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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 18th October 2023

Our Value this half term is **COMMUNITY**

Streets of Light

In preparation for our upcoming celebration of 'Hope, Light and Love', St Andrew's has registered for 'Streets of Light 2023'.

Streets of Light is a National initiative, aimed at bringing hope, light and love to the community on the coming dark nights.

The school will be decorating its windows with pictures and symbols during the week after half term - week beginning 30th October.

If you would like to join in at home or find out more about this initiative, please follow the link below.

<https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk/>

Feel free to send us any pictures from home or thoughts on this project and we will add them to future editions of this school newsletter.

Trading cards

Some of our Key Stage 2 children (years 3-6) have been enjoying sharing and swapping trading cards during their break times. Please discourage your children from bringing in precious cards that cannot be lost or traded. School cannot take responsibility for these. Thank you.

Happy and safe half term holiday

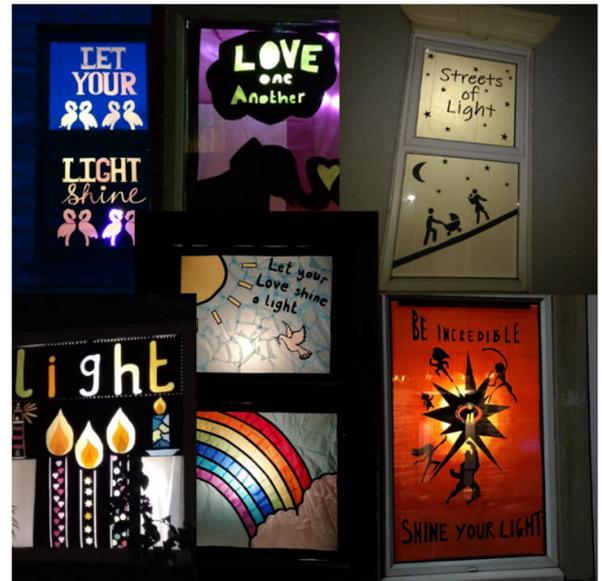
We'd like to wish our children and families a very happy and safe half term break. Please remember that if you are at all concerned about the welfare of a child during term time or school holidays, the following support is available:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 11 11

Hertfordshire Children's Services: 0300 123 4043

Emergency support: 999



Evacuation of Year 6

Last week our Year 6's were transported in time to World War 2! They had an immersive day as evacuees and spent the day imagining what it must be like to leave their homes and travel to

live with a new family. They also learnt how children in those times amused themselves without any screens!



Come and See EYFS



We loved welcoming our families into EYFS and sharing our learning with them, in and out of our classroom. Thank you for all your donations to our cake bake!

Come and See – Year 5

Parents were invited to come to Come and See a showcase of Year 5s recent trip to Aylmerton. Year 5 were excited to share their amazing Aylmerton experiences at their 'Come and See' last week. The children wrote their own presentations and delivered them with great enthusiasm. The story teller and the night walk to the church (along with meal times!) were some of the many highlights. It was a very joyous occasion and we would like to say a huge thank you to all those who attended.



Cross Country Runners at Leventhorpe and Rugby Festival at Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club



Last Tuesday, over 30 children from Y3-6 who are regular runners from the daily mile club took part in a local primary school cross country run at Leventhorpe school.

Six different schools competed and we were thrilled when Olivia from Year 4 won her race and the St Andrew's Year 4 girls won their year group race.

Our Year 3 girls and boys came second. Congratulations to all the runners.



This afternoon our Year 6s took part in a Tag Rugby Festival with 11 other schools. This is not a competitive event but we were very impressed with their team work and sportsmanship.

Well done Year 6.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped with transporting our team to and from the event.

Harvest Festival 2023 - Let's crack food poverty at home and in Uganda



A huge thank you to you all for the donations to this year's Harvest appeal to raise funds **for the people of Uganda to help buy chickens** – you have raised a total of £527.61 for the people of Uganda.

A reminder from Herts County Council (HCC): Secondary & Upper School Admissions 2024

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. All parents and carers need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. But HCC would recommend that you complete the application by Friday 27th October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parent Teacher Consultations

PTCs will be taking place after half term on Wednesday and Thursday, 8th and 9th November 2023 and your appointment times will be coming out tomorrow via email.

