



THE
GILES NURSERY
AND
INFANTS'
SCHOOL



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School Aims: our school is a place where we aim to develop:

- ▶ Positive attitudes to learning
- ▶ Creativity and a sense of self-confidence and self-esteem
- ▶ Equality of opportunity, independence, individuality, tolerance, sensitivity and cooperation
- ▶ Good relations, respect for others and the environment
- ▶ A broad and balanced creative curriculum
- ▶ Pupil achievement by providing quality experiences

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful final week to the half term, the highlight of which was, of course, the spectacular Year 2 Autumn Concerts. The children performed so beautifully and the breadth and depth of the learning that has taken place was incredible. We are so proud of our amazing children and grateful to our inspirational teachers and support staff.

I have also been looking at the writing the children produced during the fantastic Big Write last week. The results are stunning. I have looked at samples from every class and will enjoy reading all pupils' work over the break. You will be given your child's Big Write book when they leave our school and I know you will cherish them and be thrilled with the progress your child has made and by the richness and depth of the educational opportunities they have experienced.

All in all, it has been a tremendous half term and the exciting learning that has taken place in our Nature and Nurture week has made the most spectacular finale! Children have greatly enjoyed their yoga workshops, the science and self-nurturing activities that have taken place everywhere across the school and which you can read about in more detail below – and also their engagement in planting beautiful autumn flowers and spring bulbs.

Thank you also for your harvest donations. Miss Busby will kindly distribute these to Feed Up, Warm Up over the half-term break.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MONDAY NOVEMBER 4TH IS AN INSET DAY.

I hope you all have a really refreshing holiday and look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday November 5th.

Head lice: These are a perennial problem in schools. Please, can everyone make a special effort over half term to check and treat your child's head for lice or eggs. Best practice is for everyone to check children's hair every time it is washed. Please put conditioner on (some say tea tree conditioner is the most effective) and comb your child's wet and conditioned hair with a lice comb to remove eggs before rinsing. Vigilance and regular washing/combing is the key. Thank you everyone for doing your

best with this problem. It would be terrific to come back after the break with a 'head lice-free' school!

Smoking near the school gates: *I have received a number of letters from parents, including parents whose children suffer from asthma, asking me to send a very polite request for adults to be mindful of where they smoke cigarettes. It would be so kind if you could smoke well away from the school gates where children are passing nearby. Thank you for your consideration.*

Rucksacks in school: *Our coat areas are absolutely tiny and the hooks are about an inch apart. Unfortunately, there isn't room for the children to hang rucksacks. Please make sure that your child just brings their lunch box (if having packed lunch) and a book bag to school. Apologies for this but the school is so old that these areas weren't built to accommodate rucksacks.*

ROAD SAFETY: Be Bright Be Seen: *It's that time of the year again and 'Be Bright Be Seen' is an important message for the whole school community.*

The Active and Safer Travel Team are continuing to promote this as a key part of the road safety and active travel programme, especially over the autumn and winter months.

As the days are getting shorter, now is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out and about, to make them more visible to traffic.

We will be delivering a Be Bright Be Seen assembly for children after half-term.

Parking: *We kindly remind parents not to park on the double yellow lines outside the school as it can make it difficult for the children to see oncoming traffic (and vice versa).*

Stay and Play sessions start after half term for Nursery classes: *Nursery sessions will be held every Thursday from 8.30am-9.20am (from 14th November), please come and join your child to share a book or other activity.*

We look forward to seeing you there!

Reception stay-and-read sessions will begin after Christmas; a separate letter is going out to Reception families.

Open Evening Wednesday 13th November 5.30pm to 7.00pm: *This is a lovely opportunity for you to come into school with your children and have a good look round not only your child's current class but also previous classes as well as the year-group your child will be in next year. This occasion is a really strong part of transition as the children love visiting their previous teachers and key workers – and having a little visit to next year's classes. You will also be able to have a chat with staff and to celebrate all the fantastic work on the walls, and the fabulous learning environment.*

Staff Vacancy:

We are currently advertising for a School Caretaker - please do let anyone who may be interested in the role aware of the vacancy. Full details can be found on the following link:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view-caretaker_98165.htm

Parent/teacher consultations: Thank you to everyone who attended the Reception and Nursery parent/teacher consultations. We hope that you found them helpful.

