

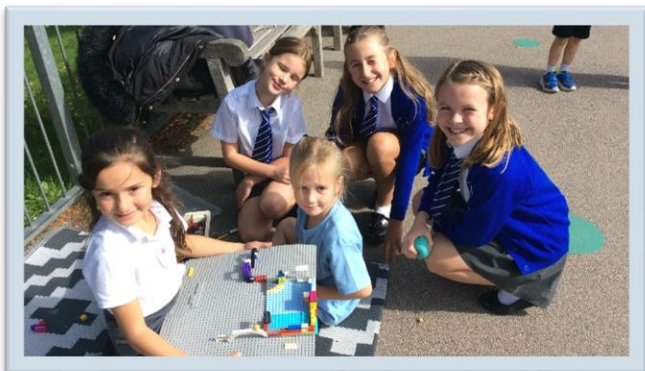
St Andrew's CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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25th September 2026

Our Home / School
value this half term is:



Life in All its Fullness – Come and See

Year 5 Aylmerton Residential

What a fabulous time Year 5 all had on our trip to Aylmerton Outdoor Education Centre. As always, our residential was packed with exciting activities including den building, a night safari, a trip to see the seals and beach exploration. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the magical story teller, who provided a lovely, calm experience after a long, busy day at the coast. We are super excited to welcome our Year 5 parents and carers to our 'Come and See' on Tuesday 29th September at 2.45pm so you can hear all about it first hand.



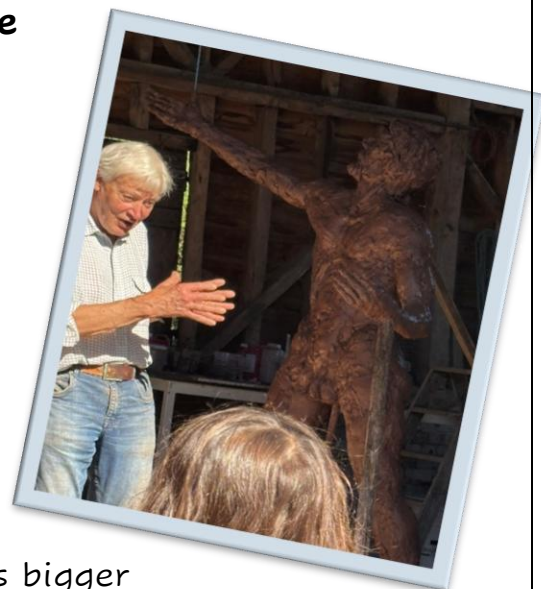
Y3 'Sneak peek' at the St Andrew's sculpture so far!..

On Monday afternoon, the children in Year 3 had the opportunity to see how Mr Munday's sculpture of St Andrew is coming along. It was very exciting because Mr Munday had finished all the clay work and was ready to start creating the rubber mould in preparation for the bronze resin! The children had lots of interesting questions for Mr Munday and marvelled at his

work so far.

'The statue is bigger than I thought it would be', 'I really like his hair', 'His net will show that he was a fisherman', and even 'I think he needs a six pack!'

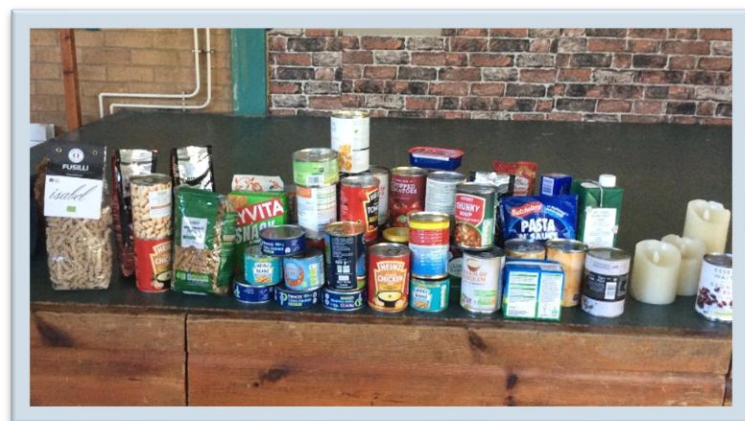
We even had a go at re-creating St Andrew's 'I have found the Messiah' pose!



Harvest Appeal

A huge thank you to all those who have already contributed towards our Harvest Appeal for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. However, we'd love to make the pile of donations even larger and there is still time to bring in long life food or toiletries. They are particularly in need of: tinned soup, chopped tomatoes, sponge puddings, tinned vegetables, crisps, jam,

uht milk, biscuits, tinned meat, tinned fish, long-life juice and 'free from' items. However, they would welcome any donation.



Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Coffee Morning

Are you concerned for your child's mental health, wellbeing or behaviour? Pop along to the Coffee Morning in school this Wednesday morning to find out how the MHST can support you and your child. All are welcome. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Every Day Counts



Congratulations to Elliot in Year 3, who won our Every Day Counts raffle this week. He chose some resin toys as his prize.

Good luck for next week everyone.
Remember you have to be in it to win it!



