# Newsletter

**Newsletter 9** **9th January 2026**

**Assembly themes: Next week: Compassion and kindness**
**Following week: Truth & Honesty**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year break. We have had a great start back at school – the children have settled back in beautifully and, as always, are a pleasure to be with. In this newsletter, I have included the dates for the Spring and Summer terms, as well as the term dates to help people with planning.

## PTFA Events

**Big Breakfast – Friday 16th January**
Next Friday, from 8.30 a.m. the Big Breakfast will be taking place! Come along for a bacon sandwich, pastry or hot chocolate – perfectly prepared and just what is needed for a cold January morning! If you can help (selling tickets, preparing drinks etc) please let the school office know.

**Masked Singer – Saturday 21st March**
Back by popular demand, our Masked Singer family event returns Saturday 21st March from 7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6.30p.m.) There will be both children and adult sections, so if you or your child wish to take part, please reserve your place as soon as possible. To maintain top secrecy, please email me directly head@codicote.herts.sch.uk I look forward to hearing from you!

## Reception Reading Meeting

Reception parents and carers are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday 3rd February at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception classroom. The focus will be on how we teach reading in school and ways you can support your child at home. We hope you can make it!

## Support for Parents & Carers

The children's commissioner has published a guide for parents and carers for supporting their children in navigating their way using technology. This has been written with children and young people. The link below takes you to the website which has downloadable guides, resources and activities. If you would like a printed copy, please ask at the school office.
'What I wish my parents or carers knew…': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England

## Clubs

We are pleased to offer the following clubs this term – please sign up for clubs on Arbor. Children are expected to attend each week and let staff know if they cannot attend in advance. Teams/groups representing the school are selected from the children who attend the relevant clubs.

| | Before School - 8.20 a.m. | Lunchtime | After School |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Monday** | Cross Country Running – Y4-6 | Maypole & Country Dancing – Y4-6 | Nature Ninjas – Y5 & Y6<br>Netball – Y5 & Y6<br>Football – Y5 & Y6 |
| **Tuesday** | | Y1 Tennis*<br>Ukulele – Y4-6 | |
| **Wednesday** | | Construction Club – Y2<br>Choir – KS2<br>Chess – KS2 | Girls Football – Y5 & Y6<br>Football – Y4 & half Y3 (tbc)<br>Sports Hall Athletics – Y5 & Y6 |
| **Thursday** | | Y2 & Y3 Tennis*<br>Mindfulness – Y4-6 | |

*Small cost - clubs run by external providers.
All other clubs are free, as they are run by school staff.

**Club start dates**

- Week beginning 12.01.26:
  - Cross Country, Maypole & Country Dancing, Ukulele, Choir, Construction Club & Mindfulness
- Week beginning 19.01.26:
  - Netball & Nature Ninjas
- Week beginning 28.01.26:
  - All Football (Year 3 will be able to attend some Y4 Wed sessions - details to follow by email)
  - *Sports Hall Athletics stops from this week (3 sessions only from 7th Jan 2026)*

## Class Assemblies

You are most welcome to join us for Class Assemblies, where the children share what they have been learning about with the rest of the school. We start at 9.05 a.m. – you are welcome to come into the hall to take a seat after dropping your children off.

| Date | Class | Date | Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Thursday 29.01.26** | Year 5 | **Friday 06.03.26** | Year 6 |
| **Thursday 05.02.26** | Year 4 | **Thursday 12.03.26** | Year 2 |
| **Thursday 26.02.26** | Year 1 | **Thursday 16.03.26** | Year 3 |

## Uniform

The children all seemed to have grown over the holidays – please let us know if you would like any of our pre-loved school uniform. As a reminder, skirts and pinafores should be navy blue and shirts/polo shirts can be either light blue or navy. There are a few children currently wearing non uniform colours – we would be happy to send home the correct coloured items from our stock of pre-loved uniform.
During winter, plain black boots may be worn – examples of appropriate styles are shown above.

## Reception Applications for September 2026

Applications for places in Reception need to be completed by 15th January 2026 via the Herts County Council website Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council. If you need support in completing this, or access to a computer, please do not hesitate to come into the school office and we will be happy to help.

