

Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 10 October 2025

Harvest Time!

What a wonderful Harvest Festival we have celebrated recently in both Church and School. Kind donations of food and toiletries meant that a bumper 'mountain' of non-perishable goods have made their way to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank, and over £500 was raised in our Harvest envelopes for the charity Mission Direct. Thank you so, so much for all of your kind donations, which will make such a difference.



Lots of lovely learning!

Last week we welcomed colleagues from Hillmead, Northgate and Little Hadham Primary Schools for our Annual Envision Peer Review. Envision is the schools partnership that we belong to with over 20 other local schools. The review team were blown away by the calm and purposeful atmosphere in all classes and how engaged the children were in their learning. Highlights included Year 5 children telling the team about all the opportunities available at the school, Year 1 children demonstrating excellent learning behaviours and our EYFS provision was praised for its innovation and high expectations. The team found **all** the children to be polite, keen to share their ideas and very proud of their school! In return, I couldn't be a prouder headteacher.

Reception 'Come and See'

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who came along to our recent Reception Class 'Come and See' morning. The children kicked off the morning with a lovely

song all about Autumn and then enjoyed showing their grown-ups some of the wonderful activities they enjoy as part of their 'Child Initiated Learning' each day, in the classroom and in the Early Years garden. A great time was had by all.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Autumn Term Parent/Teacher Consultations taking place on Wednesday and Thursday after school on **22nd and 23rd October 2025**. Your Parent/Teacher Consultation is an opportunity to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's learning and progress. We encourage everyone to book a slot as the teachers often have other commitments after school and are unable to hold individual meetings.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office.

School Photographs – free delivery to school

A message from the school photographer - the pupil school photographs are now ready to view and purchase online. Please note that the deadline for orders with **free delivery to school** is the **24th October** for any of those wishing to benefit from this offer.

Attendance Autumn Term 1

	w/e 05/09	w/e 12/09	w/e 19/09	w/e 26/09	w/e 03/10	w/e 10/10	w/e 17/10	w/e 24/10
Nursery	-	100%	95.6%	95%	88.9%	90.5%		
Reception	100%	100%	98.5%	97.2%	97.7%	97.8%		
Year 1	97.5%	98.3%	96.5%	96.5%	97.0%	97.2%		
Year 2	98.1%	95.2%	93.0%	93.8%	93.4%	93.3%		
Year 3	100%	98.8%	98.8%	98.3%	98.0%	97.1%		
Year 4	94.4%	94.7%	94.3%	93.9%	93.5%	93.5%		
Year 5	96.4%	97.2%	97.0%	96.8%	97.0%	97.0%		
Year 6	96.6%	97.5%	97.0%	97.2%	96.5%	95.3%		
Totals	97.5%	97.4%	96.4%	96.2%	95.9%	95.6%		

We are a Nut-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 £3.50 per day. Multiply this by 190 (days in a school year) and **Free School Meals are worth £665 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>

