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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 24 October 2025

Cross Country Run

On Tuesday 14th October, Mrs Small, Mrs Daniell and Mr Dean travelled with 32 children to Leventhorpe to take part in their KS2 Cross Country Competition. Four other schools took part in the event.

There were eight races in total with Year 3 and 4 children being asked to run a kilometre and Y5 and 6 running 1500m around the fields of Leventhorpe School. Each competitor's finishing place contributed to a team score to give an overall year group winning school. As is typical of St Andrew's children, everyone gave their absolute all to their races which included individual victories and top 10 places for many of our pupils.

Final overall team places were as follows:

- Y3 Girls 3rd Y3 Boys 3rd
- Y4 Girls 2nd Y4 Boys 3rd
- Y5 Girls 3rd Y5 Boys 4th
- Y6 Girls 1st Y6 Boys 3rd

We were immensely proud of the children's encouragement of one another (we were by far the loudest cheerleaders for our team!), and their sporting attitude toward other schools.

A huge thank you to our parents who transported the children to and from the event, without whom, we would not have been able to participate, and to our staff who looked after the children whilst there.

There will be lots of further opportunities for children across school to participate in sporting events as the school year progresses.

Friends (PTA) Coffee Morning

It was great to see familiar faces and welcome new ones to the Friends of St Andrew's Coffee Morning last week. Our PTA raises much appreciated additional funds which benefit all the children across the school. If you can spare a little time either more regularly or just on an ad hoc basis, please contact the school office and we will forward your details to Aaron Hansen the PTA Chair. Many thanks in advance.



Great to Be Green Awards!

Our first special 'Great to Be Green' award certificates have been handed out during our Celebration Assemblies on Fridays. Huge congratulations to Raffy in Year 4 for going 'over and above' in his efforts to tidy up the play equipment after every single

lunchtime and to William in Year 5 for showing exceptional sportsmanship at the Cross Country Run last week. Well done boys!

Key Stage 1 and EYFS assemblies last week

Last week we looked at the changing leaves across the seasons and thought about how our feelings are rather like leaves: They can change at different times, they are all different and unique to us. The children coloured their own leaf to describe how they were feeling and we celebrated the uniqueness of each and every one. Our beautiful trees are displayed on each classroom door.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thank you so much for coming to our Parent/Teacher Consultations this week. Working in partnership with our families is so important to us. We hope that you found the evening useful and informative.

WW2 Day Keep Calm and Carry on



Last Friday, as part of our World War 2 'Keep Calm & Carry On' topic, Year 6 had a special topic day with a focus on 'Evacuees in World War 2'. Children came to school dressed as evacuees to recreate the experience of children during WW2. Our day included role play and finding out about the evacuees who came to St Andrew's School during the war.

Road Safety in Early Years



This week as part of our road safety topic, Jackie, our lovely Crossing Patrol, came in to speak to Nursery and Reception children about crossing the road. She talked about Super Cat and Super Cat's Road Safety Rap.

The children were reminded that they always need to hold on to their adult's hand when close to the road and when they are ready to cross, they need to stop, look both ways, listen and think '*Is it safe to cross?*' and when Jackie says it is OK, we can cross. Please support your child with Super Cat's message when crossing our busy road.

In addition, this October/November is HCC are running a 'Stop Means Stop' campaign aimed at drivers:

STOP MEANS STOP

If you are fortunate enough to have a School Crossing Patrol at your school, you may notice they are wearing a bright orange 'STOP MEANS STOP' tabard this October/November.

The 'STOP MEANS STOP' campaign is run to remind drivers how important it is to stop for a patrol, helping to keep you safe every time you cross the road.



If you are driving and your School Crossing Patrol requests that you stop, please do stop and remember they are there to keep your children safe and do a great job, turning out in all weathers.



The patrol stands central in the road until everyone is safely on the other side, so please wait until they leave the road and are safely back on the footpath before driving away. This may seem like ages but in fact it is usually less than a minute.

Now the clocks have changed the mornings and afternoons are darker. **Using the patrol is the safest place to cross**, as they can be seen from a distance in their bright coats and hats.

YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, THANK YOU

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%	91.9%	92.0%
Reception	100%	100%	98.5%	97.2%	97.7%	97.8%	97.9%	97.8%
Year 1	97.5%	98.3%	96.5%	96.5%	97.0%	97.2%	97.0%	96.4%
Year 2	98.1%	95.2%	93.0%	93.8%	93.4%	93.3%	92.6%	92.6%
Year 3	100%	98.8%	98.8%	98.3%	98.0%	97.1%	96.5%	96.3%
Year 4	94.4%	94.7%	94.3%	93.9%	93.5%	93.5%	93.2%	93.2%
Year 5	96.4%	97.2%	97.0%	96.8%	97.0%	97.0%	96.0%	96.1%
Year 6	96.6%	97.5%	97.0%	97.2%	96.5%	95.3%	95.2%	95.5%
Totals	97.5%	97.4%	96.4%	96.2%	95.9%	95.6%	95.3%	95.2%

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.



New School Lunch Menu after half term

Don't forget, we have a new menu after half term, menus are:

HCL		Hero Winter Menu 25-26				
		WEEK 1: 3 Nov, 24 Nov, 25 Dec, 5 Jan, 26 Jan, 29 Feb, 16 Mar				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL 1		Beef Burger	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Dripped Taco with Sweet Chilli Sauce (Vg)	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2		Potato Fritters (V)	Swedish Style Plant-Based Meatballs (New) (V)	Plant-Based Shepherd's Pie (Vg)	Hac 'N' Cheese (V)	Margarita Plant (V)
SIDE DISH		Potato Wedges or Fries	Roasted Potatoes or Fries	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Fries	Shed Potatoes or Herby Gaze, Bread	Chips or Thickcut Fries
JACKET POTATO FIXED		Cheese & Beans (V)	Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (V)	Roast Beets (Vg)	Cheese & Beans (V)
COLD OPTION FIXED		Tuna Mayo Roll	Cheese Roll (V)	Ham Roll	Cheese Roll (V)	Egg Mayo Roll (V)
DESSERT		Apple Strudel & Custard (V) (50% Fruit)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Vg)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Vg) (50% Fruit)	Chocolate Orange Jelly Mousse (V) (New)	Gingerbread Blat (V)

Vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. V = Vegetarian Vg = Vegan.

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WEEK 2: 10 Nov, 1 Dec, 12 Jan, 2 Feb, 2 Mar, 23 Mar

**SUPER
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YOUR
LUNCH!**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL 1	Quorn Hotdog (V)	Pork Sausages & Gravy	Roast Beef & Gravy	Chicken Curry	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Margherita Pizza (V)	Roasted Butternut Squash Curry (V)	Roast Quorn Fillet (V) with Stuffing & Gravy	Breaded Seab & Vegetable Grill (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)
SIDE DISH	Potato Wedges or Pasta	Roasted Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Brown & White Rice or Pasta	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Baked Beans (V)	Grated Cheese (V)	Baked Beans (V)	Tuna Mayo	Cheese & Beans (V)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Cheese Roll (V)	Salmon Mayo Roll	Cheese Roll (V)	Ham Roll	Egg Mayo Roll (V)
DESSERT	Rear & Apple Crumble & Chocolate Custard (50% Fruit) (V)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (V)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (50% Fruit) (V)	Ice Cream School Sprinkles (V)	Favourite Cookie (V)

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MAIN MEAL 1	Beef Bolognese	Breaded Chicken Katsu Curry	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Burger (V)	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN MEAL 2	Pork-Baked Grill (V)	Cheese Pinwheel (V)	Pork-Baked Sausages & Gravy (V)	Vegetarian Lasagne (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)
SIDE DISH	Spaghetti or Potato Wedges	Brown & White Rice or Pasta	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Roast Potatoes or Herb Garlic Bread	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO FIXED	Grated Cheese (V)	Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans (V)	Cheese & Beans (V)	Grated Cheese (V)
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Roll	Cheese Roll (V)	Ham Roll	Cheese Roll (V)	Egg Mayo Roll (V)
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Wedges (V)	Catty Fruit Crumble (V) (50% Fruit)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (V) (50% Fruit)	Apple Sponge & Custard (V)	Chocolate Bric-à-lait (V)

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The Friends of St Andrew's School

Movie nights - Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th November 4 pm

The Friends are putting on two Christmas Movie Nights, one on Tuesday 25th for the Nursery to Year 2 children and one on Thursday 27th for the Year 3 to Year 6 children. The children are welcome to bring along a named cushion and blanket and join us for a festive movie in the school hall.

