



Dear Parents and Carers

Today is National Teaching Assistants Day. We are so thankful for our wonderful teaching Assistants who support our school and our children with such dedication. Ms Carta, Miss Wheatley, Mrs Golfetto, Miss Sturgess, Mrs Greenaway, Ms Castree and Mrs Hodgkins received flowers and a certificate to say a big 'thank you' to them.

In more staffing news, Miss Stout will be leaving us next Wednesday to start her maternity leave. Miss Stout is looking forward to a rest before her baby arrives and we are all looking forward to the patter of tiny feet very soon. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for her maternity leave.

Last week, the children all voted for their School Council and on Monday the children were told the outcome of the results. I am very proud of all the children who gave speeches in preparation for the elections and I am sure they will continue to share their good ideas throughout the year. The voting was very close. Congratulations to Amelia, Jesse, Axel, Reggie, Ada, Joni, Finley, George B, Mia, Evie, George F and Lilly who were appointed.

We congratulate Darcy, Mia, Ava, Lilly, Alice, Amelia, Winter, Darcy, Evie, Isla, Nicole and Olivia for presenting our school so well at the Tag Rugby Event on Tuesday at Harpenden Rugby Club. Well done girls.

If your child has an allergy or asthma please ensure you have given the prescribed medication to the School Office and also asked your GP for their Asthma Plan or Allergy Plan. It is vital we have these documents in school.

Cherry Class have continued to learn 'All About Me' as they built skeletons using cotton buds and completed puzzles of their faces and their friends faces. In Maths, they have been perfecting their 1:1 correspondence as they count while in Music they were learning Pat-a-Cake. The nursery rhyme of the week is 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes'.

Maple Class went back in time this week, thinking about what life was like 400 years ago. They studied historical artefacts to decide whether images were showing life in the past or the present day. In English, they planned and wrote their adventure story about Rat and Hare, before discovering the power of the purple editing pen to help make their learning even better. In PE, they played turn-taking games, showing how they use speed & agility, working as a team to take the pirates gold!

It has been another busy week in Chestnut Class. In English, they have been writing graphic novel pages and practising using speech marks to show dialogue between characters. In Science, they continued their learning about teeth by investigating the different teeth of herbivores and carnivores and thinking about how they are suited to their diets. In Maths, they have been using place value knowledge to compare numbers and explain which numbers are greater or smaller. In Geography, the class were very excited to find out that they will soon be welcoming a volcano workshop into school to bring learning to life. They cannot wait.

In Bonsai Class, the children have worked extremely hard writing spooky stories in English. In Maths, they have mastered comparing and ordering decimals to 3 decimal places and are now confidently able to solve problems related to this. In History, the children have brought learning to life by sharing facts they already know about World War II. They have had much to contribute and have listened respectfully to one another.

Can I just remind you to take care when crossing the roads into school on bikes or on foot and to remind your children to look both ways and walk rather than run across the road so we can keep everyone safe. I wish you all a restful weekend and we all look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates 2026

