Newsletter

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September 19th 2025

Assembly themes: Next week – Thankfulness & Harvest
Following week – Commitment

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a great couple of weeks back at school, with the children settling really well into their new classes. We have been fortunate with the weather so far, and have been able to continue to play on the field every day.

The Year 6 children have impressed us all with their professional attitude in undertaking responsibilities around the school and are lovely role models for the younger children. They are also proving to be super efficient in the office too, with a great standard of customer service.

Apologies for any confusion/extra deliveries with the last Newsletter – we migrated to a new IT system over the summer holidays, and whilst there are many benefits, it not been without its challenges! Perhaps I should have put Year 6 in charge of it… Fingers crossed for this week!

Birthdays

We always enjoy celebrating birthdays in school and it is lovely to see children wearing birthday badges, hairbands, sashes or sometimes all three! Due to the risk of severe allergic reactions, we are unable to give sweets or food treats out on school premises. No gifts are expected, but if you do want to share something, to celebrate, recent ideas have included giving a book to the class, stickers or little stationery item such as novelty erasers.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTFA meeting and to those who couldn't make it but have volunteered their service. I am delighted that Charlie is willing to continue in the role as Chair and appreciate all the effort he puts into leading all the events. As you will be aware, the PTFA plays an invaluable role in providing 'extras' which enhance the children's learning, which are not funded by the local authority. It also contributes to different activities to reduce/remove the cost to parents.

We have planned the following events for the year. I have broken down the tasks needed to run each of these – we would really appreciate any help you can offer, either as a one off, or on a regular basis.

Date	Time	Event	Helpers needed for:	Funds going to
7.11.25	6.00 - 7.45 p.m.	Children's Film Night	Setting up the rooms Sitting with the children, Clearing up	Pantomime coaches

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27.11.25	7.00 - 9.00 p.m.	Christmas Shopping Evening	Setting up Staffing the car park PTFA stalls & selling raffle tickets Clearing up	Pantomime coaches
11.12.25	10.15 a.m. 2.15 p.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	School Plays	Selling raffle tickets	Pantomime coaches
12.12.25	10.15 a.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	School Plays	Selling raffle tickets	Pantomime coaches
18.12.25	5.30 - 7.00 p.m.	Children's Disco	Helping in the hall Staffing the refreshments stall Sweeping the hall	Trim Trail
16.1.26	8.00 – 9.00 a.m.	PTFA big breakfast!	Setting up Putting food out Making hot drinks Collecting payments Clearing up	Trim Trail
13.2.26	All day	Come to school in your PJs	Counting money	Towards Mini Bus running costs
13.3.26	9.00 - 11.00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Shopping	Setting up Wrapping and labelling gifts Clearing up	Trim Trail
21.3.26	6.00 - 8.00 p.m	Masked Singer	Setting up tables and activities Running the bar Clearing up	Trim Trail
26.3.26	5.30 – 7.00 p.m.	Children's Disco	Helping in the hall Staffing the refreshments stall Sweeping the hall	Trim Trail
27.3.26	p.m.	Spring Raffle	Collect prizes Contact companies for prizes Send out Raffle tickets Fold stubs / collect money	Trim Trail
15.5.26	6.00 -7.45 p.m.	Children's Film Night	Setting up the rooms Sitting with the children Clearing up	Towards Mini Bus running costs
4.6.26	8.00 – 9.10 a.m.	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Setting up Putting food out Making hot drinks Collecting payments Clearing up	Trim Trail
2876.26	6.30 – 9.30 p.m.	Summer Do!	Setting up Cooking & serving food Selling Raffle Tickets Running the bar Clearing away	Trim Trail
17.7.26	All Day	Funky Hair Friday!	Counting money	Towards Mini Bus running costs

Messages to the office

We are always happy to help in the school offices and appreciate that things crop up at short notice meaning that arrangements might change. However, giving your child and us as much advance notice as possible, is greatly appreciated. We are currently spending quite a lot of time in the afternoons delivering last minute messages. Whilst it is very good for everyone's step count, it does mean that the office is unattended whilst we dash round. Thank you for your consideration.

