

Weekly Newsletter

20th December 2024



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

AUTUMN TERM

Happy Christmas

I hope you have enjoyed the school festive season as much as I have. The infant production was a delight and the nativity service in church was extra special with our Nursery children's participation. Christmas lunch today was delicious and our 12 days of Christmas assembly today has got everyone in the mood. As I'm sure you appreciate, these wonderful festive occasions take effort and commitment from our wonderful staff team so a huge thanks to them for making these memories for our children.

I wish you a wonderful Christmas break and all the staff thank everyone for the kind gifts and cards. I finish with a prayer we shared in worship on Monday.

Thank you, God, for all the good things that we enjoy at Christmas time. Help us to reflect on that very first Christmas. Help us to remember that without Jesus, there wouldn't be Christmas. Please help us to focus on the things that really matter this Christmas.

Amen.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*



Mad Science Club

Last week, the children took part in a really exciting assembly watching amazing science experiments. Mad Science are starting a new club at Long Marston after the holidays, on a Wednesday. If you are interested in finding out more, please click on the image below.



French Club

We look forward to welcoming Madame Rhodes back for French Club in the New Year. Club will start on Thursday 16th (KS1) and Friday 17th (KS2). If you are interested in signing up please see the details [here](#).

Reception starters September 2025

Just a reminder that for anyone with a child due to start reception in September 2025, the deadline for applications is 15th January 2025.

HAPpy camps are back this winter!

Hertfordshire County Council is once again launching its free winter activity camps for children and young people in Hertfordshire.

Fully funded holiday activity camps return for the festive break, providing eligible children and young people with the chance to meet friends, learn new skills and enjoy nutritious food.

HAPpy camps are for children and young people (Reception to Year 11) who attend a Hertfordshire school and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

The HAPpy programme is funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the Department of Education (DfE) via the government's Holiday Activity and Food programme and coordinated by Herts Sport and Activity Partnership and the Hertfordshire Community Foundation.

Every camp is inclusive and able to meet the needs of most children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), provided the right information is supplied with their booking.

At the sessions, which vary in duration from four to seven hours long, eligible children and young people can enjoy free food, free physical activity and free craft activities.

Ask your school office if you haven't already received your code and your child is eligible. Camps are running from **23**

December – 3 January (selected dates).

Free places can be booked from midday on **Friday 29 November** via the Herts Sports Partnership's website <https://bit.ly/BookHAPpy5W24>



PE DAYS for Spring term

Please find PE timetable for the whole school for the Spring term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spring 1	Class 5 Class 2	Class 5 Class 4	Class 3 Class 4	Class 3 Class 2	Class 1
Spring 2	Class 2 Class 1	Class 5 Class 4	Class 4 Class 5	Class 3 Class 2	Class 1



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'