Additional dates (added to list at bottom):

Positivity with Pudsey: Tuesday 12th November 2024 9.30 – 11.00 for Reception
November 15th non-uniform day for Children-in-Need
3.15-4.30 Tuesday 17th December FROG Christmas Event

Flu Vaccinations: Rescheduled for Tuesday 26th November 2024 from 8.30am. If you do not consent for your child to have the vaccination, please use the link below to inform the NHS:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hertfordshire>

Please note that this programme is run by the NHS and school is only involved insofar as we allow the NHS to administer the vaccinations from our premises.

Reception and Nursery Tours: We are offering tours of Reception and Nursery approximately every other Tuesday, with the next one taking place 3.45pm to 4.30pm next Tuesday 22nd October. If you have a child entering these classes next September (or know anyone else who does!), please visit [The Giles Nursery and Infants' School - Prospective Parent Tours](#) to book a place or call or visit the school office.

Children due to start Reception in September 2025: The application process for Reception year to start in September 2025 will open on 1st November 2024 and close on 15th January 2025. Applications can be made via [Primary, junior and middle school places / Hertfordshire County Council](#).

Children due to start Nursery in September 2025: Applications/admissions are managed by the school. Applications open on 1st November 2024. An application form will be available on the school website from this date.

Volunteer work in school: We appreciate our volunteers so greatly and it is a role that in turn can give those who volunteer in school a lot of happiness. Our children are so fantastic and the teaching staff so incredible – it's an opportunity to make new friends and to pick up new skills at the same time as supporting our children's learning. Please speak to me if you are interested in doing some volunteer work in our school. Some volunteers also go on to do apprenticeships with us so if you are interested in this, do please speak to me.

Nursery:

The Nursery children have taken part in a Nature and Nurture week and have been learning about how to be healthy. They learnt we need to eat healthy foods, brush our teeth in the morning and before bed, get enough sleep, do exercise and make sure our hands are clean after using the toilet and before eating. The children loved learning the song, 'This is the way we brush our teeth' and joined in brilliantly with the actions.

In understanding the world, the children looked closely at a range of fruits and vegetables, including a pineapple, a parsnip, a courgette, a passionfruit and a coconut. They were fascinated by the coconut and it inspired fantastic discussions about what was inside and how it could be opened. Sia looked again at the coconut and remembered that inside it had, 'milk.'

The children loved our Giles Greengrocers role play area and used their imagination to be the shopkeeper or customer. They wrote lists and used coins to pay for different

types of fruit and vegetables. Haadi enjoyed being a customer in the role play and commented, 'Look, broccoli and bananas. I like broccoli.'

A highlight of the week was to visit Mrs Mendel in her office. The children were delighted to visit Mrs Mendel and see where she works. On our walk to her office, they saw the Year 1 classrooms, the school hall and the main school office. Mrs Mendel welcomed the children in, they looked at all the lovely books and we sang our Ladybird song together. The children walked beautifully through the school and made all of their teachers proud.

In physical development, the children enjoyed taking part in a fruit themed yoga session. They learnt to bring their hands together and say a secret yoga code word, 'namaste'. The children stretched into a banana pose, made themselves into a fruit bowl and fluttered their legs like the wings of a butterfly. Super fun Ladybirds!

In phonics, the children continued to practise identifying a wide range of sounds made by percussion instruments and began to copy and create patterns of sounds. We shared the story 'Baby Goes to Market' by Atinuke. The children thoroughly enjoyed counting the fruits in the story and counting down by one each time.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for parent consultations. It was a pleasure to speak with you and share how well your children have settled into Ladybird class.

After the half term break, the children will enjoy art and craft activities linked to Bonfire Night. They will learn about Diwali and take part in a range of activities to celebrate.

The Nursery team would like to wish you all a wonderful half term break.

