Let your light shine...

HSA NEWSLETTER

6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Happy Friday!

We hope all our families had a safe and happy half term break, and a safe Guy Fawkes' Night.
We celebrated in school with a special party in the Hall for EYFS and KS1. The firework dancing was full of energy! KS2 came back to school after dark for our first HSA Late of the year. We lit a bonfire with wood chopped by Year 5 in Forest School. We were very lucky with the weather and as the skies cleared children were able to spot constellations and watch satellites whizzing across the sky. It was a very special school event and a big thanks go to all our wonderful staff who stayed late too.
We kept warm with jacket potatoes. We are part of Tesco's scheme to provide extra fruit and veg to schools who applied for their grant. So thank you to Tesco for providing our potatoes!
Our next big event is Hertford St Andrew's Got Talent. This will be on 27th November as part of out St Andrew's Day celebrations. Parents are warmly invited to attend and see what an incredible amount of talent we have in school. After that, we start our Advent preparations and begin the journey to Christmas.
Have a restful weekend,
Ms Cooper

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV

- 20 School Photos
- 27 HSA's Got Talent. 2pm
- 30 St Andrew's Day

DEC

- 08 Carol Service at Church. 2pm
- 09 Whole School Panto Trip
- 11 Christmas Craft Morning

ATTENDANCE CUP



This week's winner is...

Willow's attendance was 98.3%. Another win for Willow!

We will contact you if your child's attendance drops to 92% to see how we can help you and support your child. Every child deserves to be in school as much as they can.

Shining Lights Awards

Let your light shine

This week our shining lights have been developing confidence in Maths, remembering lots of Historical Facts, being thoughtful to other children and writing at home over half term and sharing that with us.

Elm
Ryan

Willow
Tommy
Jeremiah
Emmy-Rae
Sienna
Ava
Aaliyah-Marie

Hazel
Reggie
Alivia
Wynter
Darayus
All of Y4!

Birch
Taliyah
Eunice

Hawthorn
Rayana
Ayan
Jimmy

Rowan
Aren
Callum
Kit

School Snapshot



Where are all the photos???

We've shared photos from this week on our **Facebook Page**. Please do follow us.

We have a policy of not sharing children's faces fully. This is to prevent AI using our photos to make exploitative images of children.

There's still lots of joy in our photos - even the ones taken at night!

Wow Days

Every class gets a Wow Day this term. It's a chance for them to celebrate their learning and deepen their understanding of themes.

On Tuesday, Y4 had an Archaeology Wow Day. They handled genuine artefacts - some were 2000 years old. They learned like Archaeologists and spoke some Old English.

EYFS had their Wow Day today and spent a whole day outdoors learning. They made faces out of clay to decorate our trees.

Start and End of Day

We are reviewing procedures to keep children safe before and after school. You will be emailed a copy of our new policy. The big changes are:

- The playground gate will now open at 8.35am - the same time as classroom doors. Learning begins at 8.40am.
- Children arriving after 8.45 must be brought to the Office by an adult. We can't let them in the gate by themselves. We will call you if we're worried.
- At the end of the day, children will be dismissed at 3.15pm If you are late, they will stay in class with an adult until 3.25pm and then be taken to after school club to be looked after until you arrive. Please go to the Office if you arrive after 3.25pm.
- Y5 and Y6 need **written** permission from you to walk home by themselves.

Keeping in touch.

If you know of a parent who is not getting their emails from us - please let us know so we can help. **We try not to clog up inboxes!**

If you change your phone number or address, please tell us.

We aim to answer your emails or address non-urgent concerns in the same working week. When you email us, **please avoid the use of lengthy AI written messages**. They can be very 'general' and hard to understand. This can slow us down when we're trying to sort things out. It's often better to phone us or come in and talk face to face.