School Gateway

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

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

HCL		Hero Summer-Autumn 2025				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SUPER CHARGE YOUR LUNCH! MAIN MEAL 1 MAIN MEAL 2 SIDE DISH COLD OPTION EXTRA OPTION DESSERT		WEEK 1 22 APRIL, 12 MAY, 9 JUNE, 30 JUNE, 21 JULY, 3 SEPT, 22 SEPT, 13 OCT				
		Chicken Curry	Queen Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
		All Day Breakfast (Omelette, Grilled Tomato, Beans)	Beany Seafood Pasta	Cheesy Spring Vegetable & Potato Bake	Sweet & Sour Quorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizzas
		Brown & White Rice or Hash Brown	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Crisp Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
				Bread Roll with Various Fillings		
				Jacket Potato with Various Toppings		
		Tropical Crumble with Ice Cream 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Chocolate Pastry Wheel	Lemon Shortbread
		WEEK 2 28 APRIL, 19 MAY, 16 JUNE, 7 JULY, 8 SEPT, 29 SEPT, 30 OCT				
		Beef & Cheese Slice	Chicken Pie with Gravy	Roast Beef with Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon & Sweet Potato Potatoes
DESSERT MAIN MEAL 1 MAIN MEAL 2 SIDE DISH COLD OPTION EXTRA OPTION DESSERT		Macaroni Cheese	Mild Mexican Bean Chilli	Veggie Sausages with Gravy	Roasted Sausage Veg Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizzas
		Crisp Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Wholemeal Pasta or Crisp Potatoes	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
				Bread Roll with Various Fillings		
				Jacket Potato with Various Toppings		
		Apple Crumble Crunch 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Jammy Cookies	Chocolate Muffin
		WEEK 3 6 MAY, 2 JUNE, 23 JUNE, 14 JULY, 15 SEPT, 6 OCT				
		Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog	Fish Fillet Fingers
		Breaded Bean & Vegetable Quill	Mild Sausage Potato & Chickpea Curry	Cheesy Quorn & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Roasted Veg Lasagne	Cheese & Tomato Pizzas
		Spaghetti or Crisp Potatoes	Pasta or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
DESSERT MAIN MEAL 1 MAIN MEAL 2 SIDE DISH COLD OPTION EXTRA OPTION DESSERT				Bread Roll with Various Fillings		
				Jacket Potato with Various Toppings		
		Strawberry Mousse	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Ice Cream with Chocolate Cookie "Wafers"	Pineapple Pastry Squares 50% Fruit
		Vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily 🌱 = Vegetarian 🌿 = Vegan				
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Diary Dates 2025-2026

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

Tuesday, 14/10/2025 – Y3 parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 14/10/2025 – Leventhorpe Cross Country Festival - Cross Country Team

Thursday, 15/10/2025 – Flu immunisation YR-6

Wednesday, 22/10/2025 and Thursday, 23/10/2025 – Parent Teacher Consultations after school

Monday, 27/10/2025 – Friday, 31/10/2025 – Half Term

Friday, 31/10/2025 – Herts Application deadline for Secondary Schools 2026

Tuesday, 04/11/2025 – Y2 parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 11/11/2025 – Young Shakespeare visit KS2

Tuesday, 18/11/2025 – Y1 parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 25/11/2025 – YR parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 25/11/2025 – PTA Movie Night EY & KS1

Friday, 28/11/2025 – Occasional Day – No School

Monday, 01/12/2025 – Decoration Day

Thursday, 04/12/2025 – EYFS Nativity Performance

Tuesday, 09/12/2025 and Wednesday, 10/12/2025 – PTA Elfridges Christmas Shop

Thursday, 11/12/2025 – KS1 Nativity Performance

Tuesday, 16/12/2025 – YN – parents/carers invited to Collective Worship

Tuesday, 16/12/2025 – Whole school pantomime trip

Wednesday, 17/12/2025 – Christmas Lunch

Friday, 19/12/2025 – KS2 Carol Service in Church 9.30 am

Friday, 19/12/2025 – Last Day of Term – School finishes at 2 pm

Thursday, 15/01/2026 – Herts Application deadline for Primary School Reception Class 2026

Monday, 01/06/2026 – Friday, 05/06/2026 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

Term Dates for 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
<i>Wednesday, 3 September 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Thursday, 4 September 2025	Term begins
Monday, 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	Half term
<i>Friday, 28 November 2025</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 December 2025	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2026	
<i>Monday, 5 January 2026</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 6 January 2026	Term begins
Monday, 16 February to Friday, 20 February 2026	Half term
Friday, 27 March 2026	Term ends 2pm
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>

School Noticeboard

MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL



Wraparound childcare

To book your 1st session, please complete the Clubs registration form via our website: www.muchhadhampreschool.co.uk/clubs



