

Let your light shine...

HSA NEWSLETTER



7TH NOVEMBER 2025

Happy Friday!

Welcome back to the half term that starts in Autumn and ends with Christmas - an exciting time!

Children all looked very smart for our school photos on Tuesday. They will be available for you to order soon.

We are delighted to announce that HSA has been nominated for an award! The Families First Awards happen in Hertfordshire every two years. We have made the shortlist for **Collaborative Team of the Year**. This is a tribute to the way our community works together. Thank you to all of you for being part of our school community and helping us to be part of our local community. Keep your fingers crossed - we find out the results on Wednesday.

Ms Cooper

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV

16
20
29

School visits and tours for Reception 2026

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NSPCC Workshops in school
Cricket taster sessions

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St Andrew's Day celebration

DEC

05

PTA Children's disco after school

STAYING SAFE

Keeping children safe in education is the most important thing we do. Please help us by following our Shared Code of Conduct (if you didn't get a copy at parent consultations, please ask).

Next week we are working with the NSPCC to help children to keep themselves safe and know when to speak out.

If you need to report a safeguarding concern our DSLs are:

Ms Cooper (DSL)

Mrs Williams, Mrs Want, Mrs Sampson, Miss Marshall (DDSLs)

You can call 01992 583105 or email dsl@hertfordstandrew.herts.sch.uk.

Or come and speak with us in confidence.

Shining Lights Awards

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Today we celebrate Scientists for their curiosity, writers for their creativity and the children on the Walking Bus for their courtesy.

Elm

Ryan
Ahmad
Younas
Casey
Mila
Hudson
Freddie
Tyrese
Reuben

Willow

Victoria
Kayden
Christian

Hazel

Ben
Victoria
Rita
Daryus
Archie-James
Reggie
Carter
Muhammad
Bethany
Kayden

Birch

Taliyah
Ellie
Owen
Harley
William
Tyrus
Ella

Hawthorn

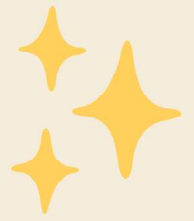
Lola
Lennie
Kimmie

Ash

Isabelle
Jethro



What's new?



Government Curriculum Review

If you have been watching the news, you will have heard about the Curriculum Review. There has been a lot of talk about changes. We're pleased to say that HSA is already on this journey. Let's look at what the review recommends and what we do:

Music and learning an instrument should be a priority- at HSA our music 10 for 10 means that every KS2 child learns an instrument and to read music. Every child in EYFS/KS1 learns to use the best instrument: their voice!

Foundational Skills are vital - at HSA our core curriculum offer prioritises reading, writing and maths.

Citizenship should be taught in primary schools - citizenship is already part of our PSHCE offer. It aligns with our British Values and HSA Way.

Financial education should be taught in schools - we already do this! Children learn some basic finance skills in PSHCE. We started this in response to your requests in our PSHCE survey last year.

RE should be in the National Curriculum - as a Church School we are pleased that RE is being recognised for the important learning it offers about being human in the wonderful world we share together. We will continue with our current curriculum until we know more.

Sustainability teaching is important - Mrs Guiver is our new sustainability champion and we agree that this is important learning for our children's future.

We're looking forward to learning more about the way the curriculum is going to develop over the coming months.

RSHE

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to speak with our PSHCE and Relationships and Sex Education Advisor. This year, the DfE has brought out new guidance on what we should teach children about health, relationships and sex. This means we will be talking with you more before September 2026 about what this could look like for us. Please contact us if you would like to be involved more closely in this consultation.