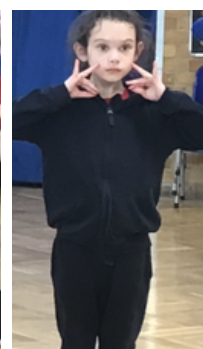
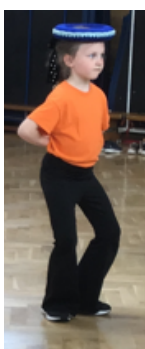




15th May 2026

Indian Dancing Workshop

Yesterday, we had a very interesting visitor in school. Suzanna came to deliver the first of two Indian dance sessions for Year 2. She taught everyone how to perform an Indian prayer dance that was over 2000 years old! She explained how being calm and in control are both essential elements of Indian dancing. The gentle, calming music helped us all to feel relaxed and at peace. The children practised getting up from the floor without using their hands to help them and even Miss Springall managed to do this! The children discovered that good balance and concentration ensured they performed the precise shapes and actions needed for the dances. We even got a chance to perform movements whilst balancing an Indian headpiece on our heads. Everyone is really looking forward to next week's session where they will learn a more modern style of Indian dancing to an Ed Sheeran track!



We need your support!

Another polite reminder that INSA are holding their **Fun Run** on the Recreation Ground in Hatfield Peverel at **2.30pm tomorrow** (Saturday 16th May). It would be lovely to see as many as possible support this event. If you are able to come along, please sign up via hpinsa.sumupstore.com or scan the QR code. More the merrier! Proceeds from this event will go towards a new reading shed and Buddy Bench for our playground. Thank you for your continued support.

Traffic Safety

We have had a worrying report of a 'near miss' outside the Infant School, due to a speeding car driving without care and attention. It is unknown whether this was a parent from either school. We would like to remind everyone to drive cautiously outside the school gates and to remember that the speed limit is 20mph. Everyone is okay, but understandably shaken by the incident. Another reminder to keep your children very close to you, especially outside the school gates and when crossing the road. Many thanks.

Castle Hedingham Trip

On Tuesday, Year 2 spent a fantastic day at Castle Hedingham exploring the castle and grounds. The visit extended their history learning about castles and medieval life, supported by three excellent tour guides who brought the past to life and were impressed by the children's knowledge of the Battle of Hastings and the Norman invasion. Some children took part as historical characters such as William the Conqueror, Edward the Confessor and King Harold. We climbed many steep steps, visited the royal bedroom where Elizabeth I once stayed, and saw where the dungeon and outdoor kitchen would have been. The children learned how life differed for rich and poor in the medieval period and agreed it was much harder then. Overall, it was a brilliant day and we were very proud of our enthusiastic, knowledgeable and well-behaved children.

A big thank you to our Governors and volunteers who helped on the school trip!



Stars of the week

Duckling Class: Paathiv

Butterfly Class: Blake

Ladybird Class: Ava

Hedgehog Class: Ella W

Squirrel Class: Dia

Fox Class: Alfred

Badger Class: Eli



ERIC tokens

This week's winners are the **PURPLE** team with 183 ERIC tokens. Fantastic job!

Mini Mindfulness

Abbie from Mini Mindfulness came to visit us today. She spoke to the children about 'Inner Calm'. She used the idea of a fizzy drink to demonstrate to the children that we all have bubbles in our tummies and sometimes when we feel a big emotion we feel 'shaken' and can feel the bubbles rising up. The children finished with some sun breaths. The children always love these sessions. It is lovely to see our nursery children also joining in!



Dates for your diary

22nd May - 'Around the World' open morning **8.50-9.30am** (Reception, Yr 1 & 2)

22nd May - **NEW DATE** Ladybird Class assembly **2.40pm**

21st May - SPACE coffee morning St. Andrew's Junior School

21st May - Butterfly Class assembly **2.40pm**

25th-29th May - Half Term

1st June - Non-pupil day

9th June - Class photographs

12th June - Father's Day Gift Shop in school time

17th June - Sport's morning (more details to follow)

Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are Mrs Fairbairn, Miss Springall, Mrs McGaughey and Mrs Sapiano. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact the school office and they can direct you to the appropriate member of staff.

Attendance



Attendance this week: **93.7%**

Below our target this week!

Attendance year to date: **95.5%**

(Our target is 96%)

Reception: **95.2%**

Year One: **96%**

Year Two: **95.2%**

Attendance trophy: Badger Class again with **99.1%** attendance - **Fantastic job!**