Your PTC is an excellent opportunity to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's learning and progress. All of the teachers will be in the hall for the meetings and the classrooms will be open for you to come and see either before or after your appointment time. Please come along to the hall promptly at your appointment time.

Construction Toys and Marble Runs

This year we are developing the outside play opportunities for all the children.

We would like to say a huge thank for the wonderful donations of marble runs and construction toys that we have received to help this happen.



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. Thank you.

Free School Meals

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to 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. Please see link below to check eligibility:

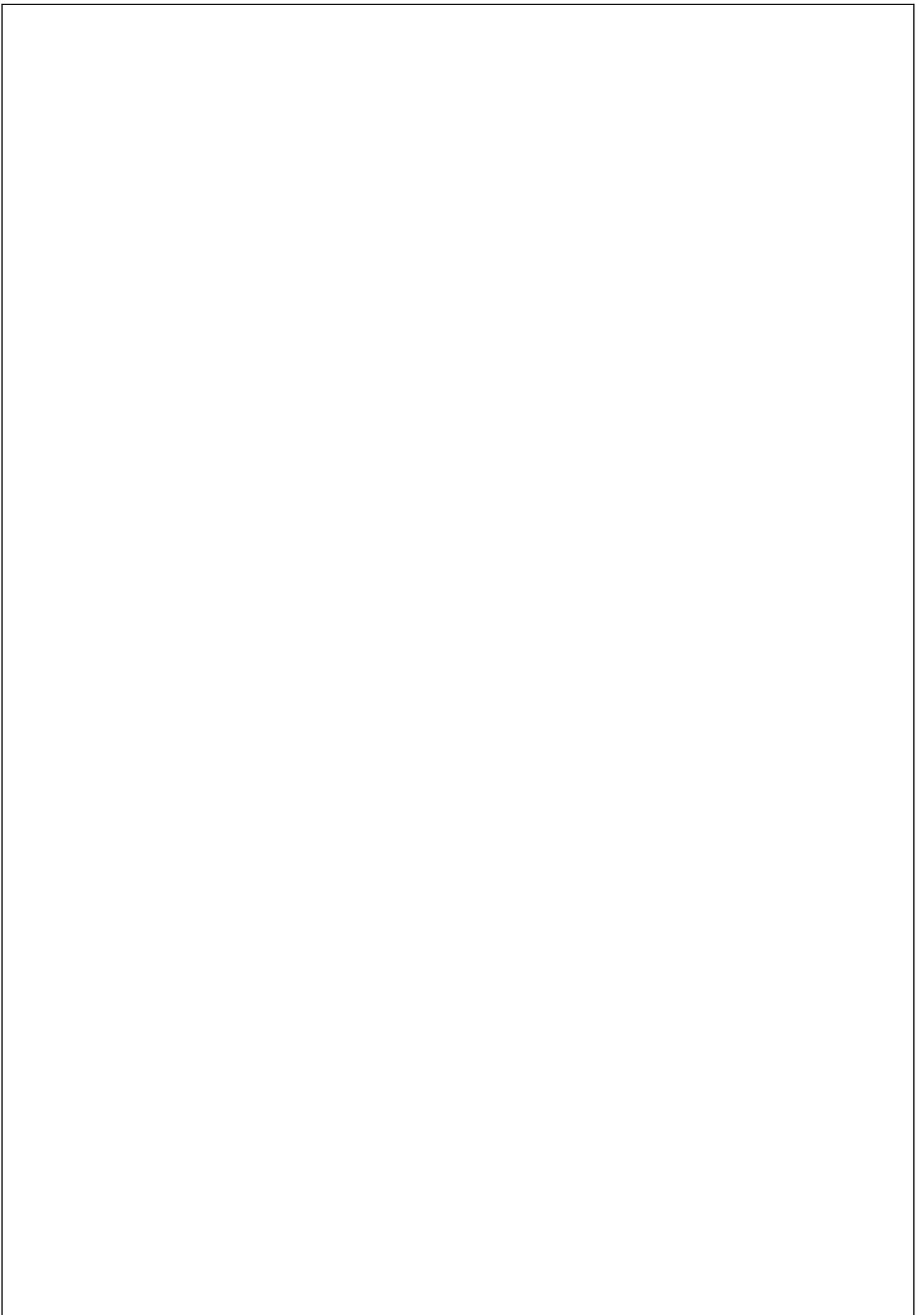
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Our School Development Plan

School Development Priorities – St Andrew's three main priorities 2023-3024:

- 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 To 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.



