Andrew's at the end of this academic year. We would like to wish our leavers all the best for the future and hope that they remember that once they are a member of the St Andrew's family, they are always a member of the St Andrew's family. xx

Goodbye Mrs Reynolds

Today we have said a final and incredibly sad 'bon voyage' to Mrs Reynolds in the office. The children sang the traditional 'One More Step Along the World' song to her this morning and presented her with a giant card and lots of presents!

We will forever be in debt to Mrs Reynolds and her endless time, dedication and kindness for us all here at St Andrew's. We will miss her heaps, but hope that she keeps us 'travelling' with her throughout her retirement. Thank you for everything Mrs Reynolds.

Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award - Y5 raising money to help keep our local rivers clean.

A huge well done to Year 5, who independently organised a cake, craft and games sale after school on Thursday in order to raise funds for the River Fly monitoring organisation. This vital scheme relies on local volunteers to measure the River Fly population in our rivers (including our very own River Ash) to check the healthiness of the water.

As part of their Young Leaders' Award, Year 5 understood the importance of keeping our local community a safe, clean and happy place for us all and were able to raise £149.70 for this worthy initiative. A big thank you also to all the Year 5 grown-ups, who helped to support their child in this venture.

We are delighted that on the back of the work they have been doing this term, the children have now been credited as Young Leaders, and have received their certificates.



French Treasure Hunt



On Thursday, the Year 4s and 5s enjoyed a fun treasure hunt. In groups of 2 or 3, the children had to match up pictures with French words that were dotted around the playground. A fun way to revise some of the words we have learned over the course of the year!

More Fun in the French Café

On Thursday, the courtyard in the junior school was transformed into a French café. Thanks to the generosity of our beloved village shop, the children were able to choose from a variety of pastries – un croissant, un pain au chocolat and un pain au raisin. Drinks (un jus de pomme, un jus d'orange or de l'eau) were also provided.



All children placed their orders in French and enjoyed their snack whilst listening to French bistro music. Big thanks to Eloise Daniell who came to help out with the café, and very much enjoyed being reunited with the current year 6s who were her buddies in Reception.

As we had food and drink left over, the Year 3s were able to benefit from a second sitting at the café and also placed their orders in French.

A wonderful way of bringing language to life!

Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted to welcome Bishop's Stortford library to our school last week, to talk to the children about this year's summer reading challenge. As always, the library will be welcoming children of all ages to keep up their reading over the holidays and offering certificates and prizes to those who complete the challenge. Please do pop in, if you have the chance and take part. We would love to celebrate everybody's reading achievements when we return in September.



READ to the BEAT
Summer Reading Challenge

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 Bradley who won this week's draw.

He has chosen to win a resin cow!

Well done Bradley!

Better luck after the Summer Holidays to everyone else.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

What a beauty!

As part of Year 1s homework on Living Things and Their Habitats, the children were asked to grow something. Ellie has been growing sunflowers and the tallest is now over 6 foot! Great job Ellie!



Firefighter Visit

Last week, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic visit from firefighter **Kimmo**, who shared lots of interesting information about his role. He explained the many different jobs firefighters do beyond putting out fires and showed the children some wonderful photographs from his work. The children loved timing how quickly he could put on his full fire kit, and learnt some important fire safety tips along the way. Kimmo was brilliant at answering the children's many questions, using humour and age-appropriate explanations to keep everyone engaged while reinforcing key safety messages. Thank you, Kimmo, for such an informative and enjoyable visit!



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	Potato 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 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.



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)

[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

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

**** PTA Events ****

Wednesday, 02/09/2026 – First Day of Term

Thursday, 03/09/2026 – Year 6 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm

Friday, 04/09/2026 – Year 5 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm

Monday, 07/09/2026 – Year 1 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm

Tuesday, 08/09/2026 – Year 2 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm

Wednesday, 09/09/2026 – First Day for Nursery Class Children

Thursday, 10/09/2026 – Year 4 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm

Friday, 11/09/2026 – Year 3 Meet Your Teacher 2.45 pm

Tuesday, 15/09/2026 – Year R Meet Your Teacher 9.05 am

Wednesday, 16/09/2026 – YN Meet Your Teacher 9.05 am

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>

Term Dates for 2027/2028

Autumn Term 2027	
Wednesday, 1 September 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Thursday, 2 September 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 3 September 2027	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 6 September 2027	Term begins
Monday, 25 October - Friday 29 October 2027	Half term
Friday, 26 November 2027	<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
Monday, 5 June 2028	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 6 June 2028	<i>Back to school</i>
Friday, 21 July 2027	Term ends 2pm
Monday, 24 July 2027	<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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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



SPLASH SAFELY

in the garden



Top Tips for Enjoying Water Safely

1. STAY TOGETHER

Young children should always be kept within arm's reach. Never leave your child unattended or under the supervision of child siblings.

2. SECURE

Almost 90% of parents of under 5s told us they had at least one potential water hazard in their outdoor space at home, whether this is a pond, paddling pool, water table, or even a bucket.

Don't forget to keep this space secure! Lock doors and gates to outdoor spaces to prevent unsupervised access.

3. PREPARE

Get any towels, toys, nappies and dry clothing ready to go before your children start their water play. This will ensure you won't need to leave their side at any point.

4. AVOID DISTRACTIONS...

...such as using a mobile phone when children are playing in or around water. In a group of adults, appoint a 'water watcher' to ensure children are supervised at all times.

5. EMPTY IT OUT, COVER IT UP

After your children have enjoyed splashing about in their paddling pool, empty the water out straight away to avoid accidents.

In the case of larger pools and hot tubs, ensure that the cover is securely replaced immediately after use to prevent children from accidentally falling in.

6. KEEP YOUR GARDEN TIDY!

When you've finished playing, it's best to totally clear up your space. Turn off the hosepipe at the tap to block access. Clear away or turn over paddling pools and other water containers like buckets, as these can unexpectedly fill up with water if it rains.

Don't let your child get into harm!

For more helpful advice and Splash Safely at Home tips, please visit www.rlss.org.uk/splash-safely-at-home or scan here.

Spread the word     @RLSSUK #SplashSafely

Enjoy Water **Safely** | Free From Drowning



Premier Education Summer Holiday Camps



ST MARY'S JUNIOR SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY TIMETABLE



CREATIVE	TEAM BUILDING	WET WATER	ALL THE SPORTS	FESTIVAL
GET TO KNOW ME CIRCLE GAMES	PARACHUTE: CREATE A STORY	WONDERS OF THE WORLD	CAPTURE THE FLAG	CHALK CREATIONS
PAPER MASHE INVENTION	WORLD CUP FOOTBALL LEAGUE	WATER DODGEBALL 	CHAMPIONS TENNIS	SUPER SING-ALONG
SUMMER CRAFT CREATIONS	FRIENDSHIP JEWELLERY 	MUSICAL CHAIRS: WATER EDITION	BADMINTON RACKET RACES	COMEDY CLUB
OBSTACLE COURSE	BATTLESHIP DODGEBALL	SLIP 'N' SLIDE & WATER MADNESS	GENIUS GYMNASTICS	CELEBRATIONS, FINALE & FACE PAINTING 
PREMIER'S GOT TALENT 	FOREST SCHOOL ADVENTURES		COACHES VS KIDS 	

EXTENDED: 8AM / 5:30PM

CHILD CHOICE: MIX OF LEGO, CRAFTS, PLAY DOH, BOARD GAMES, LIGHT SPORTS & PLAY