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 News

**idance Codicote**
**Spring – Summer 2026**
*www.facebook.com/idance.org.uk*

| *Day* | *Style* | *Level* | *Time* | *Age/School Yr* | *Teacher* | *Girls* | *Boys* | *Place* | *HT* | *FT* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***MONDAY*** | **BALLET** | **PRE-PRIMARY** | 3.45 – 4.15pm | Reception - 1 | Miss Emma | Aqua dress | Black/white | PMH | £36 | £72 |
| | **BALLET** | **STANDARD PRIMARY** | 4.15 – 4.45pm | Years 2-3 | Miss Emma | Pink dress | Black/white | PMH | £36 | £72 |
| | **BALLET** | **GRADE 2 BALLET** | 4.45 – 5.30pm | Years 4-6 | Miss Emma | Mulberry w/belt | Black/white | PMH | £40 | £80 |
| | **BALLET** | **GRADE 3 BALLET** | 5.45 – 6.30pm | Years 7 + | Miss Emma | Navy w/belt | Black/white | CPS | £40 | £80 |
| | **BALLET** | **POINTE WORK** | 6.30 – 7.00pm | Years 8 + | Miss Emma | See Grade | Black/white | CPS | £36 | £72 |
| | **BALLET** | **GRADE 5 BALLET** | 7.00 – 7.45pm | Years 10 + | Miss Emma | Black | Black/white | CPS | £42 | £84 |
| | **TAP** | **GRADE 5 TAP** | 7.45 – 8.30pm | Years 10 + | Miss Emma | Purple/Black | Black | CPS | £42 | £84 |
| ***TUESDAY*** | **ALL** | **DIDDI DANCERS** | 3.45 – 4.15pm | Age 2.5 - Recep | Miss Laura | Rainbow | Free | PMH | £36 | £72 |
| | **TAP/MOD** | **PRIMARY – 1** | 4.15 – 5.00pm | Years 1-2 | Miss Laura | Pink | Black/multi | PMH | £40 | £80 |
| | **TAP/MOD** | **GRADE 1-2** | 5.00 – 5.45pm | Years 3-4 | Miss Laura | Red | Black/multi | PMH | £40 | £80 |
| | **MODERN** | **GRADE 3 MODERN** | 5.45 – 6.25pm | Years 5 + | Miss Laura | Royal Blue | Paint Splat | PMH | £40 | £80 |
| | **TAP** | **GRADE 3 TAP** | 6.25 – 7.05pm | Years 5 + | Miss Laura | Royal Blue | Paint Splat | PMH | £40 | £80 |
| ***SATURDAY*** | **ALL** | **TOTS DANCE** | 9.15 – 9.45am | Age 2.5–5 | Miss Emma | Rainbow | Free | CPS | £36* | £72* |
| | **GYM** | **TOTS GYM** | 9.45 – 10.15am | Age 2.5–5 | Miss Emma | Rainbow | Free | CPS | £40* | £80* |
| | **ACRO** | **JUNIOR ACRO** | 10.15 – 10.55am | Reception + | Miss Emma | Pink/Gold | Free | CPS | £45 | £90 |
| | **ACRO** | **SENIOR ACRO** | 10.55 – 11.35am | Years 6 + | Miss Emma | Purple/Gold | Free | CPS | £45 | £90 |

PMH - CODICOTE PEACE MEMORIAL HALL (HIGH STREET, CODICOTE, SG4 8XE)
CPS - CODICOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL (MEADOW WAY, CODICOTE, SG4 8YL)

***SAVE WHEN YOU DO BOTH TOTS DANCE AND TOTS GYM; Deduct £10 from your Half Termly payment, or £20 from your termly payment***

***SPRING TERM 2026; Monday 12th January – Saturday 14th February, and Saturday 21st February – Tuesday 24th March***
***SUMMER TERM 2026; Monday 13th April – Saturday 16th May, and Saturday 30th May – Tuesday 14th July***
***VILLAGE DAY 2026; Sunday 5th, Sunday 12th and Saturday 18th July – all in PMH***

***Contact Laura to register for a free trial or drop in anytime; info@idance.org.uk - 07771995263 - www.facebook.com/idance.org.uk***

