

Safe, Ready and Respectful



Be Kind



Keep Improving



Never Give Up

As ever lots has been going on behind the scene at school to make sure the children are being kind, improving and never giving up. This week, we have been looking at writing books across the school and the presentation was really good. So many children are really taking care to write neatly and develop the style that is appropriate to their age. I was very impressed.

We have been updating our behaviour policy. Ever since I first visited the school, the kindness shown by staff has been very clear. Our aim is to use relationships as a starting point for supporting children to develop good behaviour habits.

These are the important principles that apply to our approach

- Relationships are everything
- Behaviour is communication
- Kindness is central
- Focus on repairing and learning
- High expectation for everyone

The full policy can be accessed through opening this link.

Belonging and behaviour Policy

Enrichment: Since the last bulletin, two other year groups, Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed development days at Sele School. They have had opportunities to take part in a range of sporting activities. Some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children surprised us with how well they played tennis, football and other sports.

Our extended breakfast club (that is available free for any pupils from Reception up to Year 6, starts next week (from 8:15). Please remember that you need to book in advance.

Have a great weekend.

J Fisher



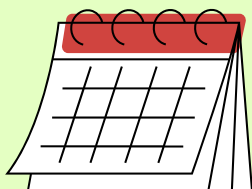
Type of query	Member of staff to contact
Safeguarding/child protection	Mr Fisher, Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Poole and Mrs Richardson
Any issues relating to your child or another child in the class	Email admin to arrange a meeting, sometimes a phase leader may join this meeting
If you do not feel the issue has 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	
Wednesday 30 th	Y6 development day at Sele - PM

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

November	
Monday 2 nd	Mastering number workshop for Reception parents
Wednesday 4 th	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 9 th	Mastering number workshop for Year 1 parents
Tuesday 10 th	Year 6 trip to the cinema
Tuesday 10 th	Year 4 trip to the cinema
Tuesday 10 th	Year 2 trip to the cinema
Tuesday 10 th	Reception trip to the cinema
Wednesday 11 th	Year 1 trip to the cinema
Wednesday 11 th	Year 5 trip to the cinema
Wednesday 11 th	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 4 pm
Thursday 12 th	Year 3 trip to the cinema





Harvest Collection

We will be collecting items for our Harvest Festival until Friday 2nd October

We welcome any donations except fresh food

Suggest items

Tins - must have a label

Cereal

Biscuits

Rice

Pasta

Tea

Coffee

Sugar

Baby food

Baby wipes

Please only donate if you are able

Items can be brought to the classroom or directly to the office

Thank you



FOHS

Friends of Hollybush School

The first meeting of this year will be on Friday 16th October at 2pm, finishing in time for school pick-up.

We'd really love as many parents/carers as possible to come along and see what it's all about.

No experience needed, no commitment and no roles have been decided yet! We're starting from scratch and would love to hear your ideas about what we could do for the children and the school.

There's no expectation to take on a big role or commit to lots of time — just come along, have a chat and see what you think

Nursery

The children have all settled incredibly well and already know the routines and expectations of Nursery. We have been finding out about our families and homes and sharing this with our friends. We have been drawing and painting ourselves, we even used playdoh to make ourselves! We enjoyed our first outdoor PE session with Matt.



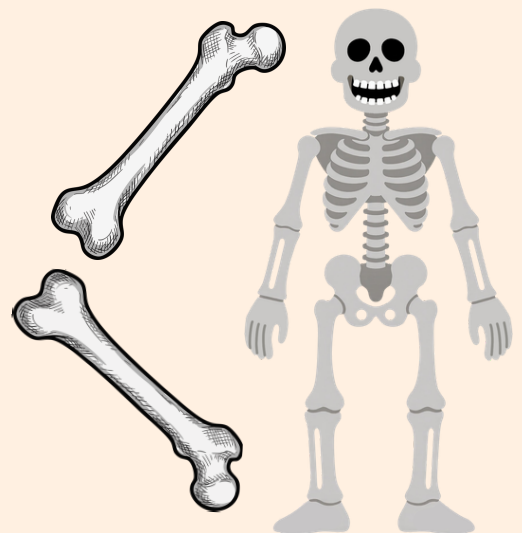
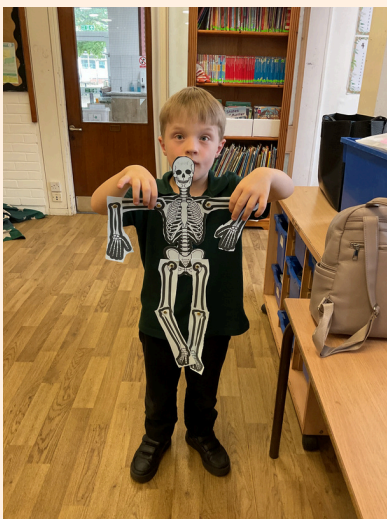
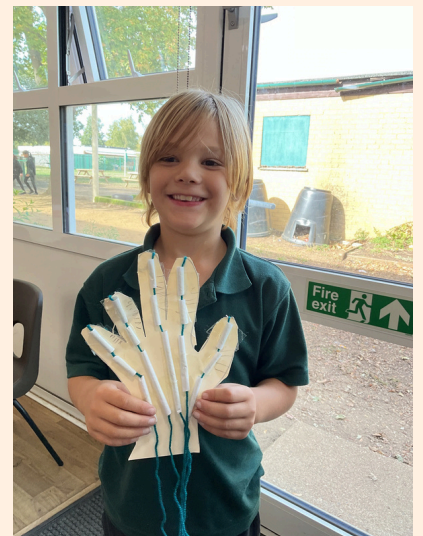
Year 1

Year 1 has had a fantastic start! They've focused on History and PSHE over the last few weeks. We have been exploring different emotions and different techniques we can use to help manage them. In History, we have been exploring Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to go into space and Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon! In English, we have been exploring non-fiction texts. We had an amazing trip to the farm, and got to feed lots of cute animal's. Year 1 went to development day at Sele school and had a brilliant time.



Year 3

Over the past three weeks, Year 3 have had great fun in science learning all about our skeleton, bones and muscles. The children loved creating their own split-pin skeletons and enjoyed pointing out and naming the bones they recognised. They now understand that a skeleton's main jobs are support, protection and movement. This week, we explored how our hands work by making movable paper hands. The class learnt that tendons pull to help our muscles contract and relax, which is what allows our fingers to bend and straighten. It has been a brilliant, hands-on unit full of curiosity, teamwork and excitement.



Year 5

Year 5 have settled in wonderfully and have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks, showing great enthusiasm and commitment to their learning.

In English, we have started reading a new book, *Hidden Figures*, which tells the inspiring story of four Black women who played an important role in the Space Race. They have been learning about their incredible contributions, as well as exploring NASA and NACA and discovering fascinating facts about their history and work.



In Science, we have been learning about separating materials. The children investigated how gold flakes and nuggets could be separated from soil by using sieves of different sizes. They enjoyed experimenting with different sieves and observing how the size of the holes affected the materials that passed through.