



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Sports results**

Yesterday 30 children from Year 6 participated in the St Albans Athletics competition. They thoroughly enjoyed the event and showed excellent determination and teamwork. Our Year 6 Boys football team played their first match of 2026 this week against Prae Wood. They lost 3-1 unfortunately, but Mr Allen was pleased with their positive attitude and resilience, and the improvement they showed in the second half. Our Girls team has a match on Tuesday, so good luck girls!

### **Attendance**

Our current school attendance for this academic year is 96.1%, so we are a little off the target of 96.7% that is set by the DfE. Please help us to meet this target by not booking family days out or holidays in term time because these will not be authorised.

### **Lost Property**

The lost property mountain is back already! Please make sure you clearly label all your child's belongings so that we can return items to their owners.

### **Lunch accounts**

A polite reminder from the office team to make sure your child's lunch account is kept topped up because it creates a lot of additional work for them when lunch accounts go overdrawn. Thank you.

### **Managing Children's Digital Lives**

This is always a tricky area for parents to negotiate, so you may be interested in some information from the Children's Commissioner that I have uploaded to the Online Safety page on our website to help parents to manage this. There is also an activity pack for parents to do with their children to open up conversations around managing online habits.

### **Message from HCC about Speech, Language and Communication needs.**

Schools have been asked to share the following message with their communities.

Support your child's communication: visit Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer's information on speech, language, and communication needs. Whatever stage you are at in understanding your child's speech, language and communication development, you can find something to help on the Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer website.

- Understand the developmental stages of speech and language
- Discover tools and activities to support your child's communication development at home, provided by speech and language therapists and specialist advisory teachers.
- Access fast support through free advicelines where you can talk to an expert.
- Learn about the range of services available across health and education.

Find support for speech language and communication for children, young people and young adults:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/services-for-children-and-young-people/speech-language-and-communication.aspx>

Some more events have been added to the diary, and there is a change of date for the Year 5 concert, so please take a look to update your diaries.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

### Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

30 January	Saffron Class sharing assembly 9.00am in the theatre
4 February	Class photographs
6 February	Gold Class sharing assembly 9.00am in the theatre
9 February	Children's Mental Health Week
10 February	Safer Internet Day
13 February	Amber Class sharing assembly 9.00am in the theatre
16 February	Half term
27 February	Vermillion Class sharing assembly 9.00am in the theatre
5 March	World Book Day
6 March	Crimson Class sharing assembly 9.00am in the theatre
12 March	Parent Consultation meetings
13 March	Scarlet Class sharing assembly 9.00am in the theatre
17 March	Parent Consultation meetings
17 March	Junior Orchestra Open Rehearsal - parents welcome
20 March	Year 4 Viking Day
23 March	Orchestra performing with St Albans Schools at Alban Arena (and 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> )
23 March	Multi-faith assembly
24 March	Year 5 Spring Concert 9.00am in the theatre *CHANGE OF DATE*
25 March	Year 6 trip to RAF Museum
27 March	End of term 1.30pm

## Sports fixtures

27 January	Year 6 Girls football v Cunningham Hill
5 February	Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival
10 February	Year 6 Girls football v Mandeville
24 February	Year 6 Girls and Boys football v Prae Wood
26 February	Cross country @ Mandeville
26 February	Netball match v Bowmansgreen
2 March	Netball match v St Adrians
3 March	Year 6 Boys football v St Columba's
9 March	Netball match v Camp
10 March	Year 6 Girls football v Mandeville
14 March	Netball tournament t@ Samuel Ryder
19 March	Cross country @ Garden Fields TBC
19 March	Netball match v Oakwood