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Dates for your Diary

October
Monday 19th – Monster Bash
Friday 16h – Cross Country
Monday 26th - HALF TERM

November
Wednesday 11th Parent Consultations
Thursday 12th Parent Consultations
Thursday 12th Year 3 and Year 6 Bible Giving
Friday 13th Children in Need
Wednesday 18th Acorns Parents Phonics Meeting 2.45pm
Thursday 26th – Flu Vaccination Catch up

December
Friday 4th – Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 9th – Christmas Dinner, Jumper and Pantomime Day
Friday 18th – Last Day of Term School closes at 13.15

Dear Parents and Carers,

Secondary Applications

Please remember that the deadline to make secondary school applications is 31st October 2026.

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/secondary-and-upper-school-places.aspx

Cross Country Years 2 – 6

On Friday 23rd October, Beech, Maple, Willow, Rowan and Oak will be participating in a Cross Country Competition at Astley Cooper at various during the school day.

All children should be in appropriate PE Kit according to the weather, and if rainy/muddy conditions have with them a change of clothes. They will also require their Water Bottle and a maybe a healthy snack.

Poppy Shop

The poppy shop is open and fully stocked;
Reflective Poppy @ 50p
Wrist Bands @£1.00
Snap Bands @£1.00
Pencils @ £1.00

Children will have the opportunity to purchase these at Break Time.

Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK were in school on Wednesday to issue the flu vaccination to those that had permission. The team did not manage to get to Year 1 and 3. They will be included in the catch-up session on Thursday 26th November.

Get Caught Reading

This term we launched the Get Caught Reading scheme, encouraging and nurturing the love of reading in all of our children. Children that were caught reading around school outside of lessons were given as sticker to add to their sheet. Mrs Brandon will be announcing the winners of this next week, the winner will receive their treat next Wednesday.

Please see the link attached to assist with your child reading at home;
Helping your child at home - The Children's Literacy Charity

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Monster Bash Monday 19th October

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting Monster Bash Parties and Games for the whole school.
Monday 19th October 3.15pm – 4.30pm £5.00 including refreshments. Fancy Dress Optional.

Spaces for these events are limited, please use your Arbor app (school shop) to pay for their entrance by Friday 16th October @ 4pm.

Children wanting to wear fancy dress will get changed at the end of the day in school and do not need to be collected until the end of the bash.

Residential Deposits

Please remember that the deposits for the Years 4,5 & 6 Residentials are due by Friday 30th October, these do need to be paid so that we can confirm numbers. Thank you.

Acorns Parents Phonics Meeting

On Wednesday 18th November 2026 @ 2.45pm there will be a Phonics Meeting for Acorns Parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consulations are Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November. These are now available to book on the Arbor parent App. The booking system for these close at 9.30am the day before the consultations.

Headteacher Surgeries

The Headteacher's Surgery offers parents and carers an opportunity to meet with myself and another member of my team to discuss your child's education and experience of school. Whatever the reason, a surgery slot will give you time to talk effectively about issues that are important to you.

I want to work closely with parents and carers to create a well ordered, caring environment where all our children are happy, secure and reach their full potential.

Headteacher's surgeries will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Parents and carers can attend at any time between 2.00 - 4.30pm, however an appointment must be confirmed in advance. If would like to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office.

Pantomime time – Wednesday 9th December

We are pleased to confirm that they have secured a special price for a performance of "Dick Whittington" here at school on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th December. This is always an enjoyable and festive day at school for the children combined with school Christmas Lunch.

Usually, the price of a pantomime ticket is £19-£25 but subsidised priced tickets can be bought from the PTA for your child at just £4.00 each using your Arbor account (Trips). Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate the children in Pips class, unless they are here for 30 hours or normally attend the afternoon.

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Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers for this festive day in school.

Attendance

This week's whole school's attendance was 93.34% Let's work together in reaching 95% next week.

Please note that whilst a whole-school headline figure of **93.34%** might sound relatively high, it falls short of standard school performance benchmarks (which typically target **95% or higher**). Across a single week, this level of absence means that the student body has collectively missed roughly **385 hours of lessons.**

The children who have been in school all week and on time and have been drawn as this weeks in it to Win it Winners, are;

Nursery Gabriel
Reception Maeve
Year 1 Kalel
Year 2 Charlie
Year 3 Knox
Year 4 Laylon
Year 5 Danny
Year 6 Madison

Class	*%*
The Nest	*73.3%*
Blossom	*86.%*
Pips	*100%*
Acorns	*85.1%*
Cherry	*96.7%*
Beech	*97.2%*
Maple	*95%*
Willow	*95.9%*
Rowan	*95.9%*
Oak	*96.3%*

A huge congratulations to Pips for achieving 100% attendance this week.
We will now be celebrating whole class attendance, classes who receive 95% over the half term, will be eligible for a reward.

Warm Wishes,

Mrs G Dalton
Headteacher