Newsletter 6 16th October 2026

Dear Parents

Autumn is certainly upon us! Please can you ensure that your child has their coat with them when they come to school as we like to go outside whatever the weather!

Thank you to all our parents who joined us for our Reading and Writing workshops this week; it was our first time running the sessions this way and we hope you found them useful. Please take a few moments to complete the feedback as this will help us shape the sessions for next year.

I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of our first half term; the time has flown by. Don't forget school finishes next week on Friday 23rd October for our half term holiday.

FOCUS WEEK
A reminder that it is our creative focus week next week ~ information about all the activities has been circulated previously. We are looking forward to an exciting week!

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

This week	**97.6%**
Week beg 5th October	**96.7%**
Best week to date	Week beginning 12th October ~ **97.6%**

ATTENDANCE
Week beginning 12th October September :

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			**98%**
FOX			**96%**
BADGER			**96.2%**
ROBIN			**98%**
KINGFISHER			**98.3%**
HEDGEHOG			**98%**
WOODPECKER			**98%**
RABBIT			**98%**
OWL			**98.3%**
SQUIRREL			**97.2%**

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

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HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

As well as monitoring attendance, we also monitor lateness. If your child arrives 5 minutes late each day, over the course of the week they will have missed 25 minutes of learning time. Over a period of 4 weeks that is 100 minutes and over a term that is 325 minutes (almost 5 ½ hours). Punctuality is important in all walks of life and we encourage the children to be good time keepers.

This week: 12th October	**400 = 6 hours and 40 mins**
Last week: 5th October	**456 = 7 hours and 36 mins**

40 THINGS BINGO!

This half term's challenge is to achieve **ALL 4 CORNERS.**

Well done to the following:

Pupil	Class
Safiya	*Owl*
Jacob	*Kingfisher*
Albie	*Fox*
Olivia	*Fox*
Mili	*Fox*
Max	*Badger*

Pupil	Class
Roman	*Kingfisher*
Aydin	*Kingfisher*
Belle	*Fox*
Naylah	*Fox*
Shrey	*Badger*

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
Sebastian	*Rabbit*	*Swim England ~ Learn to swim stage 1*
Naylah *Hema* *Ayana*	*Fox* *Fox* *Owl*	*RBC Race for Kids ~ for Great Ormond Street Hospital*

GOVERNOR ELECTION

On behalf of the Governing Board I am pleased to inform you that as a result of the Parent Governor election we received one nomination from a parent wishing to stand for election. There were two vacancies advertised, therefore the parent has been elected unopposed to stand as Parent Governor for the next 4 years.

We would like to welcome Mikil Patel to the Governing Board and we look forward to working together over the coming years.

As we still have one vacancy for a parent Governor, we will run the election process again towards the end of November.

SCHOOL DISCO ~ SAVE THE DATE!

The CSA are planning to hold an Infant School Disco on Friday 20th November. More information will follow soon!

HARVEST ASSEMBLY – THANK YOU

We enjoyed a lovely Harvest Assembly with Becki from St Luke's. We were delighted with all the generous donations for Watford Food Bank which were collected later that day; thank you so much for your generosity.

ART EXHIBITION

We are excited to announce we are hosting our very own Cassiobury Art Exhibition which is taking place next week on Wednesday 21st October from 2:45pm to 3:30pm. We'd be delighted if you can come and visit.
The children's art work will be displayed as if in a gallery and I know it will look amazing; the children will have visited throughout the day and will have already seen their art on display.
Each year group has their own theme:

Nursery ~ Minibeasts
Reception ~ Flowers for you
Year 1 ~ Me and my family
Year 2 ~ Look at me!

To help the event run smoothly here are some quick tips to follow:

1. Arrive early to beat the rush ~ the exhibition opens at 2:45pm.
2. When you arrive ~ there is a list of the art exhibits on display in class order, find your child's class, find their name and they will have been allocated a number. This number is where your child's masterpiece will be on display.
3. Bring **CASH ONLY** ~ £10 to make it simple. We have no option to take card payments.
4. Bring a bag for life ~ this makes transportation home easier, especially if it is raining.

If you are unable to visit the exhibition, there will still be a chance for you to purchase your child's art work from Thursday 22nd October; the office will send out details on Wednesday 21st October of how to do this; don't panic ~ you will still have time to buy.

PARENT PIT STOPS ~ MATHS

As advertised in previous newsletters, we have now opened the link for our Maths Workshops; please sign up below. The sessions will be approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

Friday 6th November	9am	Year 1 Maths Mastery	A session on how we teach Maths in school followed up with a 'hands on session' working alongside your child	• Year 1 parents only	Sign up here!
Monday 9th November	9am	Year 2 Maths Mastery	A session on how we teach Maths in school followed up with a 'hands on session' working alongside your child	• Year 2 parents only	Sign up here!
Monday 9th November	2pm	Rec Maths Mastery	A session on how we teach Maths in school followed up with a 'hands on session' working alongside your child	• Reception parents only	Sign up here!

