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Over the last couple of weeks, all of the classes have enjoyed Cinema trips. Not all schools are able to provide such memorable experiences. Reception enjoyed 'Paddington in Peru', Years 1, 2 and 3 were greatly amused by 'Dogman' and Year 4/5/6 found 'How to Train your Dragon' to be very engaging and quite emotional at parts.



During last week's Inset Day, we had Paediatric first aid training for lots of our support staff and the Early Years team and at the same time, an opportunity for the teachers to work on the curriculum. As we are a small school, each of our teachers has a number of roles and these include leading different areas of the curriculum. We had a review this week of the curriculum leadership and were very pleased by the outcome.



Today, Helen Ward from Hertford Baptist led a lovely assembly on advent. This builds on our RE curriculum and gives the children an understanding of the origins of Christmas.

The children focused so well and I was proud to see the respect they showed our visitor through the lovely listening.



If you are out at the Hertford Town Gala tonight, I hope you enjoy the Christmas Light Switch On. There are other opportunities for Festive fun at the Hertford Christmas Castle Market over the weekend.

Next week, we have the Nativity to watch and then the pantomime to look forward to.

Have a lovely weekend.



<p>SAFE</p> <p>We move around school in a safe manner. We follow instructions to keep ourselves safe. We keep hands, feet and uniform tidy to ourselves. We use equipment safely. We stay safe online. We talk to an adult if we feel unsafe.</p>	
<p>READY</p> <p>We wear correct uniform. We arrive at school on time. We have our equipment ready. We show that we are listening and ready to learn.</p>	
<p>RESPECT</p> <p>We listen when others speak and we respect the property of our friends and the school. We have an understanding of others' cultures and beliefs. We respect that everyone has a right to learn.</p>	

Type of query	Member of staff to contact
Safeguarding/child protection	Mr Fisher, Mrs Cracknell, Miss Borgeat, 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.	<p>Step 1 Phase Leader</p> <p>EYFS-Miss White Year 1 - 3- Mrs Christman Yea 4 - 6 -Mr Chandler</p> <p>Step 2 Deputy Headteacher Mrs Hannah Cracknell</p> <p>Step 3 Headteacher- Mr Fisher</p>
Inclusion/ Special Educational Needs	Miss Borgeat
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> .

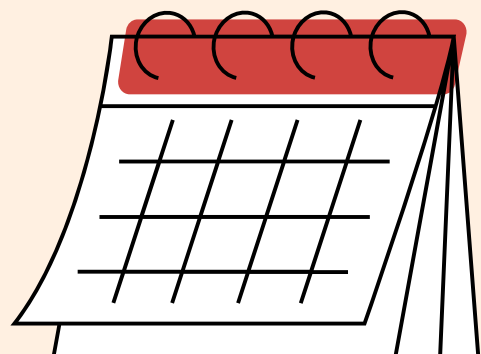
Upcoming Events

2025
2026

December	
Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd	Book fair
Tuesday 2 nd	Decorations day
Thursday 11 th	Y6 Carol singing at Carleton Court 7:15pm
Monday 15 th	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 19 th	Tales together
Friday 19 th	End of Term finish 1:15pm

February	
Friday 6 th	Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony camp
Friday 13 th	Tales together
Friday 13 th	End of half term finish normal time
Monday 23 rd	Inset day - School closed
Tuesday 24 th	Back to school

January	
Monday 5 th	Back to school



Christmas Dates



Wednesday 3rd December - Years 1 / 2 and 3 Christmas play. 2pm



Thursday 4th December - Years 1 / 2 and 3 Christmas play. 9am



Friday 5th December - Whole School Pantomime



Monday 8th December - Year 4 / 5 and 6 Carols 2pm



Tuesday 9th December - EYFS and The Nest Sing and Sign 9am



Wednesday 10th - Year 4 / 5 and 6 Carols 9am



Thursday 11th December - Christingle Time to be confirmed



Friday 12th December - Whole School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day



NO OUT SIDERS

There are No Outsiders at Hollybush.
Everyone is welcome in our school.
No one is the same, but everyone is equal.

In our assemblies in the last two weeks we have covered:

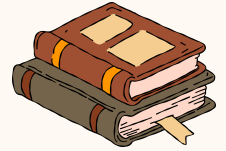


Using the recent Wicked movie, we discussed the character Nessarose, who uses a wheelchair.

In real life, the actor Marissa Bode also uses a wheelchair, yet this is the first time the character Nessarose has been played by a wheelchair user. In the past, the character has always been played by an actor pretending to be a wheelchair user.