28th Sep—HCL Themed Harvest Lunch Menu

1st Oct—Poetry Day & HCL Themed Burger Lunch Menu

2nd Oct—Wonder Dome Workshop—all pupils

5th Oct—Space Week

6th Oct—Bonsai Class Trip to Sky Studios

9th Oct—World Mental Health Day—Wear yellow—Donate £1

12th Oct—Parent Consultations 3.30—5.30pm

13th Oct—Y6 Health Check Questionnaires

14th Oct—Chestnut Class Volcano Workshop

16th Oct—Bonsai Class Assembly

21st Oct—Whole school trip to the Pumpkin Farm

21st Oct—Parent Consultations 4.30pm—7.30pm

22nd Oct—Harvest—Donations for Luton Food Bank

23rd Oct—Break the Rules Day

26th Oct—HALF TERM

2nd Nov—Back to school

4th Nov—Individual school photos

5th Nov—HCL Themed Bonfire Lunch Menu

11th Nov—Remembrance Day

12th Nov—Flu 'mop up' day & HCL Themed Diwali Lunch Menu

13th Nov—Children in Need Day—Non uniform—Donate £1

16th Nov—Anti Bullying Week

17th Nov—Yr 6 Health Checks by Nursing Team

23rd Nov—UK Parliament Week

26th Nov—Gift for the North Pole shop—Non uniform day

27th Nov—Occasional Day—School closed

30th Nov—Assessment Week

7th Dec—Last week for Teacher led Clubs

7th Dec—Pantomime 1-3pm—Nursery pupils invited

9th Dec—North Pole Shop open

10th Dec—Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day



Bright Stars



Bright Star Awards - Friday 25th September 2026

Nursery	Felicity	For being brave and exploring more of the classroom and garden during independent learning.
Reception	Max	For always wanting to help the teachers and being great at tidying up.
Year 1	Robin	For using all his story-writing skills to create a wonderful tale about Rat and Hare.
Year 2	Aubrey	For making some really positive choices in the classroom and showing role model behaviour in his learning.
Year 3	Cordelia	For showing wonderful curiosity about the world around you and confidently sharing your thoughtful ideas and questions in lessons.
Year 4	Isaac	For taking care and pride in your English when writing your graphic novel. Well done!
Year 5	Harrison	For challenging himself to give in-depth responses when solving reasoning questions in Maths.
Year 6	Alice	For showing great kindness towards other children in her class and in other year groups. Thank you for taking such good care of others, Alice!

Attendance

Year Group	Attendance for the week beginning 21st September
Nursery	89.41%
Reception	93.69%
Year 1	97.61%
Year 2	81.42%
Year 3	89.06%
Year 4	91.58%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	94.88%

Make sure you arrive to school on time please and come into school each day.

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS 93.04% FOR THIS WEEK

Home Learning Superstars

Year Group	Reading	Numbots/ TTRS
Cherry	Oscar, Theo, Quinn, Max, Axel, Reuben, Dax	Theo, Max, Quinn, Axel, Mabel, Elsie, Poppy, Oscar
Maple	Lily, Frankie, Edie, Aubrey, Robin	Leo, Amelia, Reggie, Frankie
Chestnut	Matilda, Cordelia, Austin, Daisy, Ella, Alfie, Reece	Austin, Joni, Xander, Ada, Matilda, Cobi, Leo, Isaac
Bonsai	Alice, Joey, Mia, Oscar S	Harrison, Mia, Nicole, Darcy S, Andre

Each week, we check who has met the home learning expectations. The new chart above shows which children in each class met those expectations.

Congratulations to all these pupils who had extra break time this week.



Photos of our wonderful week



Cherry Class



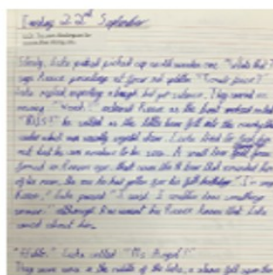
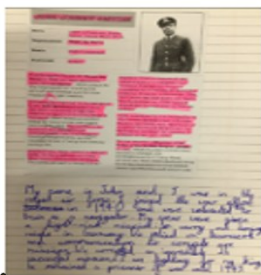
Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



Our New School Council



Some of our Super Teaching Assistants



Family Information

Parent and Carer Information Newsletter

Please click onto the link below for information and support for families.

DSPL8 aim to bring together information about support and services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, as well as their families.

[DSPL8 - Newsletter](#)

Well done to our Tag Rugby Girls

Our girls from Bonsai Class enjoyed a fantastic day at Harpenden Rugby Club on Tuesday. They received certificates for excellent participation in assembly today.



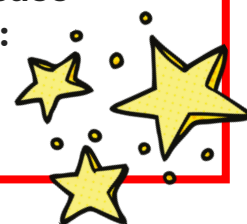
Miss Russell was delighted with their performance and they showed great sports skill and attitude.



The Big Future

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. The Children's Commissioner will be using what they tell her to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government. Some children completed this in school last year. If you wish your child to take part please see the link below. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



Junior Choir

A fantastic opportunity for children to join Junior Choir.

**Please do contact Reverend Sam at St Leonard's Church for more details.
It would be great to see members of our Young Voices children joining too!**



Join St Leonard's Junior CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We are looking for children who love to sing to join our new Junior Christmas Choir.
The choir will perform at our Crib Service on Christmas Eve, 3.30pm in St Leonard's Church.

Open to children in Year 1 and above.
No experience needed.
£5 per session.

6 weeks of rehearsals from Thursday 12th November, 6-7pm at St Leonard's Church.

Registration by 3rd November is essential.
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