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT - HERTS PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT

Herts Parent Carer Involvement exists to represent the views of the parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Hertfordshire. They are an independent parent-led organisation, who work alongside Hertfordshire health, education and social care services, to help focus the decision makers on improving services and outcomes for children and young people with SEND.
They have recently launched their 2026 annual survey, to find out more about what families in Hertfordshire are experiencing. They want to know what works and what doesn't, so they can make sure we are concentrating on the areas that matter most to the families of children with SEND.

If you feel you are able to, please complete the survey in the link below. The survey is **open until 1 November** and the information they gain will help them to prioritise their areas of work: **HPCI Annual Parent Carer Survey (2026) – closing date 1 November**

HERTFORDSHIRE'S COMMISSIONERS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH
Hertfordshire's commissioners of Children and Young People's Mental Health services (Herts CYPMHS) are asking young people, parents and carers to answer a few simple questions about their experiences of accessing and using services and about how children and young people are feeling now. Helping to build a fuller picture of longer-term outcomes and the ongoing effectiveness of services, so that they can keep on improving. Please see the attached flyer to complete the survey.

THIS WEEK'S FLYERS/LINKS:

1. Zumba Purple and Orange Playful Happy Halloween
2. SEND survey poster
3. CYPMH Survey October 2026
4. EBSA coffee mornings October 2026

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher

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Date	Event	Where?	Time?	Parents invited?
OCTOBER				
October	Black History Month			
Wk Beg 19th	Creative Focus Week Recycling Week			
Weds 21st	Art Exhibition	Hall	2.45pm	Yes
Fri 23rd	Focus week open afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm	Yes
Half term				
NOVEMBER				
Fri 6th	Yr 1 Maths Mastery Workshop	Hall	9am	Yes
Mon 9th	Yr 2 Maths Mastery Workshop	Hall	9am	Yes
Mon 9th	Rec Maths Mastery Workshop	Hall	2pm	Yes

Week beg 9th	Nursery Rhyme Week			
Wed 11th	Remembrance Day			
Wed 11th	EYFS & KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	Appointment	Yes
Thu 12th	EYFS & KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	Appointment	Yes
Fri 13th	Christmas Jumper Collection			
Fri 13th	Children in Need			
Week beg 16th	Road Safety Week Maths Week			
Tue 17th	ESafety Day			
Fri 20th	Learning Together Morning	Classrooms	9am	Yes
Wk beg 23rd	Wellbeing Week Parliament Week			
Thu 26th	Outdoor Learning Day			
Fri 27th	School Closed Occasional Day			
DECEMBER				
1st / 2nd / 3rd	Christmas Jumper shop (TBC)			
Fri 4th	Deco Day			
Tue 8th	Whole School Panto ~ TBC			
Fri 11th	Christmas jumper and dinner day			
Wk beg 14th	Christmas Parties			
Mon 14th	Y1 Nativity at St Luke's	St Luke's	9:30am	Yes
Wed 16th	Reception Nativity at St Luke's	St Luke's	9:30am	Yes
Wed 16th	Y2 Nativity at St Luke's	St Luke's	10:45am	Yes
Thu 17th	Nursery Nativity	Hall	9am	Yes
Thu 17th	End of Term for Nursery	Usual timings		
Fri 18th	End of Term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2		1pm	

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2026/27**

AUTUMN 2026	
Mon 26 Oct – Fri 30 Oct	Half term
Friday 27 November	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 17 December	Autumn term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Friday 18 December	Autumn term ends 1pm

SPRING 2027	
Monday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 January	Spring term starts
Mon 15 Feb – Fri 19 Feb	Half term
Wednesday 24 March	Spring term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Thursday 25 March	Spring term ends 1pm

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SUMMER 2027	
Monday 12 April	Summer term starts
Mon 31 May – 4 June	Half term
Friday 25th June	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 20 July	Summer term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Wednesday 21 July	End of summer term 1pm
Thursday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2027/28**

AUTUMN 2027	
Wednesday 1 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 2 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 25 Oct – Fri 29 Oct	Half term
Friday 3 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 16 December	Autumn term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Friday 17 December	Autumn term ends 1pm

SPRING 2028	
Tuesday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 6 January	Spring term starts
Mon 14 Feb – Fri 18 Feb	Half term
Thursday 30 March	Spring term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Friday 31 March	Spring term ends 1pm

SUMMER 2028	
Tuesday 18 April	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 19 April	Summer term starts
Mon 29 May – 2 June	Half term
Thursday 20 July	Summer term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Friday 21 July	End of summer term 1pm
Monday 24 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils

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