REMINDER - Individual School Photos



These will take place on **Tuesday 29th September** and **Wednesday 30th September**. Please can all children come into school in full school uniform (including a tie in Key Stage 2) on these days, even if your child normally has PE.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The application process for secondary schools is now open for children in Year 6. Please visit the following link for further information:

[School admissions and transport | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Please note the deadline for applications is Saturday 31st October 2026.



Half Term Holiday Clubs

Please see below a timetable for some clubs on offer during Half Term from Premier Education. Please contact them directly to book a place.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY TIMETABLE				
MONSTER MONDAY	TRICK OR TREAT TUES	WICKED WEDNESDAY	THRILLER THURSDAY	FEARFUL FRIDAY
SPOOKY HIDE 'N' SEEK	HALLOWEEN LANTERNS	GHOST DODGEBALL	HAUNTED HOUSE BUILDING	CAULDRON CHALK CREATIONS
CAPTURE THE WITCHES BROOM	MONSTER MASKS	SPOOKY SCAVENGER HUNT	QUIZ MASTERS	APPLE BOBBING
SKELETON OBSTACLE COURSE	PUMPKIN FOOTBALL	ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE	CREEPY COMEDY CLUB	BUILD A CREATURE
PUMPKIN DECORATING	VAMPIRE VOLLEYBALL	GRAVEYARD BINGO	BROOMSTICK OLYMPICS	TRICK OR TREAT BAG DESIGNS
SPIDER PAPER PLATES	FUNKY FACE PAINT	CREEPY CUP CAKE DECORATIONS	COACHES VS KIDS	HAUNTED HOUSE PARTY
EXTENDED: 8AM / 5:30PM CHILD CHOICE: MIX OF LEGO, CRAFTS, PLAY DOH, BOARD GAMES, LIGHT SPORTS & PLAY				
Download the Premier app App Store Google Play				

School Dinner Menu

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Hero Summer Menu 26

• 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	Roast 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 Chili (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.



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 ****

Tuesday 29/09/2026 – Y5 Aylmerton 'Come and See' 2.30pm

Tuesday 29/09/2026 – Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 30/09/2026 – Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 30/09/2026 – Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning

Thursday 01/10/2026 – Y3 Rocks and Soils Day

Friday 02/10/2026 – Y6 World War II Evacuee Day

Tuesday 06/10/2026 – Y5 Parents and Carers invited to worship 9.05am

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**** PTA Events ****

Friday 18/09/2026 – Welcome disco, school hall, 5-7pm

Thursday 08/10/2026 – Cake & coffee morning & AGM, school hall, 9am-10:45am

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>
Monday, 6 September 2027	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	Back to school
Friday, 21 July 2027	Term ends 2pm
<i>Monday, 24 July 2027</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>



Parent and Carer Coffee Morning

Intro to the Mental Health Support Team

Dear Parents/Carers,

The East Herts Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be delivering a 'Parent Workshop' at St Andrews C of E Primary School. The presentation will include:

- Introduction to who we are and what is our role within your school
- To talk about common anxiety and behaviour issues that can affect children's wellbeing
- How anxiety can present itself in children
- Strategies which can help enhance children's wellbeing

Date	Topic	Location
30 th September	Parent and Carer Coffee Morning Intro to the MHST	St Andrews C of E Primary School Tower Hill, Much Hadham SG10 6DL

MHSTs were created as part of the Government's scheme to increase mental health support to young people. The team works directly in schools offering a range of early intervention including 1:1 work with parents, pupil groups, workshops in all aspects of wellbeing, including behavioural support, anxiety, & emotion regulation,

If you would like any more information, please do speak to, the school's 'Headteacher' or 'Inclusion Coordinator/SENDCo'

FESTIVAL — OF — THE GIRL

Sat 3 & Sun 4 Oct

Business Design Centre,
Islington London



For 7-11 year old girls & their families

Activities range from: engineering to sports, aerospace to visual effects, vaccinations to gaming, mental health to sustainability, medicine to dancing, activism to mechanics and much more.

Although aimed at girls everyone is welcome!

Tickets via QR code or website

www.festivalofthegirl.com

SEND & Pay-what-you-can options available

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





Delivering Special Provision Locally

Autumn 1 Newsletter for Parents/Carers

DSPL3 Website and Facebook page

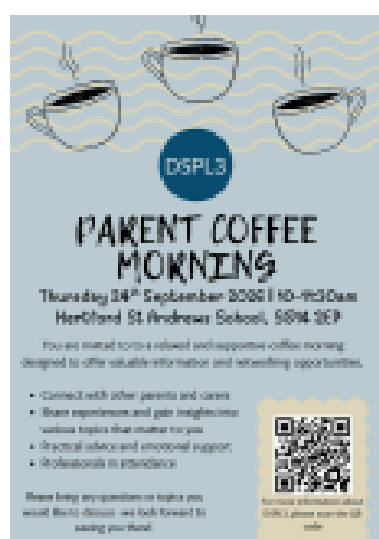
- The DSPL3 Website and Facebook page are now live.
- Please click [here](#) to view the website
- Please click [here](#) to view the Facebook page

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 (DSPL3)

Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth,
Buntingford, Watton-at-Stone,
Hertford, and Ware

DSPL3 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.