Messages to Breakfast Club

Please could you email Breakfast Club if your child is booked to attend but isn't going? We appreciate plans change and that this can be on the morning. Thank you! The email address is: 326@codicote.herts.sch.uk

Harvest Festival Service

We are looking forward to meeting the children in school as usual, before walking up to St. Giles for the Harvest Service on Tuesday. Please could they bring their decorated envelopes into school on Monday? Thank you.

House Captains

Last week the houses elected their captains. There were some fantastic election speeches, and the results were closer than ever! The children are very lucky to have so many responsible children to vote for. This year, we have two vice captains for Mimram as they received the same number of votes. Congratulations to:

	Mimram	Lodge	Bury	St. Giles
Captains	Will E Lily	Oliver Evie	Jude Albert	Noah Jasmine
Vice Captains	Phoebe Amber	Finley	Coby	Imogen

Lockdown

There has recently been a lot of discussion and speculation on social media regarding lockdown procedures in school, should there be an uninvited person on school premises. We have been re-assured by the local authority and the police that the rumours concerning increased risk are unfounded. However, all schools are expected to have a procedure in place, and I can confirm that this is the case here. This has recently been reviewed and communicated to all relevant people.

Allergies, Asthma, Medical Conditions and Epi-pens

The new sheets will be printed off and displayed next week, so please let me know if your child needs to be included, but you have not yet had time to return the form.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Allergies, Asthma, Medical Conditions and Epi-pens

Child's Name:
My child has:

An epi-pen	**Asthma**	**Inhaler**
Medical condition	**Allergy**	**Other**

(Please tick and provide details as appropriate)
I give permission for their photograph and allergy details to be included in a poster displayed in relevant locations around the school – e.g. classrooms and dining room

Signed: **Date:**

Term Dates

2025- 2026	2026- 2027
AUTUMN TERM 2025 Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025 (Half term: Monday 27th Oct– Friday 31st Oct) **Inset Days: Wednesday 3rd September** **Friday 24th October** **Occasional Day:** **Friday 28th November** **SPRING TERM 2026** Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026 (Half term: Monday 16th Feb – Friday 20th Feb) **Inset Days: Monday 5th January** **SUMMER TERM 2026** Monday 13th April – Thursday 23rd July 2026 (Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May) **May Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May** **Inset Days: Friday 5th June** **Thursday 23rd July** The above dates equate to 190 school days	**AUTUMN TERM 2026** Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026 (Half term: Monday 26th Oct – Friday 30th Oct) **Inset Days: Tuesday 1st September** **Friday 23rd October** **Occasional Day:** **Friday 27th November** **SPRING TERM 2027** Monday 4th January 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027 (Half term: Monday 15th Feb – Friday 19th Feb) **Inset Days: Monday 4th January** **SUMMER TERM 2027** Monday 12th April – Thursday 22nd July 2027 (Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June) **May Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May** **Inset Days: Friday 11th June** **Thursday 22nd July** The above dates equate to 190 school days

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hitchin Police Station Open Day
Hitchin Police Station have some exciting news! ... We are having a Hitchin Police Station Open Day!

- Date: Saturday 27th September 2025
- Time: Between 1000-1400 hrs
- Location: Hitchin Police Station

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Welwyn Garden City Library – event for SEND parents and carers:
On Wednesday 1st October, we are excited to be welcoming guests including Hertfordshire's SEND local offer, SPACE, and many more local organisations to a free drop-in fair for parents and carers of children with SEND. This will run in the afternoon from 2pm-5pm and will be a great opportunity to connect with local services, for support, information and community. Whether you drop-in before the school run, or come after school with your children, we hope you can join us.

At 5pm we will be hosting author Cathy Reay, to talk about her new book 'How to be Disabled and Proud (or at least kinda sorta ok with it)'. This is another free event, that you must book your space for either at the desk in the library, or by emailing libraries.information@hertfordshire.gov.uk. Cathy will speak about her experiences as a disabled person but also as a mum to two disabled children. This event is aimed at parents and carers, looking to support and advocate for their children.

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