



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been Anti-Bullying week. The children have participated in assemblies and activities in their classrooms to learn about what bullying is and what to do if they experience or witness it. This culminated in Friendship Friday today when they thought about what being a good friend means to them. We also observed a 2 minute silence on Tuesday for Remembrance Day and the children were extremely respectful and thoughtful during the silence and the assembly that was held that morning.

Sports news

Last week our cross-country team had their next race, and once again they did their absolute best on the longest course yet. Congratulations to all our runners for their determination and resilience, and particularly well done to Sophia (7th) and Thomas (14th). Our netball team lost 4-2 to Maple, but Mrs Wonnacott was very pleased with how they played together as a team. Congratulations to Christina for being voted player of the match by her team mates. The Boys football team drew 3-3 against St Columba's and lost 1-0 to Killigrew.

Attendance

Our current school attendance for this academic year is 96.9%. The government announced this week that from this month, every school will be issued with minimum attendance improvement targets to ensure children are in school and ready to achieve. I will share this target with you when I receive it.

Coats

As you know, the children go out to play in all weathers unless it is torrential rain or unsafe. They have not been outside today due to the weather warning that is in place for this area, but they would usually go outside if it is raining. However, many children are still not bringing a waterproof coat. While the ACS fleeces are cosy and smart, they are no good in the rain! Please could you send your child to school every day with a warm, waterproof coat, preferably with a hood for the wetter days.

Parent information meeting about children's screen time

I know from personal experience that navigating the minefield of children's time on a screen can be tricky for parents, so I am delighted to welcome Mr Tavender from Cunningham Hill Junior School to lead a meeting for parents on Friday 28th November at 2.30pm. He has visited before to talk to parents about children's use of smartphones, and his talk this time will touch on this topic again, but also cover children's screen time more generally. There will be an option for parents to join remotely if you are unable to attend in person, but I hope that this time of day is suitable for lots of parents to attend.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

Diary dates Autumn term 2025

18th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
20th November	Year 5 visit to Masorti Synagogue
21st November	Amethyst sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am

21st November	Year 6 Debating workshop
24 th November	Pumpkins Wildlife Hospital assembly
28th November	Sage sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
28 th November	Non-school uniform day - tombola and cake donations
28 th November	Meeting for parents about children's screen time 2.30pm
29 th November	PTA Winter Fair
2nd December	Advent Service rehearsal 1 - 2.30pm for Year 6 readers
2 nd December	Junior Choir performing in St Peter's Church
3rd December	Schools Advent Service in Cathedral for some Year 6 children
5th December	Forest sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
5 th December	Wear It Wild Day – fundraiser for Pumpkins Wildlife Hospital
8th December	Reception health screening for Sept-Feb born children
9th December	Orchestra concert in the hall 9.00am
10th December	Year 1 performance in the theatre at 9:15am
12th December	Reception performance in the theatre at 9:15am
15th December	Year 3 concert 3pm in the theatre
16th December	Pantomime at the Alban Arena 10:30am
17th December	Christmas Lunch
19th December	Year 2 concert in the theatre at 9:00am
19th December	End of term 1.30pm

Sports Fixtures

18th November	Girls football v Samuel Ryder
21st November	Year 5 Boys football v Aboyne Lodge
24th November	Netball v Bernards Heath
25th November	Girls football v Prae Wood
5 th December	Year 4 Boys football v Maple
12 th December	Year 5 Girls football v Aboyne Lodge
TBC	Year 5 Girls football v Maple (postponed 14/11 due to weather)