

Newsletter



Newsletter 4

October 16th 2026

Assembly themes: Next week – Belonging



First week after half term – Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a very busy and happy first term of learning and I cannot believe we are only a week away from half term! Hopefully everyone has been able to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher/teachers next week. Whilst these evenings are an important aspect of the way we communicate with you, please remember that we are always happy to meet with you to answer any queries or concerns – I really do mean the message at the bottom of every newsletter! I look forward to seeing you next week and wish you a happy half term holiday when it arrives!



Christmas Card Competition

The school has been invited to take part in the Christmas Card competition to design a Christmas card for Kevin Bonavia – the MP for Codicote – to send out at Christmas. Entries need to be returned to the school by next Thursday. Entry forms are available from the office. The theme is: Christmas in your community.



Diocesan Harvest Festival

Year 6 attended a special Diocesan Schools Harvest Festival Service at St. Albans Cathedral this week, representing the school. The children all sang the hymns beautifully. Some were chosen to be part of the clergy procession, carrying a banner, and others were narrators through the service. We were very proud of them all.



RE Wow! Day

Today, we are enjoying a WOW! Day, based on the World View approach to learning in RE. A worldview is about the way people make sense of the world and decide what is important to them. There is an appreciation that:

- Everyone has a world view
- People with the same religion may think and practise differently
- Some people have a non religious world view
- Beliefs are shaped by family, culture, experiences and communities.

The children have been learning through a number of activities based on thinking about themselves, their beliefs and values, seeing the world through different lenses and exploring different questions. We will be displaying their learning around the school over the next few weeks, so please look out for it next time you are visiting.



Dance Workshop

Everyone enjoyed the dance workshops held last week for Years 1 to 6. Led by professional dancer, Emma, each class learnt a different type of dance and routine. This opportunity was funded through Sports Premium, so at no cost to families.



PTFA Autumn Fancy Dress Disco

On Thursday 22nd October, there will be a PTFA disco, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for any children who attend the school. Fancy Dress is optional. Entry costs £3.50 – children may bring a small amount of extra money if they wish to buy anything from the tuck shop. Mobile phones may not be brought. This is a volunteer-led event by our PTFA, so any parents who would like to help will be warmly welcomed. On this occasion, please let Mrs Martin in the office know if you're able to help set up, supervise during the event, or clean up afterwards. Many hands make light work!

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

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER



Community events

Santa's Singing Workshop

Attached to the newsletter is a poster advertising a Santa's Singing Workshop on 22nd December at Welwyn St. Marys. The workshop is free, but places need to be booked in advance.