The children were able to talk about how important representation is for everyone. Marissa Bode said "it's not something I saw a lot growing up. So to be in this huge movie, I just feel so lucky and grateful that I can be that representation and help people feel a lot less alone."

staff book review



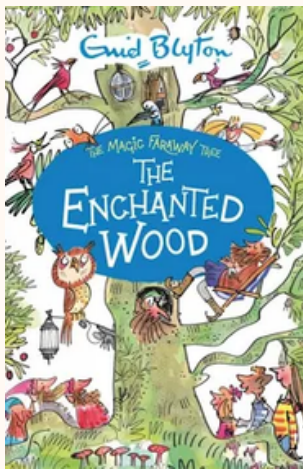
The Faraway Books series

The books follow Joe, Beth, and Frannie as they explore the Enchanted Wood and discover the gigantic, magical Faraway Tree—home to a range of fun and interesting characters and ever-changing worlds at its top.



The lands that rotate at the top of the tree—like the Land of Do-As-You-Please or the Land of Toys invite you to imagine limitless possibilities.

The characters (Moon-Face, Silky the Fairy, Saucepan Man) are full of charm. Their personalities are big and friendly without ever becoming frightening.



During my childhood I would love nothing more than picking up my books and going on the adventures with the characters in the story.

The descriptions help you to build up images of these characters. I felt like I really knew them! I have lost count how many times I have read the books!

Mrs Poole





Star readers



Year 2

Amelia
Summayah
Woody
Evelin
Patrick
Thea



Year 3

Shay
Theia-Jean
Ernie
Elizabeth
Arianna
Aleks



Year 4

Rocco
Ashton
Darcey
AJ
Aizah
Lewis
Ronan
Hasan
Eleanore
Izzy
Ava
Maisie
Maria



Year 5

Jake T
Riya
Chloe
Alex
Mia
Cecilia



Year 6

Gina
Nieve
Adam
Riyad
Conniw
Kason
Lily-Rose



Well done
everyone



Nursery

As always Nursery have been very busy over the past few weeks.

We have been very lucky to have had visits from both the Fire Brigade and the Police. The children were very curious to find out about what they did and what equipment that they used.

They all enjoyed trying on the various outfits, and sitting in the front of the Police car!

We then explored a range of different materials and used a range of words to describe what we could see and feel.

We read the story of The Three Little Pigs and worked out what would make a strong house. We made our own houses using either straw, sticks or bricks.

We are currently exploring space, something that the children are fascinated by! We are travelling to the moon in a variety of rocket ships and using different torches to guide the way!

The children are making some amazing space food with our 'space' play dough and have been investigating a variety of space rocks with different magnifying glasses.



Year 1

Year 1 has had a fun-filled few weeks of learning. Here are some of the key learning we have explored: Famous artists and how they use warm and cool colours to be expressive. How different weather might affect what we do (jobs/holidays, etc.).

In DT, we have been looking at designing and making our own seasonal snacks. Once the class had designed their snacks, they got to make them. We worked together as a class to collect the equipment. They made their own jam sandwiches and used sandwich cutters to make Christmas shapes in the bread.

Year 1 had a very successful and exciting trip to the Cinema this week to see Dogman. There were lots of laughing-out-loud moments during the film, and the children were so engaged throughout. Miss Deamer is very proud of how sensible they all were.

We are really looking forward to all the Christmas-themed events to come.



Year 3

Year 3 had an exciting day out when they went on a special cinema trip to watch Dog Man. At the cinema, they settled into their seats laughing and cheering throughout the film. It was a wonderful experience that brought the whole class together, sparking conversations about their favourite parts and when they returned to school.

Year 3 have also been busy preparing for their Christmas Nativity, practicing their lines and songs with great enthusiasm. The classroom has been filled with festive energy as the children rehearse together, helping one another remember cues and stage directions. Alongside the performance, they have also been designing a colourful program to share with families, adding drawings, titles, and decorations to make it extra special. Their creativity and teamwork are shining through, making this year's Nativity a truly memorable project. We can't wait to show you all.

Year 3 have continued to develop their gymnastics skills this week, focusing on spins, balances, and using equipment safely. The children have shown great determination as they practiced controlling their movements, holding steady positions, and working on smooth transitions. They especially enjoyed exploring different apparatus, from benches to mats, which helped them build confidence and strength.

Year 5

Year 5 have recently completed their science unit on properties of materials, exploring concepts such as hardness, transparency, conductivity, and both reversible and irreversible changes. They've also learnt a wide range of scientific vocabulary and are now using it with growing confidence. As part of their investigations, the children carried out practical activities that they can continue at home - such as observing rusting, burning different materials and even baking - all excellent examples of irreversible changes in action.



In gymnastics, Year 5 have been developing their skills by learning a range of rolls, including forward, backwards, barrel, straight and straddle rolls. They have also explored symmetrical and asymmetrical balances, working carefully on control and body tension. The children combined their rolls and balances to create their own polished movement sequence, showing great creativity and teamwork.





Monday 1st after school in the
hall

Tuesday 2nd all day please
come along to the hall during
decorations day or after
school