**Spring Term 2026**

| Date | Time | Event |
|---|---|---|
| **16.1.26** | 8.30am | PTFA Big Breakfast |
| **20.1.26** | 9 – 10am | Year 4 Mental wellbeing workshop |
| **21.1.26** | 7pm | Governors' Meeting |
| **28.1.26** | 1 - 4pm | Year 6 Badminton Tournament |
| **31.1.26** | 10 – 11.30am<br>3 – 5.30pm | Cross Country Running – Bushey<br>Football team tournament – Parmiter's School |
| **2.2.26** | 1 - 3.15pm | Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics competition |
| **3.2.26** | AM | Great Athlete visit - Sean Rose |
| **3.2.26** | 7 – 8pm | Reception Reading Meeting |
| **4.2.26** | All Day | Internet Safety Day |
| **4.2.26** | 9.15 – 11.30am | Year 4 Sports Hall Athletics competition |
| **5.2.26** | 9 - 11.30am | Years 5 & 6 Basketball Heats |
| **9.2.26** | PM | Year 6 to see 'Chess' at The Priory School |
| **9.2.26** | 3 - 5.30pm | Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket |
| **11.2.26** | 5.00 - 7.00pm | Parent Teacher consultations |
| **12.2.26** | 8.30 - 9.30am<br>3.30 - 5.30pm | Parent Teacher consultations |
| **13.2.26** | All day | PTFA Pyjama day |
| **16.2.26** | **Half Term** | |
| **25.2.26** | 3-5.30 | Year 5 & 6 basketball (if we qualify) |
| **26.2.26** | 3-5.30 | Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket (if we qualify) |
| **2.3.26** | AM | NSPCC Assembly & Workshop |
| **3.3.26** | All Day | Author Visit – Vanessa Taylor |
| **4.3.26** | All Day | Year 5 to St Albans Cathedral |
| **5.3.26** | All day | World Book Day |
| **9.3.26** | 1 – 4pm | Year 5 Handball |
| **11.3.26** | All Day | Year 1 to Natural History Museum, Tring |
| **12.3.26** | 7.00pm | Governors' Meeting |
| **13.3.26** | AM | Mothers' Day Shopping |
| **19.3.26** | All Day | Next Page Book Fair |
| **19.3.26** | 9.30 – 11.30am | Year 4 Speed Stacking Final |
| **21.3.26** | 7 – 9pm | PTFA Masked Singer Family Event |
| **23.3.26** | All Day | D & T Day |
| **25.3.26** | AM | Talent Show |
| **26.3.26** | All Day | Year 2 Scooter Workshop |
| **26.3.26** | 5.30 – 7pm | PTFA Spring Disco |
| **27.3.26** | AM | Easter Service at St. Giles Church |
| **27.3.26** | 2.15pm | Term Ends |

**Summer Term 2026**

| Date | Time | Event |
|---|---|---|
| **13.4.26** | 8.50am | Term Starts |
| **23.4.26 – 24.4.26** | All Day | Year 5 trip to Tolmers Activity Centre |
| **4.5.26** | All Day | Bank Holiday |
| **5.5.26** | 9.30am | May Day Assembly |
| **5.5.26** | 7.00pm | Governors' Meeting |
| **6.5.26** | All Day | Year 4 Pedestrian Road Skills |
| **7.5.26** | PM | Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts |
| **7.5.26** | All Day | Year 4 Pedestrian Road Skills |
| **8.5.26** | PM | Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts |
| **11.5.26** | AM | SATS week |
| **15.5.26** | tbc | PTFA Film Night |
| **22.5.26** | All Day | Bring your bear to school |
| **25.5.26** | **Half Term** | |
| **4.6.26** | 8.30am &<br>9.15am | PTFA Big Breakfast &<br>Sponsored Walk |
| **5.6.26** | All Day | INSET Day |
| **12.6.26** | PM | Musical Production visiting school – *Jungle Book* |
| **15.6.26 – 19.6.26** | All Day | Year 6 to Isle Of Wight |
| **22.6.26** | All Day | STEM week |
| **24.6.26** | 7.00pm | Governors' Meeting |
| **27.6.26** | 6.30pm | Summer Do! |
| **29.6.26** | All Day | Art Day |
| **2.7.26** | 3.30 – 5pm | Open Evening |
| **9.7.26** | All Day | Moving up day |
| **16.7.26** | All Day | RE Day |
| **17.7.26** | All day | PTFA Funky Hair Day |
| **18.7.26** | 12.30pm | Village Day |
| **20.7.26** | AM | EY Sports Day (Nursery & Reception) |
| **21.7.26** | 9.30am<br>1.30pm | KS1 Sports Day<br>KS2 Sports Day |
| **22.7.26** | 10.00am | Leavers' Service |
| **22.7.26** | 1.45pm | Term Ends |
| **23.7.26** | All Day | INSET day |