

St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Our Home / School
value this half term is:



Life in All its Fullness – Come and See

Y6 Evacuee Day



Last Friday, Year 6 arrived at school truly looking like they had travelled back in time (many thanks parents and carers for the excellent costumes and props you provided!). We began our day by listening to the war



announcement and reading an extract from our school log book about children from a school in Clapton, London who were evacuated to our school during the war. After making identity cards, we role-played what life might have been like for these children had they stayed in London. This included acting out a gas mask drill and taking safety in an 'air raid

shelter'. After break, we were 'evacuated' to the countryside and used a scene from the book 'Friend or Foe' to act out what it would have been like to be billeted to families in the countryside. We used real historical sources to discover more about evacuation and heard two real-life stories from evacuees who came to Much Hadham during the war: Kitty Wintrob and Don Filliston. The children responded wonderfully to the role play and it was a brilliant day of being immersed in history.



Collaboration in Y1



Year 1 have been practising our value of collaboration in lots of different ways this week. They have been working in groups in the Key Stage 1 garden and using different manipulatives together during their maths lessons. During history, they worked together to design and create a toy from the past. Miss Sharp and



Miss Hall were super impressed with the creativity, kindness and sharing of ideas they saw.



RE learning in Y2

Year 2 have been learning about the Jewish New Year in RE. Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the celebrations. During this special time, a musical instrument called a shofar is blown each day for ten days to encourage Jewish people to reflect on their actions, repent, and say sorry to friends, family, and God. We have enjoyed making our own shofars (sorry, parents!) and spent time thinking about how we can be kinder, more helpful, and make positive choices in our own lives.



Y5 Parachutes

Last Friday, Year 5 joined forces to design, create and test parachutes made from different materials. They collaborated brilliantly together in groups and loved the opportunity to see how successful the different strategies and designs worked.



Y5 and Y6 Maths Club

Mr Hanson's maths clubs are proving fascinating for our Y5 and Y6. They involve practical activities and investigations beyond the curriculum. If your child is in Upper Key Stage 2 and they fancy giving it a go, please tell them to come to the Year 5 classroom at 12.50pm on Tuesday (Y6) or Thursday (Y5).



Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October

We are looking forward to seeing all our parents and carers at our parent / teacher consultations. Please note that the booking system for this will now be done through your **Arbor app** under **'Guardian Consultations'**.

As mentioned in the email earlier this week, you will be able to book your appointment **from 6pm on Friday 9th October.**

Bookings will close the following Friday. Please note that teachers are not able to offer alternative meeting times/dates to the above.



School Individual and Sibling Photographs



Individual and sibling school photos are now available to view and purchase online. To access, please scan the individual QR code that was sent home last week. **The deadline for free delivery to school is Friday 16th October.**

Every Day Counts



Well done to Joe in Y2, who won our 'Every Day Counts' raffle, this week. He chose some resin cows as his prize.



Good luck to everyone for next week and remember you have to be in it to win it!

New School Dinner Menu

Please see below the new Winter School Dinner Weekly Menu, which starts after half term. Please disregard the September and October dates.

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Winter Menu 26

• WEEK 1: 1 Sept, 21 Sept, 12 Oct, 2 Nov, 23 Nov, 14 Dec, 4 Jan, 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 15 Mar • WEEK 2: 7 Sept, 28 Sept, 19 Oct, 9 Nov, 30 Nov, 11 Jan, 1 Feb, 1 Mar, 22 Mar • WEEK 3: 14 Sept, 5 Oct, 16 Nov, 7 Dec, 18 Jan, 8 Feb, 8 Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	Mexican Bean Burrito (v)	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve)	Mac 'n' Cheese (v)	Roast Quorn Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy (Ve)	Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Diced Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Mashed Potatoes or Pasta	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Baked Beans (Ve)	Grated Cheese (v)	Cheese & Beans (v)	Grated Cheese (v)	Tuna Mayo
COLD OPTION FIXED	Salmon Mayo Baguette	Cheese Baguette (v)	Ham Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Oat & Raisin Cookie (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Apple Crumble & Custard (v)	Chocolate Brick Wall (Ve)

MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Sweet & Tangy Sauce	Chicken Curry	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Quorn Burger (v)	Battered Fish
MAIN MEAL 2	Sunshine Eggs with Baked Beans (v)	Cheese Pinwheel (v)	Quorn Pieces with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (v)	Veggie Bolognese (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Potato Wedges	Brown & White Rice or Diced Potatoes	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Spaghetti	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Cheese & Beans (v)	Grated Cheese (v)	Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans (v)	Salmon Mayo
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Cheese Baguette (v)	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Shortbread (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard	Jammy Cookie (Ve)

MAIN MEAL 1	Beef Bolognese	Quorn Hotdog (v)	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Vegan Quorn Sausage & Gravy (Ve)	Roasted Veg Lasagne (v)	Beany Pasta Bake (Ve)	Baked Bean Slice (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Spaghetti or Potato Wedges	Diced Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Pasta	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Grated Cheese (v)	Baked Beans (Ve)	Cheese & Beans (v)	Grated Cheese (v)	Tuna Mayo
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Cheese Baguette (v)	Ham Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Egg Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Carrot Cake (v)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Apple Charlotte Pudding & Custard (v)	Chocolate Raisin Cookie (Ve)

A variety of fruit, vegetables and salads are served daily.

V = Vegetarian Ve = Vegan

HCL Winter 26 Menu JacketPotato_Catified

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.

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/>

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 2026-27

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

Friday 09/10/2026 – Parents' Evening booking system open 6pm

Monday 12/10/2026 – Y6 NHS Height and Weight Check

Wednesday 14/10/2026 – Choir trip to St. Alban's Cathedral

Tuesday 20/10/2026 – Y4 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Wednesday 21/10/2026 – Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 22/10/2026 – Parents' Evening 2

Saturday 31/10/2026 – Y6 Deadline for Secondary School applications

Tuesday 03/11/2026 – Y3 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Thursday 05/11/2026 – YN 'Come and See'

Tuesday 10/11/2026 – Y2 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Tuesday 17/11/2026 – Y1 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Wednesday 20/11/2026 – Flu Vaccination: 2nd session

Tuesday 24/11/2026 – YR Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Thursday 26/11/2026 – St. Andrew's Day Service in church

Tuesday 01/12/2026 – YN Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

Monday 10/05/2027 to Thursday 13/05/2026 – KS2 SATS Testing Week

Monday 17/05/2027 to Friday 21/05/2026 – Y6 Brenscombe Residential

**** PTA Events ****

Thursday 15 /10/2026– Years 5 & 6 cake sale, outside school, 3:15-3:45pm

Tuesday 01/12/2026 & Thursday 03/12/2026 – Christmas film nights, school hall, 3:15pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 08/12/2026 & Wednesday 09/12/2026 – Elfridges

October-November Date TBC – School tea towel, coaster and Christmas card – sales

December Date TBC– Christmas hamper raffle

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>

Term Dates for 2027/2028

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

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LEARN
MAKE MUSIC
TOGETHER!

GUITAR WORKSHOP

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ABILITIES
WELCOME

FOR KEY STAGE 2 GUITAR PLAYERS

A fun and inspiring workshop for young guitarists to develop their skills, play together and be part of a bigger musical community!



PLAY
TOGETHER



BUILD
YOUR SKILLS



BE
INSPIRED

MUSIC
BRINGS
PEOPLE
TOGETHER



SATURDAY
24TH OCTOBER 2026
10.00am – 1.00pm



Bishops Stortford Music Centre

Based in Birchwood High School
Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford
CM23 5BD



Open to guitar players in Key Stage 2
who have been playing for at least one term.

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✉ bstortfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

☎ 01992 556752

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PROFESSOR FAB'S POTIONS CLASS

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available



Half term camp
Wednesday 28th October
at Thorn Grove Primary School



**Professor Fab and her
gaggle of wizarding
scientists will help you make
colour-changing potions,
fizzy explosions, pourable
clouds...and even invent
your own potion!**

Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open
to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab
Science website.

BOOK NOW AT: FABSCIENCE.CLASSFORKIDS.IO

fabscience.co.uk

campcoordinator@fabscience.co.uk

01279 295669

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



BONFIRE

Night



Perry Green & Green Tye
PRESERVATION SOCIETY

**Get ready for an unforgettable Bonfire
Night and Fireworks display!**

Purchase tickets in advance online.

Adults: £5 (£10 on gate)

Children: £4 (£7 on gate)

Family: £15 (£25 on gate)

* Family ticket is 2 adults and 2 children

**Advance ticket sales end 11pm Wednesday 4th
November**

Saturday 7th November

5.30pm

Mission Hall Field, Green Tye

Bonfire 🗡️ Firework extravaganza

Hot Food 🗡️ Drinks 🗡️ Glow Sticks



Purchase tickets online at
<https://tickets.perrygreentye.co.uk>

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.**



Autumn Term Workshops

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Wednesday 21 October, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Sibling Rivalry Workshop - Monday 9 November, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Workshop - Wednesday 25 November, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

It's a Dad's Life Workshop - Thursday 26 November, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop empower fathers with the knowledge and skills to develop deep connections with their children, enhancing their parenting journey.