Parents with children in both of these groups are welcome to book their older children into the younger session if they'd prefer that.

The ticket includes snacks and a drink - book at:

Nursery - Yr2: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosamh/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106148>

Yr3 - Yr6: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosamh/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106149>

All children must be picked up by 6 pm.

We look forward to seeing the children there!

Upcoming events

- **Movie night (younger years)** - Tuesday 25th November
- **Movie night (older years)** - Thursday 27th November
- **Elfridges** - Tues 9th & Weds 10th December (Vouchers will be on sale from early November)

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers - if any parent is interested in helping to plan or being more involved in the Friends events, please WhatsApp / call Aaron on 07894 266 683 to find out more.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

The Friends

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

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/aQO9yly>

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

[Get Safe Online | The UK's leading Online Safety Advice Resource](#)

Diary Dates 2025-2026

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

**** PTA Events ****

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

Friday, 31/10/2025 – Herts Application deadline for Secondary Schools September 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 YN – Y2

Thursday, 27/11/2025 – PTA Movie Night for Y3 – Y6

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

School Noticeboard




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	Mini Football Tournament	






THEME: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

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Local Library

Looking for a free activity to enjoy together this half term? Visit your local library and take part in My First Library Adventure, by bringing the special bookmark. If you do not have one or have lost yours don't worry. Just ask at the library for a new one. Choose from hundreds of picture books, fact books and beginning to read stories to share at home.

Complete the Adventure to enter the special prize draw. Fifty lucky Hertfordshire Reception pupils will win a personalised, signed book from author/illustrator Ged Adamson with two overall winners enjoying an author visit with their whole class. Find out more here: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/news-and-campaigns/startingreception>



TRAIN TO TEACH

BSITT INFORMATION MORNING

AT WINDHILL21

◆ WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025

◆ 9.30AM - 11.00AM

◆ WINDHILL21



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

MEET THE TEAM

INFORMAL PRESENTATION

OPPORTUNITY TO ASK
QUESTIONS



BISHOP'S STORTFORD
INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING



PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA OUR WEBSITE:
www.bsitt.co.uk

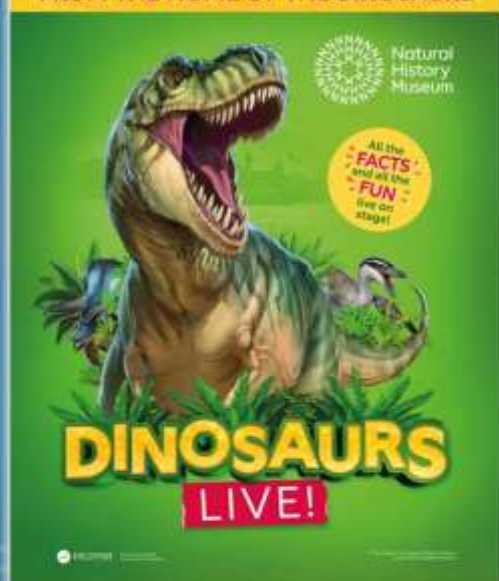


**October Half Term is just
around the corner...**

The Spotlight is ready and
eager to entertain and
educate your students...

Saturday 25 October, 11am and 2pm

FROM THE HOME OF THE DINOSAURS



Sunday 26 October, 12noon



Book your tickets online at
www.thespotlightvenue.com
or call the Box Office on 01992 441946
Monday - Friday, 10am-2pm)



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.**

EVERY PAIR TELLS A STORY

NATIONAL MOVEMENT

Bring a pair of shoes.

Each pair represents a child who has been failed by their local authority and the SEND system. This is a silent, fully inclusive event - no walking, no protesting. You are not required to stay, but you are absolutely welcome to join us.

In collaboration with The SEND Sanctuary UK and Let Us Learn Too

#EveryPairTellsAStory

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Date:

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NOV'25

Time:

10.30 -

1PM

Location:

Hertfordshire County Council

County Hall

Pegs Lane

Hertford

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