Reception:

This week the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in many activities during Nature and Nurture week. They talked about what is meant by being healthy, listened to the story 'The Carrot Club' and enjoyed tasting a selection of fruit and vegetables. George K in Barn Owl class said when sampling blueberries, 'I like the blackcurrant taste inside these blueberries.' The children also recited the poem 'Juiciest Apple' by Komal Punjabi.

*I'm just a juicy apple,
Lying on a tree.
If you're really hungry
Come and pick me.
If I am bitten
Watch the juice squirt out.
Into their lunch boxes
Into their mouth.
I'm just a rosy apple.
Red and juicy too
So, come and pick me.
I am so good for you.*

Mr Pullin led a very energetic PE session and the children discussed what was happening to their body after an activity. They also took part in a lovely yoga session posing in different yoga positions linked to animals and practised gentle breathing techniques whilst listening to meditation music. Whilst Nedu in Snowy Owl class was lying on the floor and relaxing at the end of the yoga session in the hall, he said, 'I like the rainbow scarf going over my body!'



The children learnt about the importance of maintaining a good level of hygiene. They enjoyed the story 'Supersoap' and singing the 'Supersoap' song. The children loved having ultraviolet germs painted on their hands and singing a rhyme of their choice whilst washing their hands to ensure all the germs had disappeared. They also looked at the importance of cleaning their teeth and enjoyed using toothbrushes and toothpaste to clean a set of teeth. When brushing a set of laminated teeth with a toothbrush and toothpaste, Amari in the Tawny Owl class said, 'minty fresh!'

The children focused too on the importance of getting lots of sleep to rest and repair their bodies. They loved playing with the dolls and preparing them for bed. They pretended to bath the dolls and clean their teeth, then wrapped them up in a blanket. The children either sang a lullaby to their doll or read them a bedtime story and finished off by giving their soft toy a goodnight kiss. Wolfie in Barn Owl class said, as he was putting his baby to bed, 'If I have a baby one day, my mum will sort him out!'

In mathematics, the children learnt about adding one more. They enjoyed beating a drum then clapping the number that would be one more, for example, if they heard three beats on the drum, the children clapped four times. The children also used the drum to add one more to a number of objects.

The Musician of the Month has been Louis Armstrong. The children learnt a range of facts such as Louis Armstrong played the trumpet and was the leader of a band. He had several nicknames such as 'Pops', 'Satchmo' and 'Ambassador Satch'. They listened to Louis Armstrong singing his famous song, 'What a Wonderful World' and other hit songs such as 'We have All the Time in the World' and 'Dream a little Dream with Me' with Ella Fitzgerald. When listening to one of Louis Armstrong's songs, Shiva in Snowy Owl class said, 'I just love it!' and continued to sing all the words at the top of his voice!

After the half term holiday, in mathematics, the children will be focusing on triangles and circles, looking at artwork created by Wassily Kandinsky. In understanding the world, the children will be using icing sugar to create a cement-like mixture to join biscuits together to build a simple house.

Year 1:

This week has been our Nature and Nurture week. The children reflected on the importance of looking after our bodies and minds and learning a range of ways in which we can do this. The calm tranquility of the yoga workshop on Tuesday run by Jane from Happy Little Yogi was one of the highlights of the week. Parker and Noah in Walker Bear class said 'the music made you feel calm.' Ayla and Charlie loved the

giant drum and Sophie said the rainbow blanket made her feel happy. On Friday, the children enjoyed a full day of sports and mindfulness activities including making stress balls, doing mindful colouring, dancing, riding bikes and playing parachute games. In design and technology, the children used their knowledge of their own taste preferences from last week's fruit tasting session to design themselves a delicious, healthy fruit kebab. They followed their own plans to make their kebabs and then enjoyed a healthy snack! Olaf in Big Cat class said, 'The grapes taste sour but juicy.' Francesca in Red Fox class exclaimed, 'It was so yummy!' All the children took part in an experiment first, though, to find out about the importance of washing your hands before preparing or eating food. They used an invisible UV lotion on their hands to see how something such as germs can be transferred to things that you touch. They were amazed to see their fingerprints become visible under the UV light! The children showed that they were very knowledgeable about when they should wash their hands, listing after using the toilet, before eating and when coming in from outdoors as some examples and could explain that it could make them poorly if they ate something with germs on.



