

UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 30th
January 2026

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Thought for the week...



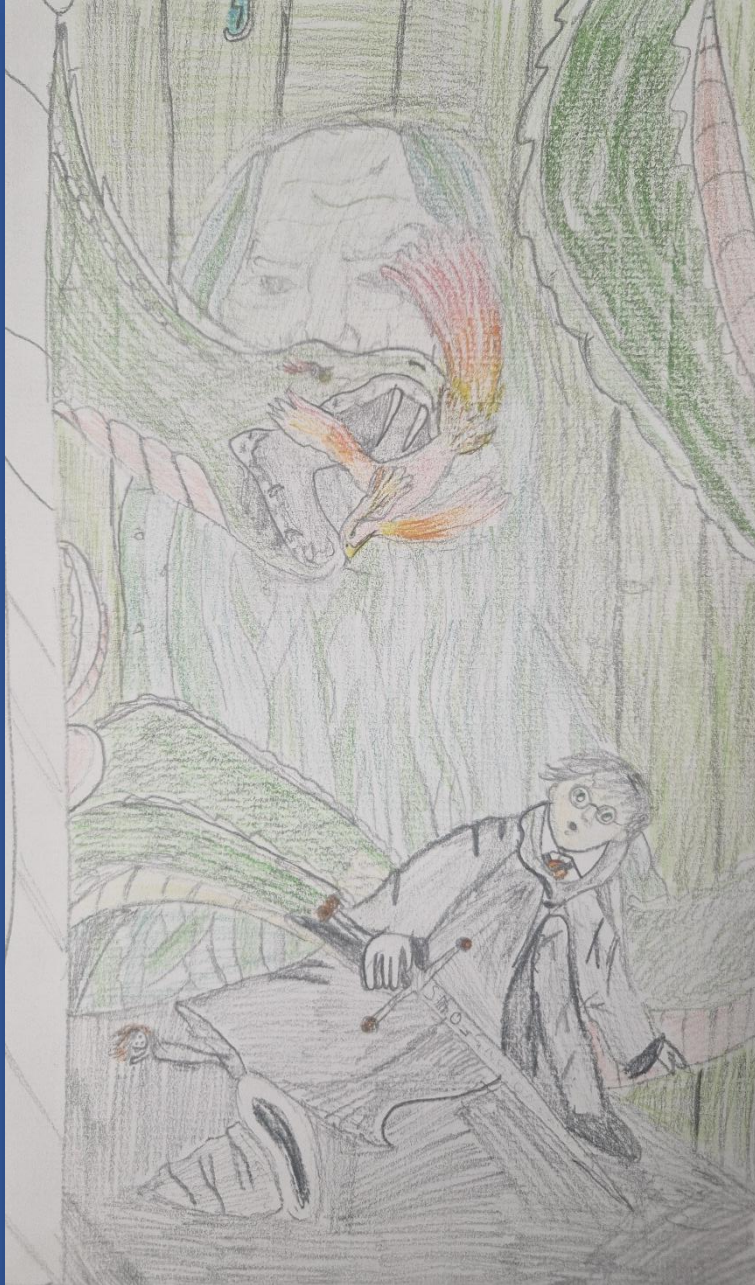
'No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow'

Art of the week



Mariam, year 5 Elm

Art of the week



Aliza, year 4 Juniper

Congratulations

Many congratulations to the following children who represented Hertfordshire County in the Inter-County Chess Tournament held on 24th January 2026:



- Matthew Mak, Year 4
- Pilgrim Leung , Year 4
- Benjamin Humble, Year 4
- James Hall , Year 4
- Adit Sapra, Year 5
- Tayson Thavarobert, Year 5

Hertfordshire entered two teams in the competition, and I am pleased to share that one of the teams, which included our children, successfully qualified for the final, scheduled to take place in March 2026.

This is a commendable achievement that highlights the childrens' commitment, skill, and hard work. Well done to you all!

Events for the Spring Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
06/02/2026	Y4 - St.Albans Cathedral Trip	9am to 3pm	
10/02/2026	Y5 - Saxon-Viking Day	9am to 3pm	Year 5 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers.
13/02/2026	Y3 - Egyptian Day	9am to 3pm	Year 3 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers.
13/02/2026	Last Date of the Half Term	3.20pm	Usual 3.20pm collection time
16/02/2026- 20/02/2026	Half Term		
w/c 23/02/2026	* NEW EVENT – Y6 – WWII Workshop – in school *	A few hours during the week	
05/03/2026	Y4 & Y6 - Shakespeare Rewired	Y4 – 10.30am to 12:00pm Y6 - 1pm to 2.30pm	
06/03/2026	Y3 & Y5 - Shakespeare Rewired	Y3 – 10.30am to 12.00pm Y5 - 1pm to 2.30pm	
13/03/2026	Y6 Rowan - Parliament Trip	8.20am – 1.30pm	School gates open at 8am for Rowan class.
19/03/2026	*NEW EVENT – Movie Club*	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Details will be sent after the half term holidays.
20/03/2026	Y5 - St. Albans Cathedral Trip	9am to 3pm	
23/03/2026	Inset Day		
23/03/2026	Y6 Poplar - Parliament Trip	8.20am – 4.30pm	School gates open at 8am for Poplar class.

24/03/2026	Y4- Legoland Trip	8.20am – 5pm	School gates open at 8am for Y4. Year 4 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
27/03/2026	Last day of the Term School finishes at 12pm	12pm	Please note school finishing time

Focus on Attendance

This academic year, there is 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.

I will be including an attendance and punctuality report in each parents update, enabling you to see the picture across the school.

Congratulations to Oak and Elm classes for attendance over our target and to 4 Juniper class for near perfect attendance!

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning: 19 th January 2026		
<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	94.67%	4
3 Oak	97.33%	8
4 Juniper	99.67%	6
4 Willow	96.33%	4
5 Beech	95.33%	4
5 Elm	98.67%	12
6 Poplar	94.67%	6
6 Rowan	96.67%	6



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

Stars of the week

Friday 30th January



Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Leonardo	<i>For showing excellent independence in all areas of your learning. You have impressed us with your perseverance and determination over the last few weeks. Well done!</i>
3 Oak	Anna	<i>For a great contribution in choir this and every week. Your technique and tone as well as your effort and passion makes for a impactful and enjoyable performance.</i>
4 Willow	Aliabbas	<i>For commitment and hard work in English.</i>
4 Juniper	Aliza	<i>For working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. Aliza has particularly worked hard in maths to develop her confidence and understanding during our fractions lessons.</i>
5 Elm	Aidan	<i>For always trying his absolute hardest in English, producing huge amounts of high-quality writing, and for responding to feedback with grace and determination to learn and improve.</i>
5 Beech	Nathaniel	<i>For trying so hard with his cursive handwriting this week. We have been blown away by Nathaniel's enthusiasm to practise and showcase his handwriting. He should be very proud of the neat work his has produced. Well done and keep it up!</i>
6 Rowan	Aairah	<i>For demonstrating diligence and hard work in our maths lessons, especially our units on angles and coordinates. You have shown a real desire to improve and achieve.</i>
6 Poplar	Srinidhi	<i>For always being incredibly helpful in the classroom. Srinidhi is always willing to give a helping hand, whether it is to give out books, file worksheets or tidy equipment away. I am very grateful for her help. Well done Srinidhi!</i>