

Weekly Newsletter

25th October 2024



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning this week

This week the children have been busy concluding their learning for subjects covered this half term. If you haven't already found it, our whole curriculum is [set out here](#) and you will see the topics and subjects your child is covering and when. This year is Year A of our rolling curriculum programme. If over the half term you are able to do a visit or trip linked to what children have learnt this half term or something that is coming up, it would really help children cement their learning.

Class 1 have been learning about oral hygiene and have been busy brushing their teeth this week. Class 2 have been using 'I'm going on a bear hunt' as a foundation for their English lessons and have written some lovely descriptions. Class 3 have started learning French this half term and can now have a short conversation introducing themselves to someone new. Class 4 have been learning Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer' and have been looking at vocabulary such as pitch, tempo, dynamics and rhythm. In PSHE, class 5 have been learning about democracy, discrimination and prejudice. They have had some very thoughtful discussions about what is considered 'normal' in society and how everyone is unique.

I hope you have a really enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you in November.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

REMINDER: Secondary & Upper School Admissions 2025

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of Thursday **31st October 2024**. We would recommend that parents complete it **by Friday 25th October**, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application from the Admissions and Transport Team by contacting your Process Admissions Officer (contact details below).

Any applications received after Thursday 31st October 2024 will be considered as 'LATE' applications and are considered after all of the 'on time' applications.

A copy of the 'Secondary Transfer' leaflet is available on our website [here](#) - this details the application process and deadline.

Individual Photos

On the first day of next half term (**Monday 4th November**), we will be holding individual photographs of children and their siblings. Please could children come to school in their smartest uniform ready for their pictures. Thank you.

PE days reminder—after half term

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Autumn 2	Class 1 Class 2	Class 5 Class 4	Class 3 Class 5	Class 3 Class 2	Class 1

Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Winnie for always being respectful and following all instructions and looking after the classroom.

Class 2

Elodie for showing all of our values but particularly kindness in helping others.

Class 3

Daniella for resilience and getting much more involved in class discussions.

Class 4

Oscar for improved focus and attention to detail in his learning.

Class 5

Beth for her resilience in her learning this week. She has been really focused and has put 100% effort into everything.

House points

Larks 240
Martins 190
Swifts 200

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 93.0%
Class 2 97.9%
Class 3 92.1%
Class 4 89.2%
Class 5 98.0% Well Done!

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.4%

Target for this year: 96%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Monday 4th November

- Gardening Club
- French (KS2)

Tuesday 5th November

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)

Wednesday 6th November

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

Thursday 7th November

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS1 & KS2)
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons

Friday 8th November

- Drum Lessons
- French (KS2)

Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below ...



Open Afternoon for Prospective parents

Wednesday 20th November at 1.30, open afternoon for prospective parents of children who will join Nursery and Reception in 2025.

Poppy Appeal

Each year we support the Poppy Appeal by selling poppy merchandise to the children on the playground. Children can make a donation for slap bands (recommended donation £2), festival bracelets (recommended donation £1.50) and poppies (any donation).

PTA Update

Bags2School collection on **November 20th**. Please drop off all items by 9 a.m. This is a great way to have a pre-holiday clear out and raise funds for our school.

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Save the date! The PTA is hosting a family social event on **November 16th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.**.. Let's brighten up November with a Neon Party!

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place on 6th November. Please make sure you complete the form online as soon as you can. The portal will close 48 hours ahead of the Flu session.

[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation](https://www.vaccination.uk)
([schoolvaccination.uk](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk))

Hannah Peck - Author visit

Children thoroughly enjoyed the author visit this week. Thank you to those of you who purchased books. Photographs of the KS2 workshop can be seen [here](#).



Dates

Date	Time	Event
Fri 25th Oct		<u>HALF TERM</u>
Mon 4th Nov		Children return to school
		Individual and sibling photos
Wednesday 6th Nov		Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 7th Nov		Class 4 Forest School starts—volunteers needed please
w/c 11th Nov		Equality and Diversity Week
Sat 16th Nov	3.30-6.30	Family Neon Party—PTA
Weds 20th Nov		Bags to school, 9am drop off
Weds 20th Nov	1.30	Open afternoon for 2025, R and N Parents
Fri 29th Nov		Occasional Day - No school
Mon 1st Dec		INSET DAY - No school
Weds 4th Dec		Advent service in Church
Sat 7th Dec		Christmas Fair
Mon 9th Dec		Class 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal
Weds 11th Dec	9.30	Class 1 and 2 play
Thurs 12th Dec	9.30	Class 1 and 2 play
Weds 18th Dec		KS2 Christmas party
Weds 18th Dec		Whole school Christmas service in Church - parents welcome
Thurs 19th Dec		KS1 Christmas party
Fri 20th Dec		Christmas lunch
Fri 20th Dec		Last Day of term 1.30 finish
5th Jan		INSET Day
6th Jan		Children return to school

Thursday 31st October @ 5.30 to 8pmish

Hot Dogs and Prayers at All Saints Church, Long Marston

If you are out and about on Halloween, call in for refreshments, donate some sweets to Foodbank, and light a candle to remember those we love.

More info Rev. Jane at: jane@tringteamparish.org.uk (Tel: 01442 822170)



Caldecotte

Further to the letter sent out previously we will be offering Class 5 a residential trip to Caldecotte from Monday 19th-Friday 23rd June 2024. We need a commitment from the majority of the class as well as a **deposit of £50.00 by Friday 25th October 2024** and assurance that the full cost of the trip will be met.

Forest School Volunteers

Letters went home last week about Forest school for Class 4. We would very much appreciate some parent volunteers to assist with the sessions (morning session 9.30-12pm, afternoon session 12.45-3pm). If you can help with any session please contact the office.

Lost Property

We have 3 boxes of lost property accumulated this half term. Please pop in at the end of the school day to check to see if anything belongs to your child. All lost property will be sent to recycling after the half term break.



**Children Return to school
Monday 4th November**

