

# UPDATE FOR PARENTS

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October 2025

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Thought for the week...



‘Great things are done by a series of small things brought together’

*Vincent Van Gough*

## Half term event at St Albans Cathedral



This October half term you can experience Poppy Fields by Luxmuralis, an immersive journey of light and sound reflecting on the World Wars and hopes for peace.

Stunning projections and evocative music will transform St Albans Cathedral into a moving work of art.

For details of how to book, click on this [link](#)

## Year 5 trip to the Theatre



On Thursday afternoon, Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury to watch a production of children's classic, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The performance can only be described as magical and the children and adults had a wonderful time watching it.

Here are some comments from the children about the experience:

*'The scenes were intense but had an imaginative affect that sparks creativity.'* - Gabi, Elm



*'I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the theatre when we watched 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. It captivated me when the White Witch ascended and golden glitter fell from the ceiling.'* - Mariam, Elm

*'It was a lot of fun. I liked how high up we were as it was easier to see the stage and the actors. It was really exciting, energetic and creative - like the train. I'd recommend it.'* - Theo, Beech

*'I loved the effects, dances and music!'* - Sreshtha, Beech

*'Darkness came and the spotlights turned on. The show had begun!'* - Adit, Beech

*'I really enjoyed watching *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. It was cool how they changed costumes so quickly!'* - Niya, Beech

*'I liked how the Queen had such confidence, arrogance and boldness.'* - Ayaaz, Beech

*'It was a very exciting experience seeing actors on stage in real life. It was nice that it was different to the story by having all black actors playing the children.'* - Annabel, Beech

*'I loved the lights gleaming as adrenaline surged through my veins.'* - Tayson, Beech

*'I loved the special effects such as the White Witch's dress.'* - Myra, Beech

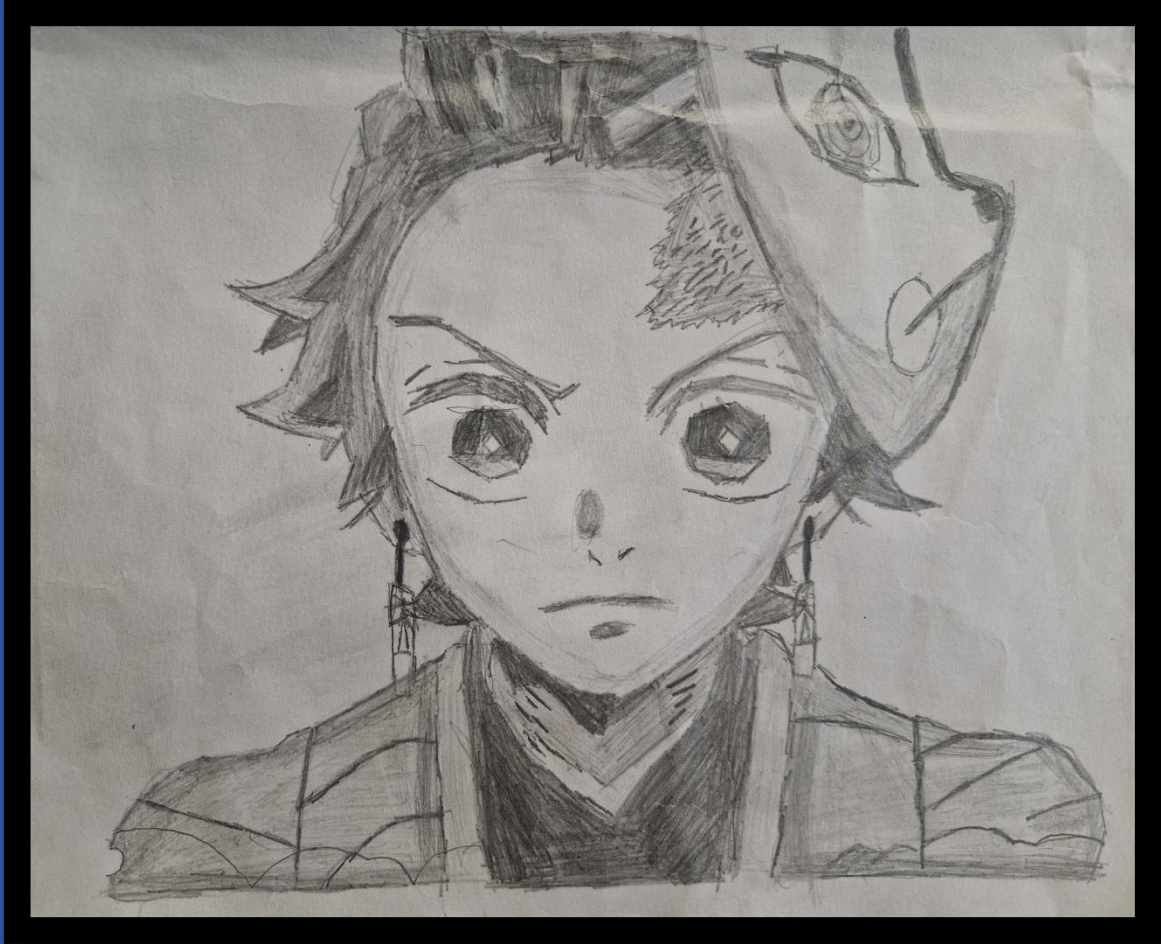
*'I loved the trip, it was amazing because the stage was even bigger than other stage's I've seen. There were some scary bits but lots of fun bits too. I think everyone else should try it too!'* - Charith, Beech

