Camp Primary and Nursery School St Albans

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Heads' Newsletter

1st May 2026

Welcome

As we come to the end of another busy half term, we would like to thank all of our pupils, staff and families for their continued hard work and support. It has been a wonderful half term filled with lots of exciting learning opportunities across the school, and it has been lovely to welcome so many parents into school for assemblies or sessions linked to their children's learning.

What an amazing way to finish the half term with our Sports Theme Week! The enthusiasm, teamwork and energy shown by the children has been fantastic, and it has been wonderful to see everyone getting involved and enjoying the activities.

With the weather looking set to be beautiful over the half term break, we hope all of our families get the opportunity to make the most of the sunshine. We wish you all a happy and restful half term break.

Year 6 SATs

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils for the fantastic effort they showed during their SATs tests last week. Every child approached the week with determination, positivity and resilience, trying their very hardest in every test. They demonstrated maturity, perseverance and a wonderful attitude throughout, and they should all feel extremely proud of themselves. They also thoroughly enjoyed their breakfasts each morning and a day or relaxation and fun on the Friday. Well done, Year 6! pic

New equipment for EYFS

EYFS have a wonderful new outdoor kitchen that was opened for use yesterday. We have used some of the money raised during our recent sponsored fun run to pay for this and the children in Nursery and Reception were very excited to start using it.

More new resources have been ordered for the children to look forward to using next half-term.

Thank you again to parents for their support in raising funds for the outside provision.

Staying safe on the school site

Please can we remind parents and carers that children must be supervised at all times before and after school. It needs to be the responsibility of the parent/carer in charge to ensure rules are being followed before 8.45am and after the school day finishes. We are still seeing regular incidents occurring where children are making behaviour choices not consistent with school rules. The rules the children are used to following during the day to keep themselves and others safe include:

no scooting or cycling on school grounds

no climbing trees

no using school PE equipment, including balls, outside.

Thank you

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Sports Theme week - Sticks and Stones

Our Theme Week has come to an end and what a busy one it has been! Kicking off with kurling and boccia (bowling) on Monday, followed by the sound of sabres rattling (fencing) and balls being hit (cricket), children explored the woods during forest school activities, the beautiful sound of steel pans filled the school building and it all finished today with the smell of fresh breadsticks and yogurt dips wafting through the air.

The children seemed to really enjoy the week and they were asked by the Sports Council members what liked most across the week:

- *Teodora (Reception Class): rolling the balls in boccia.*
- *Oli (Year 1): the kurling because you can roll it and you can get points.*
- *Ava C (Year 2): going into the forest and putting sunflower seeds into apples.*
- *Abi, Coco and Holly (Year 3): forest school activities as we got messy!*
- *Leo (Year 4): trying out different sports over the week because they were fun.*
- *Vera and Younis (Year 5) everything as the activities were all new to me.*
- *Mia (Year 6): the steel pans because they sounded magical.*

Thank you to parents and carers for your very kind contributions that have supported the organising of the Theme Week activities.

Mr Wootton

As a school we would like to thank Mr Wootton for all his hard work organising the week, and also Helen Maher, Rosanna Rahman, Jo Crichton and Andi Yoxall for delivering the wonderful forest school and food making sessions across the week.

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Year 2 Class Assembly

We opened our assembly with a simplified transcript between NASA's mission control and Artemis II, which we enjoyed in Guided Reading.

We then shared some learning by retelling the traditional story of Rapunzel, and Saoirse shared her version, bringing the story into the 21st century with a modern retelling.

We also shared our learning about Bangladesh, including a dance and we ended on a high with a performance of 'Gran can you rap?' by Jack Ousby.

Mrs Browne

Dates for your diary

MAY

Mon 25th - Fri 29th - Half term (school closed)

JUNE

Thurs 4th - KS1&2 Sports Day 9-10:30am & 1:30pm onwards

Thurs 4th - PA Summer wreath event

Fri 5th - Building Blocks session 9-11am

Sun 7th - Wed 10th - Year 6 school journey

Mon 15th - Wuka period talks for Y5 and Y6 girls (more info to follow)

Thurs 18th - Nursery Class Assembly

Saturday 20th - Summer Fair 1-3pm

Wed 24th & Thurs 25th - Parent consultations

Fri 26th - INSET (school closed)

JULY

Wed 1st - Year 3 Egyptian Day

Thurs 9th - Year 6 Secondary transfer day and class transition sessions in school

Sat 11th - Camp Out

Tues 21st - Year 6 leaving assembly 2pm

Tues 21st - Nursery end of term

Wed 22nd - End of term 1:30pm finish

Please note that the return to school in both September 2026 and September 2027 will be on 2nd September. In both years, 1st September will be an INSET day, and school will be closed to pupils.

KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

We would like to remind all our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 families that their Sports Day is on Thursday 4th June, the week we come back after half term. The morning session will run from 9-10:30am and the afternoon from 1:30pm.

Year 1 Class Assembly

Last Thursday Year 1 shared their learning with the rest of the school and their families in a lovely class assembly.

The children re-enacted the Post Mouse with confident voices and super singing and what a surprise at the end when the audience including parents were showered with paper aeroplanes in a demonstration of airmail!

Mrs Ridge

Community Steelband at Mid Herts Music Centre

Start your steelpan journey in a new community steelband! An exciting and welcoming entry point for people of all ages and ability wanting to learn how to play the steelpan as part of a steelband ensemble. This session will be at 4.30pm - 5.30pm, led by an experienced steel pans expert. Get together with other families for an uplifting session of music making. Under 11s must be accompanied by an adult (no extra cost).

Sign up below

Community Steelband

Kind regards,
Sharon Barton & Rachel Rowe
Head Teachers