In science, and as part of Nature and Nurture week, the children planted flowers and bulbs to make our school look beautiful. They looked closely at the bulbs before planting them, and recorded in a plant diary what the bulb looks like. Over the next few months, the children will observe the bulbs growing and will record different stages of growth in their diaries.

As part of Black History Month, the children learnt about the importance of recognising the achievements and contributions that all people make to the societies they live in. They learnt that historically Black people have not been treated fairly in all societies, including in the UK, and that the contributions and achievements of Black people have often not been celebrated. In English, the children researched facts about a Black person who is famed for a significant contribution to society. They were very inspired to hear about President Barack Obama, Martin Luther King Jr, Maya Angelou and Marcus Rashford and then chose which person to write about. The children produced some wonderful fact files.

Next week is half term and we hope you have a wonderful rest. The children have worked incredibly well to settle into Year 1 over these past eight weeks so we are not giving them homework.

After half term, we will begin our weekly outdoor learning sessions. These will begin in the second week back (week commencing 11th November). Please note your child's day:

Walker Bears – Monday

Red Foxes – Thursday

Big Cats – Friday

On those days your children will need to come suitably dressed for being outside. They need sturdy shoes or wellies, old clothes that you don't mind getting muddy, a waterproof coat, and as the weather gets colder they will need hats and gloves. Layers are a good option! If by any chance you have some old wellies or old waterproof clothes (trousers, all-in-ones or jackets) that you would be happy to donate to the school, it would be really helpful. We will send you more information in the first week back.

Year 2:

It has been a marvellous week in Year 2, with such a variety of wonderful activities taking place, and the fantastic Year 2 autumn concerts. Thank you for coming along to enjoy the work your children have completed this half term. We're sure you are as proud of them as we are!

We have been celebrating Nature and Nurture week in school and the children have taken part in a range of activities to learn how to take care of themselves and the world around them. At the start of the week, the children revisited how to stay clean to keep themselves healthy. To investigate the importance of handwashing, they rubbed a special gel into their hands and used an ultraviolet torch, which highlighted any hidden dirt. It made the children think about parts of the hand we sometimes miss when washing, particularly under our fingernails and round our wrists.



On Tuesday, the children enjoyed taking part in a yoga workshop, led by the Happy Little Yogi company. They listened and followed the instructions so beautifully and came away from the workshop very relaxed. The children also learnt about the importance of good mental health and how we need to take care of our minds as well as our bodies. They enjoyed learning some mindful breathing techniques and some activities that promote mindfulness.

The week continued with the children using the safe cutting skills they learnt last week to make a healthy salad. They also had the opportunity to plant bulbs and flowers in the pots around school, which finished off a truly wonderful Nature and Nurture week.

When we return after half term, the children will learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. They will learn about the features of non-fiction books, including the contents, index and glossary. In art and design, the children will learn shading techniques to sketch a portrait of Guy Fawkes, and quilling techniques to create a firework silhouette picture.

In mathematics, the children will start a new unit focusing on addition and subtraction. They will recall the bonds to ten, which they learnt in Year 1, and build their fluency to recall the bonds easily. The children will then explore addition and subtraction bonds within 20, learning strategies to work them out quickly.

The children will start new units in PE, focusing on dance and fundamental skills. In RE, the children will learn how nature is important across religions and will be encouraged to make links between religions. In PSHCE, the children will start a new unit called 'celebrating difference'. Our first lesson will explore how people make assumptions about girls and boys and some ways in which they are different. In computing, the children will start a new unit of work learning how to create music digitally.

We have not set homework for the half term break. The children have worked incredibly hard and deserve a good rest! If you would like to continue with some work over the holiday, please read with your child, either their school reading book or library books. If you would like to work on developing your child's mathematics skills, please log on to Numbots.

Please may we remind you that the Year 2 trip to Mountfitchet Castle is taking place on Thursday 7th November. Please log on to Arbor to give consent for your child to attend and make payment if you haven't done so already.

Thank you all for your wonderful support in this first half term. We hope you have a fantastic break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th November.

CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY

TROPHY-BEARING CLASS WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

RED FOX CLASS

100%

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE – WELL DONE!!



STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>Ladybird Nursery Classes</p>	<p><i>Amira for excellent participation in yoga.</i></p> <p><i>Jaxon for wonderful imagination in the role play as a greengrocer.</i></p> <p><i>Freya R for super recall of how to be healthy.</i></p> <p><i>Gracious for your butterfly pose in yoga.</i></p> <p><i>Dominik for fantastic imagination in the role play.</i></p>
<p>Snowy Owls</p>	<p><i>Kennedy for making excellent progress with your reading.</i></p> <p><i>Bear for being able to describe how to brush your teeth.</i></p>
<p>Tawny Owls</p>	<p><i>Amari for recalling lots of facts about how to keep your teeth healthy.</i></p> <p><i>Max for looking after the baby doll so carefully when acting out the bedtime routine.</i></p>
<p>Barn Owls</p>	<p><i>Theo for showing how to be kind and gentle when putting a baby to bed.</i></p> <p><i>Annabelle for being very knowledgeable about how to keep healthy in different ways.</i></p>
<p>Value of the month - Unity</p>	<p><i>Snowy Owls: Nedu, Chayson and Molly</i></p> <p><i>Tawny Owls: Ayla, Mia and Tillie</i></p> <p><i>Barn Owls: Vincent, Teddie and Daisy</i></p>
<p>Red Foxes</p>	<p><i>George for super listening.</i></p> <p><i>Nyameye for always trying your best in all learning.</i></p>
<p>Big Cats</p>	<p><i>Esther for being a positive role model for others in the class.</i></p> <p><i>Mauro for always making sensible contributions during class discussions.</i></p>
<p>Walker Bears</p>	<p><i>Aadam for making a delicious fruit kebab.</i></p> <p><i>Eva for writing a fantastic fact file about Maya Angelou.</i></p>
<p>Value of the month - Unity</p>	<p><i>Big Cats: Sumayyah, Joshua and Hannah</i></p> <p><i>Red Foxes: Irina and Ella- Rae</i></p> <p><i>Walker Bears: Mia, Kaden and Ahmed</i></p>

<i>Pelicans</i>	<i>All the children in Pelican class for a super performance in your autumn concert.</i>
<i>Puffins</i>	<i>All the children in Puffin class for a super performance in your autumn concert.</i>
<i>Penguins</i>	<i>All the children in Penguin class for a super performance in your autumn concert.</i>
<i>Value of the month - Unity</i>	<i>Puffins: Rose-Marie and Reggie Penguins: Clark and Aimee Pelicans: Yamihle and Olivia</i>

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday November 5th.

Kindest regards,

***Rouane Mendel
Headteacher***

DINOS AFTER DARK 2024
At Hertfordshire Zoo
October Half Term
5:30pm – 8:30pm

UV Drummers • UV Puppet show
Inflatable Dinos • Glitter Tattoos
Dino meet & greets • Silent Disco

Scan the QR code to book now

Hertfordshire ZOO




Autumn Half Term for Families



Welwyn Roman Baths joins the national celebration of the launch of 'Romans get Rowdy' by Greg Jenner. We will be hosting the museum family trail included in general admission prices (£6 for adults, £2 for children) Learn all about the Romans with this fun activity!



The Watermill at Mill Green has its popular 'Spooky Sunday' event on 27th October. Start with an interactive story quest followed by slime making, mill tours, craft activities, face glitter and much more. £8.40 per child. Adults go FREE!



Both sites offer a range of children's activities including 'Clay Monsters', 'Frankenstein pom-pom shooters' crafts and a special Halloween afternoon of 'Horrrifying Howls and Spooky Stories' to get you in the mood for Trick and Treating!. All £6 per child.

See our websites and social media for further details:

www.millgreenmuseum.co.uk/whats-on www.facebook.com/millgreenmillandmuseum
www.millgreenmuseum.co.uk/roman-baths www.facebook.com/welwynromanbaths

RoARRRsome Dinosaur Fun!

Meet Pete, from the Travelling Natural History Museum.

See and handle some fabulous fossils and models, join in games and activities.

