



Newsletter 8

3 November 2023

Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely, restful half term. It seems that autumn has really settled in now and the shorter days have come as a shock!

There has been a significant drop in attendance this week; please remember that holidays in term-time are not permitted.

There is a lot of information in this week's newsletter, as well as the proposed dates for the spring term so please add them to your diary.

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.

This week	<b>94.1%</b>
Week beg 16 October	<b>98.4%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ <b>98.65%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 30 October:

RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
<b>Squirrel</b> <b>Rabbit</b> <b>Kingfisher</b> <b>Fox</b> <b>Heron</b>	<b>Woodpecker</b>	<b>Owl</b> <b>Hedgehog</b> <b>Robin</b> <b>Badger</b>

Well done to **Owl Class and Badger Class** who had the highest attendance this week.

### HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

This week: 30 October	<b>231 minutes = 3 hours and 51 minutes</b>
Last week: 16 October	<b>223 minutes = 3 hours and 43 minutes</b>



### GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Toby</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Blaise</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
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## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We like to celebrate the achievements and awards of our children outside of school too! If your child has earned an award in an event, please send in a copy of the certificate and we can mention them in our weekly newsletters.

This week we celebrated the success of:

Pupil	Class	Achievement
Alexander	Woodpecker	Swimming Crash Course ~ Watford Swim School
Akyra	Fox	Under 9's Chess Challengers Autumn Tournament ~ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

## WEEKLY WELL-BEING

Each week we will share one idea to promote family wellbeing. Please let us know if you enjoy it and if you have any other ideas that we could share!

This week's wellbeing idea: **Find five minutes of peace, spend time in complete silence and enjoy the world around you!**

## CONCERNS

If you are concerned about anything academic linked to your child please can I insist that you speak to the class teacher. Such concerns should not be raised on class WhatsApp groups nor should they be discussed with the Class Rep and left with them to raise.

School staff are on the door each day and are available to speak with you. If you are unable to attend school please email the school office and the class teacher will be notified.

## 40 THINGS LAUNCH

You will have received notification about the launch of our '40 Things Bingo'. The grid should be in your child's reading record or in book bags for Nursery. I look forward to all those 4 in a row winners this half term.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER AMNESTY / SUSTAINABLE SALE

As part of [Cut Your Carbon Month](#) the Eco-council will be holding a Christmas Jumper Amnesty on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The textile industry is a major contributor to global warming, with 1.7 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted annually, accounting for 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions! To combat this, we are asking for donations of any pre-loved, outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumpers. We will then hold a pop-up Christmas jumper sale on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November with all items just 50p, so that you can shop for festive outfits cheaply and sustainably.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION

Poppies are available in exchange for a donation towards the Royal British Legion. Poppies will be available in class and will be 'sold' in class by our Year 2 pupils. Should you wish to participate, please send in a donation in a named envelope to the class teacher from the 6<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

This week in assembly the children learnt about the importance of wearing reflective and / or fluorescent clothing when travelling near the roads during the winter time. An online game to consolidate learning with your child can be found here: [Be bright be seen](#)

## LEARNING OUTDOOR DAY

We had a fantastic time today around our camp fire with freshly cooked popcorn ~ it is always a treat and a lot of fun! Thank you to Miss Dilks for arranging our annual favourite.

## SPRING TERM DATES 2024

To support with home planning, I have included below a list of the planned activities and dates for the Spring Term. As these dates are set well in advance there may be changes as the year progresses. We will inform parents of any changes as soon as possible.

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## YEAR 2 ONLY ~ JUNIOR SCHOOL APPLICATION

You will have been sent information this week with regard to applying for a place at the junior school. You MUST ensure you complete the online form before the deadline. For more information and to apply follow this link: [Junior School Admissions Application](#)

## UK PARLIAMENT

This week in school we explored UK Parliament to learn about how the UK parliament works, ask questions, think critically and debate the issues that are important to them. Mrs Morgan and the School Council talked about their role within our school.

## PARENT CONSULTATION

EYFS parents ~ a reminder to book your appointment for your virtual session.

Please take a few moments to look through your child's Tapestry record prior to the meeting as this shows you what the children have been learning to date.

## AMAZON WISH LIST

Thank you very much for all the donations coming in to school from our Amazon Wish List ~ we are very grateful and all items have been distributed appropriately.