Diary Dates 2023/2024

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

Thursday, 12/10/2023 – Y5 Aylmerton 'Come and See' 2.45pm until 3.15pm

Friday, 13/10/2023 – Return Harvest envelopes to school

Friday, 13/10/2023 – Year 6 '*Come to school dressed as an WW 2 evacuee*'

Monday 23/10/2023 – Friday, 27/11/2023 Half Term

Tuesday, 31/10/2023 – Year 6 Collective Worship 9.10am

Friday, 03/11/2023 – Netball Team trip to see London Lions Basketball team

Tuesday, 07/11/2023 – Year 5 Collective Worship 9.10am

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

Tuesday, 14/11/2023 – Year 4 Collective Worship 9.10am

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

Tuesday, 21/11/2023 – Year 3 Collective Worship 9.10am

Friday, 24/11/2023 – Occasional Day school closed

Tuesday, 28/11/2023 – Year 2 Collective Worship 9.10am

Tuesday, 05/12/2023 – Year 1 Collective Worship 9.10am

Wednesday, 06/12/2023 – EYFS Nativity at 9.30am

Monday 11/12/2023 – Cinderella Pantomime trip to South Mill Arts Centre

Tuesday, 12/12/2023 – Year Reception Collective Worship 9.10am

Wednesday, 13/12/2023 – Whole School Christmas lunch (£3.20 for traditional Christmas lunch)

Thursday, 14/12/2023 – KS1 Nativity (afternoon and evening performance)

Tuesday, 19/12/2023 – Term ends at 2.00 pm

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

03/06/2023 – 07/06/2023 – 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>

School Noticeboard



Parents can book direct at [BOOK CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS AND ART CLUBS | Caroline Clark Art](#)



BOO! HALLOWEEN FUN

Parents can
drop off or
stay and relax
with a cuppa

THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark
Half Term Activities:

- Saturday 21st October - Halloween Wreath Making 1pm - 3pm - £20
- Monday 23rd October - Spooky Pumpkins and Ghosts Bubble Painting 10am - 12 noon £10
- Tuesday 24th - Halloween Bag Painting - 10 am - 12 noon - £15
- Wednesday 25th October- Sketchbook Making Workshop 3pm - 5pm - £12
- Thursday 26th October - Halloween Wreath Making - 10 am - 12 noon -£20
- Saturday 28th October - Pet or Favourite Animal Portraits on Canvas - 1 pm - 3 pm - £17

All materials provided - SPACES ARE LIMITED

Address

The Secret Art House
Opposite Sheering Village Hall
Sheering,
Near Bishops Stortford
CM22 7LX

Register interest

Caz Clark (Caroline)
07847 269 734



Workshops for
children aged
5-11 years

Step2Skills are funded by the Government, are part of Hertfordshire County Council and provide services in Hertfordshire for learning within the community.

Further information can be obtained from their website: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/adult-learning/step2skills-home.aspx#>



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FREE Half Term Family Workshops



Autumn Explorers

Help your child (aged 5-10) develop Literacy, Maths and other skills through making crafts with natural materials.

Waltham Cross
Tue 24th Oct
10am-12pm

Stevenage
Thu 26th Oct
10am-12pm



Story Sacks

Discover how to use 'found' materials to create a story sack/box with your child (aged 4-8).

Waltham Cross
Tue 24th Oct
1.30-3.30pm

Stevenage
Thu 26th Oct
1.30-3.30pm

Book your place:  step2skills.org.uk  01992 556194



Little Hadham Brownies

Little Hadham Brownies have spaces at the moment for girls aged 7-10. We meet at the Village Hall in Little Hadham on Tuesdays in term time and the focus is on fun and badges!

Anyone who is interested please contact me on 07976 724558 or jo436@btinternet.com

Thank you.

Jo (Wise Owl 🦉)