Perfect for families with under 7s.



Saturday 9 November

Sessions at 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm

£7.50 per person (£6.25 concessions) £25 for a group ticket (up to 4 people)

Book at Art tickets!



Scan here to book

POP-UP PLAY!

Introducing our new Play Café!

The Lecture Room will be open, as well as the existing play spaces around the museum - lots of opportunity for play of all kinds!

**£3 PER CHILD
INCLUDES A DRINK FOR YOU AND
YOUR LITTLE ONE - AS WELL AS
LOTS OF PLAY!**

Check the website for dates and times as we can't offer the full range of play if we have another event on. As this is a drop in, you can pay on the day! Phone 01438 218 881 or email museum@stevenage.gov.uk

OPEN

MOST FRIDAYS, 10-11.30AM AND 2.30-4PM

MOST SATURDAYS, 10AM-12NOON

PLUS ONE THURSDAY A MONTH, 12.30-3PM.



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Thursday 31 October and
Friday 1 November
11.30AM-12.30PM AND 1-2PM

Meet some live animals and learn about them with Teaching Talons!

£6 (£5 concessions),
£20 for a group ticket
(up to 4 people).

Book online at Art
Tickets





Welcome! Autumn 2024

To our Autumn edition of the Schools Stay Safe Newsletter.
Read on for advice on ways to stay safe for you and your family.

Keep you and your home warm this winter.

There are low-cost ways to heat your home without compromising on your safety.

1. Close your blinds and curtains at night when its dark.
2. Find ways to block draughts.
3. Put secondary glazing film on your windows.
4. Use heated throws or blankets.
5. Get your boiler serviced regularly so its runs efficiently.
6. Make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector.
7. Heat the person not the room!
8. Turn down thermostats in rooms you rarely use.



Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



Staying safe with fireworks this Autumn

If you decide to use fireworks at home, ensure they are used safely and responsibly.

- In the wrong hands fireworks can cause life changing injuries if they are not used properly.
- Keep candles, sparklers, and naked flames in lanterns away from fancy dress costumes.
 - Some trick or treat sweets and make-up can contain traces of allergens & irritants (e.g. nuts, additives, chemicals)
 - Read instructions and warnings on fireworks – light fireworks at arm's length to avoid serious injury and severe burns.
 - Only buy fireworks from licensed businesses that sell fireworks with a CE mark.
 - Keep boxes of fireworks well away from areas where fireworks are being lit.
 - Fireworks should not be sold to children under 18.



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Fire Safety in the home - did you know?

- Cooking appliances are the main cause of fires in the home.
- Around five accidental dwelling fires a day are started by smoking.
- Faulty electrical appliances cause over 3,500 fires in the home each year.
- Three accidental dwelling fires a day are caused by candles.
- Working smoke alarms correctly positioned in your home can save your life.
- You need to replace smoke alarms every 10 years.



Vaping and under 18-year-olds

- It is illegal to sell vapes containing nicotine to children under 18, or for adults to buy them on their behalf.
- Their developing lungs and brains mean they are more sensitive to its effects.
- Some cheap, illegal vapes may contain heavy metals and dangerous chemicals, and even illegal drugs.
- Lithium-ion batteries in vaping devices can overheat and explode, causing fires.
- If you find a retailer selling either nicotine vapes or tobacco products to under-18s, you can report them via the Citizens Advice online portal



Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



Are you aware of StayWise?

StayWise is an interactive website packed full of fun activities from the UK's leading emergency services and safety-focused organisations, making it easy for you to find trusted activities that provide learning opportunities to help keep you safe.

There's lots to do on there for children and they are learning as they play!



If you need any further information or advice on any of these topics, please feel free to call our friendly staff at your local station:

- **Hemel Hempstead Fire Station**
01442 867132
HemelHempstead.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk
- **St Albans Fire Station**
01992 507650
StAlbans.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Have you tested your smoke detector lately?

Do you have a night-time routine?

Would you know how to escape in the unlikely event of a fire?

We encourage you to book yourself a free Home Fire Safety Visit today.
The local station numbers are to the right of this newsletter.