To use the wish list, simply follow the link [Amazon Wish List](#), pick an item and add to your own shopping basket. You can then decide whether to have the item delivered to your home address for your child to bring in to school or the school address (as above). Please ensure the address states CHARLOTTE COOPER at the INFANT SCHOOL.

Please do not feel pressured into contributing; it is simply a case of 'if you would like to...this is what we need'.

I will endeavour to keep our list populated from the teachers' and children's ideas. Thank you for your generosity.

## COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

This month we are focussing on the country of Pakistan. Please see attached a knowledge organiser to support discussion at home.

## REMINDERS

### PARENT PIT STOPS ~ REMINDER

Our parent 'Pit Stops' will take place this term. They are an opportunity to find out more information on how to support your child at home with their learning / information about school. The sessions are planned and delivered by school staff. Sessions will take place at 9am after drop off and will last approx. 1 hour; you are welcome to attend all or part of the sessions. Please see details below.

DATE	Time	FOCUS	INFO	TARGET AUDIENCE
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Reading	Purely focussed on supporting children with reading skills and development and comprehension skills. (This is different to the RWI session above) This is a repeat of the session delivered last year <b>Book your place here:</b> <a href="#">Reading Workshop</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school.</li><li>Any parent who has not previously attended.</li><li>Any parent who would like a refresher.</li></ul>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	9am	Maths	How our sessions are delivered in school and how you can support at home. This is a repeat of the session delivered last term <b>Book your place here:</b> <a href="#">Maths Workshop</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school.</li><li>Any parent who has not previously attended.</li><li>Any parent who would like a refresher.</li></ul>

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Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Writing	How our sessions are delivered in school and how you can support at home. This is a repeat of the session delivered last term <b>Book your place here:</b> <a href="#">Writing Workshop</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school.</li> <li>Any parent who has not previously attended.</li> <li>Any parent who would like a refresher.</li> </ul>
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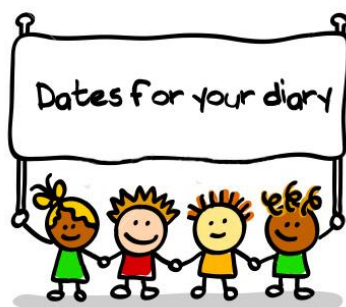
**THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:**

1. Herts Fire Service Survey
2. Herts Fire Service Newsletter
3. Public Health Nursing Newsletter
4. Kumon Free Trials
5. Country of the Month ~ Pakistan
6. Watford School of Music free open evening

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

**Charlotte Cooper**  
**Headteacher**



**Autumn term 2023**

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wk Beg 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Switch Off Fortnight		
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reading Parent Pit Stop	Hall	9am
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Wk Beg 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Well-Being Week Nursery Rhyme Week Road Safety Week Maths Week		
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Awareness Day		
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Maths Parent Pit Stop	Hall	9am
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccination Day		
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Jumper Sale	Oak Room	8:30am and 3pm
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Jumper Sale	Oak Room	8:30am and 3pm
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Whole School Trip		

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	SCHOOL CLOSED ~ OCCASIONAL DAY		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Deco Day		
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Writing Parent Pit Stop	Hall	9am
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	10:45am
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day		
Wk Beg 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Parties Week		
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Autumn Term ends 1:15pm		

## Spring term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day ~ school closed to pupils		
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coffee Morning (all parents)	Oak Room	9-10am
Wk Beg 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	National Story Telling Week		
Wed 31 Jan	Y2 St Luke's Workshops TBC		
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Book at Bedtime	KS1 Classrooms	4:20-5:30 pm
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Well-Being Week		
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	World Thinking Day ~ Scout / Brownies Uniform Day		
Wk Beg 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Waste Awareness Week		
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day		
Wk Beg 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Maths Day		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Poetry Day		
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	KS1 Annual Report Home to Parents		
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Spring Term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**  
These dates are the same as the junior school.

**AUTUMN 2023**

Friday 1 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

**SPRING 2024**

Thursday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 8 January	Spring term starts
Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

**SUMMER 2024**

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Friday 19 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils



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AUTUMN 2024

Monday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Half term
Friday 29 November	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2025

Monday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 January	Spring term starts
Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Half term
Friday 4 April	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2025

Tuesday 22 April	Summer term starts
Mon 26 May – 30 May	Half term
Friday 18 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 21 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 23 July	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils