

Safe, Ready and Respectful



Be Kind



Keep Improving



Never Give Up

Welcome Back: Coming back to school for this new term has been an absolute pleasure. The children have come back refreshed and ready for all the challenges and opportunities of a new school year. They have settled into their new classes really well and the new ones to the school have settled in quickly. Where we may have predicted some transition difficulties, I have been delighted with how well all of the children have started and how happy they are. Well done to the staff and parents for all the preparation and support.

New Uniform: I am so pleased that so many of you have opted to start the year with the new uniform. The children look very smart (see page 10)

New staff: I would like to welcome three new staff to our team. Ibrahim Redouane is working with pupils in Year 1, Cornelia Popa with Year 3 and Lauren Keem with pupils in Year 4. I know they are going to fit into the team and be a real asset to our school.

Attendance. Whole school attendance since the start of this term is 95.9%. This is a pleasing start and good attendance makes such a difference to children's long term success. Well done!



Our **enrichment activities** have begun. Year 5 went swimming this week and Year 4 went to Sele School for an activity afternoon where they took part in a number of games and sports, very ably led by the Sports Leaders.

Curriculum Meetings: Please make sure these are in your diary. (see page 3)

Have a great weekend.
J Fisher

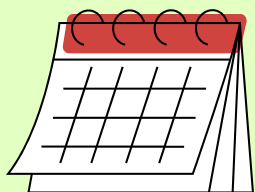


Type of query	Member of staff to contact
Safeguarding/child protection	Mr Fisher, Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Poole and Mrs Richardson
Any issues relating to your child or another child in the class	Email admin to arrange a meeting, sometimes a phase leader may join this meeting
If you do not feel the issue has been resolved or you may need more advice.	Step 1 Phase Leader EYFS-Miss White Year 1 - 3- Mrs Christman Yea 4 - 6 -Mr Chandler Step 2 Deputy Headteacher Mrs Hannah Cracknell Step 3 Headteacher- Mr Fisher
Inclusion/ Special Educational Needs	Mrs Smail
Looked After and Previously Looked After Children	Mrs Cracknell
Payments/Finance	Miss Byrne Mrs Tilbury
Admissions	Miss Byrne
Complaints	Please refer to school complaints policy on the <u>website</u> .

Upcoming Events 2026 / 2027

 September 	
Monday 14th	Curriculum meeting - Y1 3.15 pm
Tuesday 15 th	Curriculum meeting - Y4 3.15 pm
Wednesday 16th	Curriculum meeting - Y2 3.15 pm
Wednesday 16th	Year 2 development day at Sele - PM
Thursday 17th	Curriculum and Cuffley meeting Y5 3.15 pm
Friday 18th	Curriculum meeting - Y3 3.15 pm
Friday 18th	Rearranged trip to Standalone farm
Monday 21 st	Curriculum and PGL meeting - Y6 3.15 pm
Monday 21 st	Y1 development day at Sele - PM
Wednesday 30 th	Y6 development day at Sele - PM

 October 	
Thursday 1 st	Y6 visit to St Andrews Church
Friday 2nd	Stay and Play - Nursery / Reception and the Nest
Monday 5 th - Friday 9 th	Year 6 PGL
Monday 5th - Friday 9th	Alternate PGL week
Tuesday 6 th	Y5 Rugby event at Hertford Rugby club - AM
Thursday 8 th - Friday 9 th	Y5 - Overnight residential Cuffley
Thursday 15th	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 10am
Friday 16th	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Thursday 22 nd	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 2pm
Friday 23rd	Last day of Autumn 1 - school to finish at normal time
Monday 26 th - Friday 30th	Half term





November



Monday 2nd	Mastering number workshop for Reception parents
Wednesday 4th	Parents evening and stepping stones meetings Nursery - Year 6
Thursday 5 th	Parents evening and stepping stones meetings Nursery - Year 6
Friday 6 th	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 10am
Monday 9th	Mastering number workshop for Year 1 parents
Wednesday 11th	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 4 pm
Thursday 12th	Parents evening and stepping stones meetings The Nest
Friday 13th	Nursery rhyme stay and play - Nursery / Reception and the Nest
Monday 16th	Mastering number workshop for Year 2 parents