Don't forget, the visit is **FREE!**

- Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Community Safety
- www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SCHOOL DATES AND EVENTS AUTUMN TERM 2024-25

OCTOBER – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HALF TERM Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 5th November Diwali Assembly celebrated in school, pupils only

3.45-4.30 Tuesday 5th November Reception Tour for parents applying for a September 2025 place

9.00 Wednesday 6th November FROG AGM – please come to front office, all parents welcome to join our FROG/PTA

Wednesday 6th November Safari Stu Visit – Year 1

Thursday 7th November – Year 2 trip to Mountfitchet Castle

Monday 11th November Remembrance Assembly and silence in school, pupils only

Week of 11th November – Year 1 outdoor learning sessions start

8.50-9.50 Tuesday 12th November INCo Coffee Morning

9.30 – 11.00 Wednesday 12th November Positivity with Pudsey – Reception

Wednesday 13th November PM Peter Pan Pantomime Year 1 and Year 2

5.30-7.00 Wednesday 13th November – OPEN EVENING

Thursday 14th November – Nursery Stay and Play begins – 8.30-9.20 every Thursday

November 15th Non-uniform day for Children In Need

Friday 15th November Guru Nanak's birthday celebrated in school, pupils only

Tuesday 19th November KITTLE individual photos

Tuesday 19th November Bridge Builders Advent Assembly in school, pupils only

Friday 22nd November Year 1 History of Toys Day

8.30 Tuesday 26th November – Flu Vaccinations

1.00-2.30 Tuesday 26th November Festive Journey off-site Pelican class

3.45-4.30 Monday 25th November Nursery Tour of parents applying for a September 2025 place

3.45-4.30 Tuesday 26th November Reception Tour for parents applying for a September 2025 place

1.00-2.30 Wednesday 27th November Festive Journey off-site Puffin class

1.00-2.30 Thursday 28th November Festive Journey off-site Penguin class

Thursday 28th November Advent Assembly in school, pupils only

Friday 29th November – Occasional Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

9.15 Tuesday 3^d December – Barn Owl Christmas Concert

9.15 Wednesday 4th December – Tawny Owl Christmas Concert

9.15 Thursday 5th December – Snowy Owl Christmas Concert

Tuesday 10th December – Year 1 Nativity in Church

3.45-4.30 Tuesday 10th December Reception Tour for parents applying for a September 2025 place

9.30 Wednesday 11th December Year 2 Christmas Concert

6.00 Wednesday 11th December Year 2 Christmas Concert

10.00 Thursday 12th December Nursery Christmas Concert – by invitation

2.00 Thursday 12th December Nursery Christmas Concert – by invitation

1.00 Tuesday 17th December Orca class invites parents in for Christmas celebration

3.15-4.30 Tuesday 17th December FROG Christmas Event

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Parties with possible surprise visitor

***Friday 20th December – END OF TERM
SCHOOL CLOSSES 1.00 PM***

TERM DATES 2024-25

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd September 2024 – 20th December 2024

[Half Term: Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024]

Monday 4th November 2024 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th November 2024

Friday 29th November 2024 OCCASIONAL Day SCHOOL CLOSED

School finishes on Friday 20th December 2024 at 1.00pm

[Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December 2024 – Friday 3rd January 2025]

Children return to school on Monday 6th January 2025

Spring Term: Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

[Half term: Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025]

Children return to school on Monday 24th February 2025

School finishes on Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.00pm

[Easter Holidays: Monday 7th April 2025 – Monday 21st April 2025]

Children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Summer Term: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Monday 5th May 2025 Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 26th May 2025 Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

[Half term: Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025]

Monday 2nd June 2025 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Monday 30th June 2025 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED

School finishes on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 1.00pm



2024 / 25 School Calendar

September '24						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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October '24						
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November '24						
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December '24						
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January '25						
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27	28	29	30	31		

February '25						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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March '25						
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April '25						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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May '25						
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June '25						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July '25						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August '25						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- = Term Time
- = 23/24 Pupil Holidays
- = Bank and Public Holidays
- = 2024/25 Pupil Holidays
- = Inset Day - school closed to pupils
- = Occasional Day - (school closed to pupils)

