

Let your light shine...

HSA NEWSLETTER



30TH JANUARY 2026

Happy Friday!

We are at the end of a long, damp January and Spring is on the way at last! Children will be celebrating Spring, including Shrove Tuesday and Lunar New Year, on our Creativity Values Day at the end of half term. Watch out for the first ever HSA Pancake Race!

We have been making connections across our community over the last two weeks as part of our "Ask a..." series of events. Y3 enjoyed talking with children at a local Hare Krishna school. Our local MP, Josh Dean, visited us to talk with the children about democracy. They asked some insightful questions.

Please look out for Parent Consultation bookings so you too can ask us some insightful questions.

Ms Cooper

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB

10
11
Parent Consultations

9-
13
Book Fair in school

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Values Day - Creativity

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20
Half term

ATTENDANCE CUP

This week the winner of the Attendance Cup is...



Hazel's attendance was 99.1% - amazing!

Our attendance remains good, despite some nasty bugs going around school. We have been encouraging extra handwashing. We are so pleased that children are coming back to school as soon as they are well enough and getting straight back into learning. **As a reminder, we can administer antibiotics and other medicines in school.**

Shining Lights Awards

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We had nominations for computing, RE, PE and Skateboarding this week. We also had lots of nominations for children making huge improvements with their handwriting and presentation - we love this way of letting your light shine!

Elm

Olivia
Mila
Casey
Zen
Kaiden
Melody
Tyrese
Freddie
Casey
Ruth
Ryan
Lilly

Willow

Skylar
Eira
Dua
Tommy
Jeremiah

Hazel

Jacob
Rita
Olivia-Rae
Ben
Darayus
Riley
Victoria
Muhammad
Lilly

Birch

Eunice
Alfie
Beverly Ann
Harley
Owen
Delilah
ALL OF SKATEBOARDING CLUB

Hawthorn

Harper

Ash

Jethro
Alfie



Updates

Relationships and Sex Education

As you know, we are updating our Relationships and Sex Education policy and teaching in line with the new DfE guidelines. We want to be ready for September 2026. We will email you with links to the new framework and policy and ask for your input. We want to hear what is important for you, here, now so that your children are ready for the world.

Biking in school

Year 4 and Year 5 are taking part in free Bikeability classes on Monday.

Please bring their bikes if they have them.

We are delighted to have Herts Disability Sports Foundation working with us - they will even carry out minor bike repairs for you!

Safety at the gates

Another reminder for you that gates must be kept closed between 8.45am and 3.10pm. Please don't prop them open for each other - it's ok to be unhelpful! Please help us keep the children safe.

What's the best learning to do at home?

The very best thing to do at home to support your child's learning is read. **Read** with children, read to children and let them show off their reading to others - nan, grandad, baby brother, the dog! The next best thing you can do is **talk about their learning**. Children who can explain their learning remember it for longer. Thinking about learning (or metacognition if we're being fancy) is a proven way to speed up progress. Giving children a chance to talk about their achievements is also a great way to raise self esteem and feel good.

Finally, from Year 2 onwards children should start learning their **multiplication facts** - inside out and back to front. Practice makes progress!