December



Wednesday 9 th	Decoration making 2 - 3 pm Parents invited
Thursday 10 th	Christingle service at Hertford Baptist Church - Parents invited - PM
Wednesday 11th	EYFS and The Nest - Christmas sing and sign - 9am
Wednesday 11 th	School Christmas dinner
Monday 14 th	Year 1 and 2 - Nativity play 9am
Monday 14 th	Rock Steady concert - PM Time TBC
Wednesday 16 th	Whole school trip to the Pantomime
Thursday 17th	Year 1 and 2 - Nativity play 2.30 pm
Friday 18 th	End of term - School to finish at 1:15 pm

Nursery

A warm welcome to all of our families from the Nursery team!

We are thrilled with how quickly the children have settled into Nursery. We have been busy engaging in lots of different learning but most importantly we have been having lots of fun!



Reception

What a fantastic start we have had in Reception! The children have settled in beautifully and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new classroom and getting to know their new routines. We have loved seeing familiar faces again and welcoming new friends to our class.

We have enjoyed reading lots of stories, singing songs, playing games and, of course, having lots of fun along the way! We are so proud of how well the children have settled and can't wait to see what this year will bring!





The Nest

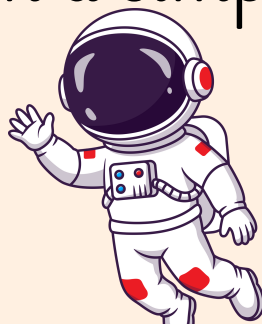


The children have had a wonderful start to the new term! They are beginning to settle into their daily routines and have adapted really well to life back in The Nest.

We have been spending lots of time getting to know our new friends, building relationships and exploring our classroom and all the exciting learning opportunities.

Year 1

Year 1 has settled in really well. We have had a great start to the term. Our topic this term is Space. In Science, we are exploring different materials and their properties. We have been counting in groups and representing numbers with objects. In English, we have started reading 'Astro Girl' and we're looking at using adjectives and nouns within a simple sentence.



Year 2

A very warm welcome back to all our families! We hope you had a wonderful break and returned feeling well rested and ready for the new school year.

The children have settled into Year Two really well and are beginning to enjoy learning about some of the slight differences and new expectations that come with their new year group.

In RE, we have been learning about the Jewish New Year and thinking about the meaning of saying "sorry". We have explored why saying sorry can sometimes be difficult, how we can truly mean it, and what we can do to make things right when we have made a mistake.

In Science, we have started learning about living things and the different life processes that all living things share. The children have been exploring what makes something "living" and beginning to identify the processes that help us recognise living things.

Year 3

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the new school year. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the summer holidays, and they have returned full of energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm. They have already shown great interest in their new topics, diving into activities with confidence and excitement. We are looking forward to a brilliant term ahead and all the learning still to come.

Year 4

I've really enjoyed beginning to get to know my new Year 4 class. They're keen and eager to learn which I'm always excited about. We've covered so much in the first week and it's been great to see them using maths resources so readily; producing some fantastic pieces of writing and enjoying their learning. We had a brilliant afternoon at Sele School on Wednesday trying out a range of different sporting activities. The organiser of this activity made a point of contacting the school and saying how well behaved our children were!

Year 5

Welcome back to a new school year! 🌟

It has been such a lovely start to the term. The children have settled in really well and have made a fantastic start to Year 5. They are working incredibly hard, showing great enthusiasm and are fully engaged in their learning.

It has been wonderful to see them already demonstrating such a positive attitude and being ready to challenge themselves. We are very proud of the way they have begun the year and are looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences ahead!





Year 6



Hello everyone and welcome to the new school year! I have to say that we have had an absolutely incredible start to the year. The children are so wonderfully engaged and ready to learn that I know we are going to achieve so much this year. They have already shown me some excellent writing and their mathematical knowledge has already impressed me. We have already done a lot and there is so much more to come.



Uniform

It has been so lovely to see so many of the children return in our new Hollybush uniform
I think you will agree the children look really smart.

