

**Let your light shine...**

# HSA NEWSLETTER

11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026



**Happy Friday!**

It's the end of our first full week and it's been action packed!

Well done to our youngest learners who are already practising their phonics so they can all become readers. EYFS also welcomed two new friends - our fish: names pending! If we take very good care of them we can have some more fishy friends come and join them. Thank you to our Year 6 Fish Protectors Taliyah and Axel who have volunteered to help EYFS look after their pets.

Year 6 are already showing how responsible and grown up they are. They have lots of responsibilities around the school and it is a pleasure to see them taking their new position at the top of the school so seriously. Year 6 is a real growing up year.

Cricket coaching started in school today - look out for a professionally coached after school Cricket Club in our club offer next week. There is also a girls only lunchtime club.

We had our first Pupil Voice session yesterday where pupils shared their ideas for school year and chose their House Patrons. We will reveal our winning Patrons next week. They will be our role models for the year.

Ms Cooper

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT

**10  
18**

Introduction to Year Group meetings for each class

OCT

**21  
22**

Parent Consultations

**22**

Values Day: Curiosity

**23**

INSET - school closed to children

**26**

HALF TERM WEEK

## ATTENDANCE CUP

### The Attendance Cup will return!

**This week I received a letter from Herts County Council congratulating us on last year's attendance. We are above national averages. I would like to pass those congratulations on to you - you are the ones getting children up and dressed every morning! Thank you for all you do.**

**We remain committed to helping children stay happy, safe and learning in school.**

**If your child has had a tricky start to term, please do get in touch. Miss Leahy and Mrs Want can help. As a reminder, all children need to be above 90% attendance across the year. You can check your child's attendance on Arbor or give us a call to see if you are on track.**

# Highlights



## Facebook

Please check out our facebook page for photos and celebrations of school life.

We are changing the way we share photos in order to safeguard children. Please look out for a letter soon that explains more. In the meantime, we are going to start removing any photos that show children's faces in close up.

## Start of the Day

### Children need:

- a waterproof coat
- a water bottle
- a book bag
- a healthy snack in KS2

**Children don't need anything else.** Please check that your child isn't bringing toys or precious things to school. We will look after anything brought in and ask you to collect it at the end of the day. If your child needs fidgets or other SEND equipment, we will provide it.

### Becoming independent

We are always looking to the future for children, and that means helping them to become independent at the right pace.

We encourage **Year 5 and Year 6** to come into school by themselves. We especially encourage them to come and get some breakfast from 8am.

**Year 4 and Year 3** can say good bye at the gate walk across the playground themselves. Watch them walk taller as they feel more grown up!

**Younger children should be taken to class** – they're not ready to walk by themselves. If you are late, please bring them right up to the Office. They're too little to come in alone.

## Poetry Slam

Today we held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hertford St Andrew Poetry Slam.

Children have been writing and learning poems all week.

Today, they performed them to the whole school. I think this was our best poetry slam yet!

Children spoke clearly and confidently and took beautiful bows at the end. I especially enjoyed our Year 6 sonnets and Year 4's kennings about grandparents.