Session times & Fees

Breakfast Club: 7.30am-9am £7.50

Lunch Club: 12pm – 1pm £6 or 12pm – 3pm £18

After School Club: 3pm-4.15pm £6 or 3pm-6pm £18

Ad Hoc and regular bookings. Funding accepted


Bookings can then be made by emailing us at:
muchhadhampreschool@yahoo.co.uk



ST MARY'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

HOLIDAY CLUB ACTIVITY TIMETABLE



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DAILY THEME:	GYMNASTICS	NERF GAMES	FOOD FACTORY	MULTI SPORTS	HALLOWEEN
09:30 - 10:15	Parachute Potion Games	Get To Know Me Circle Games	Funky Fruit Kebabs	Frankenstein Says	Speed Stack Tower
10:30 - 11:15	Autumn Forest School Adventures	Can't See Me - Camouflage	Witchy Noodle Necklaces	Pumpkin Piñata	Trick or Treat Hunt
11:15 - 12:00	Indoor Aerobic Acrobats	Archery Aiming & Target Practice	Clap Catch Hot Potato	Shoot The Hoops Basketball Bingo	Haunted House
13:00 - 13:45	Dance & Drama	Ultimate Nerf Games Finale	Creepy Cookie Designs	Ultimate Frisbee	Spooky Face Painting
13:45 - 14:30	Ninja Warrior Course Creation		Apple Bobbing Contest	Racket Sports Spectacular	End Of Week Club Celebrations Ceremony 
14:30 - 15:15			Play-Doh Creations 	Pumpkin Carving	

THEME: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN



www.premier-education.com



Monthly SEN and Sibling classes at Stortford Gymnastics run on the first Sunday of every month



SEN & Sibling

Dates/Timings:

11:25-12:05

3rd August
7th September
5th October
2nd November
7th December

Age: Walking to 11 years

Members and Non-Members SEN £10,
Sibling £5 (Per-Sibling)

✓ believe
✓ achieve
✓ succeed

The link to Stortford Gymnastics website with more information and the link to book sessions is here: www.stortfordgymnastics.com/special-educational-needs

Thank you for taking the time to read my email 😊 Have a lovely day!



W: [\[www.stortfordgymnastics.com\]](http://www.stortfordgymnastics.com)www.stortfordgymnastics.com
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231 London Road,
Bishop's Stortford CM23 3LA
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BONFIRE Night



Perry Green & Green Tye
PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Get ready for an unforgettable Bonfire Night and Fireworks display!

Tickets in advance from Londis Much Hadham, Prince of Wales Pub or online by scanning the QR code below.

Adults: £5 (£8 on gate)

Children: £4 (£6 on gate)

Family: £15 (£22 on gate)

Advance ticket sales end Thursday 6th November

* Family ticket is 2 adults and 2 children

Saturday, 8 November

5.30pm

Mission Hall Field, Green Tye

Hot Food ✂ Drinks ✂ Mulled Wine

Glow Sticks ✂ Bonfire ✂ Firework extravaganza

Buy tickets online



Buy tickets online using the QR code opposite or visit
<https://tickets.perrygreentye.co.uk/products>

Gates Open 5.30pm – Bonfire Lit 6pm – Fireworks Start 6.30pm

Off road parking available. Please follow the signs and park responsibly. **No sparklers allowed.**

Bishops Stortford Music Centre – ‘Sing, Make, Play’ group takes place on a Saturday morning from 9am-9.40am. Pupils from age 4-8 can attend and helps introduce music to this age group in a fun and engaging manner.

Sing, Make, Play

Eligible for
Ensemble
Membership

- Engaging, fun and musically inspiring start for 4 to 8 year olds to establish the fundamentals of playing and creating music.
- Cultivating curiosity of sound, rhythm and pitch by introducing a variety of instruments to play and make music.
- Introduction to reading musical notation to help sing or play the musical art they create.



Saturdays term time only—
parents to accompany their child for the entire session



9.00am - 9.40pm



Bishop's Stortford Music Centre based at Birchwood
High School, CM23 5BD
E-mail : bstortfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk



£62 per student, per term - scan QR code to register
(eligible for ensemble membership) →



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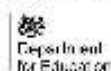


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TRAIN TO TEACH

BSITT INFORMATION EVENING

◆ MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2025

◆ 6PM - 7.30PM

◆ LEVENTHORPE SCHOOL
CM21 9BY



JOIN US & FIND OUT
HOW WE CAN HELP
YOU START YOUR
TEACHING JOURNEY!

MEET THE TEAM

INFORMAL PRESENTATION

CHAT WITH FORMER
TRAINEES



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