Camp Primary and Nursery School St Albans
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to come along to the class transition sessions a few weeks ago and to those who have already booked a parent consultation slot. The system went live last night for children in Years 1 to 6. Please do go on to Schoolcloud if you haven't already done so to book to come and meet the class teacher and hear how the children have settled and are engaging with their learning. Details for Nursery and Reception parent consultation sessions will follow shortly.
If you do need to speak to the class teacher at any other time then this is usually easiest at the end of the day. Do call or email the school office and messages can be passed to the teachers to contact you directly.
We also always have member of staff out in the playground each morning if you have any general questions that they would be able to answer for you.
We are pleased to say that we have begun our Reception admission tours for children starting school next September, it has been lovely to begin meeting prospective parents and tour dates on the school website.

Signal Box 'Railway 200' bench

The finished mosaic bench design

At the end of last year the Year 4s (our current Year 5 class) were involved in helping to design a mosaic for 'Railway 200', the anniversary of British railways. Audrey, who runs Mosaic Club at Camp, used the drawings done by the children as inspiration for the design and said she loved the creativity of each design so combined lots of different parts into the final project. The bench has since been installed at the Signal Box garden and Ms Rowe and Miss Charnock were there on Friday 26th September for the opening ceremony.
The signal box is free to visit and is next open on Sunday 12th October and Wednesday 29th October. https://www.sigbox.co.uk/sigbox/home.eb

Artwork by Arkadii, Younes, Amy, Safiyyah, Phoebe B, Caroline, Sadie, Sufyan, Dylan K and Abi will also be going on display in St Albans city station waiting room on Platform 1

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Medical appointments

We ask that medical and dental appointments are scheduled outside of the school day whenever possible. We understand that this isn't always feasible, but appointments during school hours should be limited to cases where it is absolutely unavoidable.

Please note that we are only able to authorise absences for the child who has the appointment. Unfortunately, time off for siblings to attend the same appointment cannot be approved.

To help us manage attendance records effectively, please ensure that you request permission in advance by emailing the school office. You may also be asked to provide evidence of the appointment.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Positions of responsibility in school

Yesterday in assembly we were able to congratulate children who have taken on new positions of responsibility in school. This includes our School Council for the autumn term, who had their first meeting yesterday. The School Council will be led this year by President Tommy and Vice-President Éabha from Year 6. They were elected by their peers following speeches they gave in class outlining why they felt they should hold these positions. Each class selected their own School Council representatives below. Well done - we know you will do a brilliant job this year and look forward to working with you.

After an application process children from Years 4, 5 & 6 were also given roles as Librarians, Sports Council Play Leaders, Peer Mediators, Art Champions and Eco Committee representatives. The children who applied to be peer mediators will now undertake two days of training to support them in gaining the necessary skills to undertake this important role.

School council

Year 1 - Nora & Chico

Year 2 - Aibhlin, Hazel, Róise & Wilf

Year 3 - Valentina, Daniel & Toby

Year 4 - Inaaya & Fyfe

Year 5 - Phoebe L & Oscar

Year 6 - Louis, Amara & Elliana

Art Champions

Year 6 - Evan, Joni, Sammy, Theo

Librarians

Year 6 - Ibrahim, Lucas & Tharun

Year 5 - Amy, Hetty, Lyla, Phoebe L, Sadie, Safiyyah, Sufyan, Vera & Zareen

Sports Council Play Leaders

Year 6 - Benji, Eli, Elodie, George, Idris, Lottie, Louis, Saoirse & Tyler

Year 5 - Aasiyah, Charlie, Danila & Evie

Peer Mediators

Year 6 - Amara, Elliana, Gabe, Hannah, Kian, Maggie, Maya, Mia & Olivia

Year 5 - Abi, Emilia, Emma, Eva, Sadie

Eco Committee

Year 6 - Sarah

Year 5 - Caroline, Phoebe B

Year 4 - Cari, Inaaya, Lily, Lena-May, Rhiann

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Hertfordshire Countryside Charity - Children's Art competition

Last term we encouraged pupils to enter the Countryside Charity's annual Hertfordshire Children's Art Competition. This year's theme was '*My Adventures in the Countryside*'. The aim of the competition is to encourage children and their families to connect more deeply with the Hertfordshire countryside through creativity and personal expression. Many schools took part and we are delighted to say that two of our children, Grace in Year 4 and Maggie in Year 6, were commended for their entries and Mabel-Rose, Year 1, was a winner in the Early Years category. Well done to everyone who entered!

Healthy snack

We kindly request that children are given healthy snacks to bring in for playtime. Please refrain from sending crisps, chocolate bars, or other sugary snacks. We encourage fresh fruit, vegetables, and other wholesome options to support our children's well-being and concentration throughout the day. We also ask that foods that can present a choking hazard e.g. grapes and cherry tomatoes, are cut in half if sent in as a snack.

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER	
Thurs 9th	Year 4 class assembly 9:15am
Wed 22nd	Year 5 class assembly 9:15am
Wed 22nd & Thurs 23rd	Parent consultations
Mon 27th – Fri 31st	Half term – school closed
NOVEMBER	
Wed 5th	School photographs
DECEMBER	
Mon 8th	Christmas music concerts KS1 9:10am & KS2 9:40am

Inset & occasional days for 2025/26:

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th January 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Friday 26th June 2026
Thursday 23rd July 2026

Best wishes
Sharon Barton & Rachel Rowe
Head Teachers