## Art of the week



*Adam, year 3 Holly*

Art of the week



*Theo, year 5 Beech*

Art of the week



*'Sunlight'*

*Shreshtha, year 5 Beech*

## Our mud kitchen update

Thank you to everyone who has made a generous donation to our modular mud kitchen. We have already raised £560!

[Here](#) is the link to the kitchen we are hoping to buy.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With best wishes,

*Christina Singh*

Headteacher

## Events for the Autumn Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
16/10/2025	Whole School Art Exhibition	2:30pm to 4:30pm	Open to all parents
20/10/2025	Y4 - Ancient Greek Workshop	9am to 3pm	Year 4 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
20/10/2025	Year 3 Parents meeting	2.45pm to 3.15pm	Open to parents of children in Holly and Oak classes
21/10/2025	Y5 - Bayfordbury Observatory	9am to 1:30pm	Year 5 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
23/10/2025	Y3 - Chiltern Open Air Museum	9am to 3pm	Year 3 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
24/10/2025	Last day of the Half Term	3.20pm	Usual 3.20pm collection time
18/11/2025	Flu Vaccination - Catch-up Session	TBA	For those children who missed the first vaccination - Email to follow with parental consent form
18/11/2025	Parents Evening - Online	3.45pm-7.00pm	Parents of children in years 3 – 6 invited to meet with the Class Teacher for a 10 minute appointment. Online booking open 15 days before consultation
20/11/2025	Parents Evening - Online	3.45pm-7.00pm	
11/12/2025	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Watford	10.00-10.45am (years 3&4) 11.15-12.00am (years 5 &6)	Ticketed event for all parents (first come first served basis due to space restrictions)
12/12/2025	Christmas Dinner	12.00-1.30pm	Open to all children whose parents order a meal
15/12/2025	Whole School Pantomime	TBA	Whole school walks to the Watford Palace Theatre. Parent volunteers required
18/12/2025	Singer of the Year - Final	TBA	Open to parents of children who take part in the final
19/12/2025	Last day of the Term School finishes at 12pm	12pm	Please note school finishing time

## Focus on Attendance

There continues to be an increased national and Hertfordshire focus on the importance of attendance. All our attendance figures are reported to the Department for Education every week, enabling them to assess how well each school is doing.

Congratulations to 5 Elm for the highest attendance this week. Well done to Holly class for achieving an attendance percentage that is very similar.

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning September		
<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	99%	1
3 Oak	96%	2
4 Juniper	92.91%	1
4 Willow	96.33%	8
5 Beech	94.56%	0
5 Elm	99.33%	6
6 Poplar	93.58%	4
6 Rowan	95.33%	2



Our overall attendance target is 97%!

# Stars of the week

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Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Layton	<i>For working your socks off and having a fantastic attitude. You are amazing!</i>
	Yazaan	<i>For making such a brilliant effort this week to listen carefully and follow instructions. In addition, your Magic Box poem was magnificent!</i>
3 Oak	Robyn	<i>For constant positivity and proactiveness in and outside of the classroom. Well done, Robyn. Not only do you work to a high standard, engaging in all lessons with enthusiasm, you also make the most of your free time, enjoying and helping others enjoy their's too.</i>
4 Juniper	Eva	<i>For being a kind and caring class member who is always looking out for everybody and ensuring that all of her classmates are included in the activity.</i>
4 Willow	Maxwell	<i>For working really hard on getting his work done in class without distraction</i>
5 Beech	Azeez	<i>For showcasing his wonderful writing skills in his work this half term. It's all been a pleasure to read!</i>
5 Elm	Sarah	<i>For showing fantastic independence in our Mathematics lessons this week. Keep up the fantastic work!</i>
	Ehsaan	<i>For incredible hard work and focus in Mathematics learning.</i>
6 Poplar	Laksh	<i>For his insightful contributions to this week's science lesson on microorganisms. Laksh is a real asset to the class: he always works to the best of his ability with confidence and maturity. Well done, Laksh.</i>
6 Rowan	Ada	<i>For a beautifully written narrative based on our English book 'Night of the Gargoyles'. You used effective vocabulary to describe setting and character and truly created an 'eerie' atmosphere. Well done!</i>
Mrs Agnew's SOTW	Megha	<i>For taking such care to provide high-quality mentoring each morning to a younger child.</i>