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Workshop - Wednesday 2 December, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop is designed to support parents of pre-teens and teenagers facing challenging behaviours. It aims to equip parents with effective strategies and tools to manage the complexities of raising adolescents, fostering a positive parent-teen relationship.

The two-hour workshops will be online via MS TEAMS

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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Dads Together

Sign up to our 6-week online group

Are you a dad and feel like you are constantly nagging at your child to get what you need?

The sessions will cover:

- Exploring what helpful discipline is.
- Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively.
- Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
- How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
- How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation



Wednesday 4th November
to 9th December 2026

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Lesley on 0204 522 8701, email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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Delivering Special Provision Locally

Autumn 1
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for Parents/Carers

DSPL3 Website and Facebook page

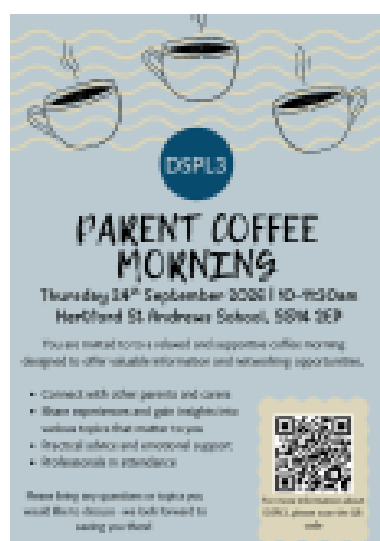
- The DSPL3 Website and Facebook page are now live.
- Please click [here](#) to view the website
- Please click [here](#) to view the Facebook page

Workshops, Courses and Training

Please click [here](#) to view workshops, courses and training available for this academic year.

DSPL3 SEND Coffee Mornings

- 24th September 2026 10-11:30am—
Hertford St Andrews School, SG14 2EP
- 24th November 2026 10-11:30am—
Mandeville School, Sawbridgeworth,
CM21 0BL
- 19th January 2027 10-11:30am—
Watton-on-Stone School, SG14 3SG
- 11th March 2027 10-11:30am—Christ
Church School, Ware, SG12 7BT
- 27th April 2027 10-11:30am—Hillmead
School, Bishops Stortford, CM23 4PW
- 17th June 2027 10-11:30am—Freman
College, Buntingford, SG9 9BT



Families in Focus Training

- Families in Focus is offering a free online course for Hertfordshire parents of children aged 4-11 with Autism and/or ADHD, including those on assessment pathways.
- This supportive six-week course helps parents understand how Autism, ADHD and sensory differences can affect emotions and behaviour, explore what happens in a child's brain during anger, and learn practical, evidence-based strategies to support emotional regulation, reduce stress and de-escalate big emotions.
- The course also provides an opportunity to connect with other parents in a supportive environment.
- Sessions run on Wednesdays from 9 September to 14 October 2026, with a choice of either 9.30-11.30am or 6.30-8.30pm. To book a place, email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk.

Journeys Academy

- Journeys Academy, a brand new purpose-built specialist setting which will offer 60 places to primary-aged children with complex communication and autism needs, is due to open in **Autumn 2026**. The purpose-built setting will offer modern classrooms and specialist facilities, including sensory spaces, calm rooms and outdoor learning areas, all designed to support independence, wellbeing and engagement in learning.
- Places will be allocated through the Hertfordshire County Council SEND panel process for children who meet the admissions criteria.



Delivering Special Provision Locally
(DSPL)
Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth,
Buntingford, Watton-at-Stone,
Hertford, and Ware

DSPL 3 Area Manager: Katie Algate
dsp3manager@amwell.herts.sch.uk

DSPL3 SEND Lead: Lisa Lee
dsp3sendlead@amwell.herts.sch.uk

DSPL3 Admin
dsp3admin@amwell.herts.sch.uk

Lead School:
Amwell View School
& Specialist Sports College

Website:
dsp3.org.uk

Facebook: DSPL3

Useful links:

The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer

SENDIASS Hertfordshire

IPSEA (Independent Provider
of Special Education Advice)

SOS SEN

Herts Parent Carer Involvement

EHCP Support

Children and Young People's Speech
& Language Therapy Service
Advice line for parents:
01923 470 680, choose option 3,
then option 1 and leave a message.