

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have participated in Children's Mental Health Week. The children have taken part in discussions and activities around this year's theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. There is some helpful information and resources available for families to support their children's mental health on <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/> There is also a really nice conversation cube resource to support discussions at home [here](#)

Attendance

Our school attendance percentage is 96.5%, and we are currently ranked 34th out of 396 primary schools in Herts who share their attendance data. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has good attendance and punctuality at school. Let's keep climbing that leaderboard!

ELSA Clinic

Following the very successful ELSA clinic that ran this week to screen children for the likelihood of developing Type 1 Diabetes, we have received over 70 more expressions of interest from other parents. The nurses will therefore return on 13th March to hold another clinic. Please go to their website for more information and to sign your child up. Numbers will be limited again and registration will close when the clinic is full. <https://www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk/>

Royal Academy of Arts Young Artist Show

We have registered the school for this exhibition. Young people aged 4-18 are invited to submit a piece of artwork to be judged by a panel and selected for exhibition in the gallery or online. More information is at the end of this letter.

Baby news!

Congratulations to Miss Hanbury who has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, Dillon. Mum and baby are doing well, and we look forward to meeting him soon.

Sports update

Children from Year 6 recently represented our school at the Sportshall qualifiers, competing against other local schools in athletics. They finished 9th overall, but they were complimented on how supportive and encouraging of each other they were. Our Girls football team got to the quarter finals of the Watford Premier League tournament earlier this week and our netball team is unbeaten so far in their Spring league. Our Year 5 Boys football team won their first league match yesterday, and our Year 5 netballers have played 2 matches, winning one of them. Finally, congratulations to Mabel S, Alice C and Thomas who took part in the Herts Cross Country finals last weekend. Mabel finished 8th in her race and has qualified for Nationals which is an amazing achievement.

A reminder that we finish for the half term break next Friday at 3.30pm. Clubs run as usual on this day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 11th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th Feb	Year 2 visit to Clarence Park
Friday 14 th Feb	Gold class assembly 9.00am in the theatre
Monday 17th Feb	Half term break
Tuesday 25 th Feb	PTA AGM 7pm NEW
Friday 28 th Feb	Amber class assembly 9.00am in the theatre
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 6 th March	Year 6 trip to RAF Museum
Thursday 6 th March	Year 4 trip to Gurdwara NEW
Friday 7 th March	Vermillion class assembly 9.00am in the theatre
Tuesday 11 th March	Crimson class visit to Cathedral
Tuesday 11 th March	Parent consultation meetings
Thursday 13 th March	ELSA clinic NEW
Thursday 13 th March	Parent consultation meetings
Friday 14 th March	Scarlet class visit to Cathedral
Friday 14 th March	Crimson class assembly 9.00am in the theatre
Friday 14 th March	OPAL parent information meeting in the theatre 3.00pm NEW
Thursday 20 th March	Year 5 trip to Tate Modern NEW
Friday 21 st March	Scarlet class assembly 9.00am in the theatre
Friday 21 st March	Reception trip to Hertfordshire Zoo NEW
Friday 28 th March	Parent information meeting about ADHD 9.00am
Wednesday 2 nd April	Choir and orchestra performing in concert at Alban Arena 7.00pm
Thursday 3 rd April	PTA Phase 1 Disco 3.30-4.30pm NEW
Friday 4 th April	Year 5 Spring Concert 9.00am in the theatre NEW
Friday 4 th April	End of term 1.30pm

Sports fixtures

Monday 10 th Feb	Boys A & B vs Prae Wood
Wednesday 12 th Feb	Year 4 Netball vs Prae Wood
Thursday 13 th Feb	Year 5 Netball vs Prae Wood (home)
Thursday 27 th Feb	Cross country @ Mandeville
Tuesday 4 th March	Girls A friendly vs Prae Wood
Thursday 6 th March	Year 5 Netball vs Wheatfields
Saturday 8 th March	Year 6 Netball tournament @ Samuel Ryder
Monday 10 th March	Year 5 Netball vs Killigrew
Thursday 13 th March	Year 6, Year 5A, Year 5/6 B and Year 4 Netball @ Samuel Ryder
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 5 Netball tournament @ Samuel Ryder
Thursday 27 th March	Cross country @ Garden Fields
Thursday 24 th April	Year 4 Netball tournament @ Samuel Ryder

Young Artists' Summer Show

2025

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online.

How to enter

From 6 January 2025, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 5 March 2025.

Important dates

6 January – 5 March 2025

Registration and submission open

May 2025

Judging

15 July 2025

Online exhibition opens

15 July – 10 August 2025

Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more

roy.ac/youngartists

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