Camp Primary and Nursery School St Albans

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Heads' Newsletter

23rd October 2026

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half-term it has been! As we head into the holidays, we want to say a huge thank you to our pupils who have settled in well to their new classes and tried so hard in their learning over the last 7 and a half weeks.

Thank you also to our parents for your continued support. It was lovely for you to be able to join us this week for parent consultations. Whether you caught up with the teachers face to face, online or ended up chatting over the telephone, we hope you enjoyed the chance to celebrate your child's progress and see how hard they've been working. We also want to send a big apology for the technical issues with the School Cloud system. The problems were completely out of our hands and part of a widespread issue affecting schools all over the country, but we know how frustrating it is when things don't work as planned. Thank you so much for your patience, flexibility, and good humour as we switched to backup plans! The final parent consultation sessions will be held on Wednesday 4th November.

The children have now been appointed to their Pupil Leadership roles as Eco Committee members, Art Champions, Peer Mediators, School Council reps for each class, Sports Council Play Leaders and Librarians. Look out for the School Council selling poppies before and after school from Wednesday 4th November

The children and staff have earned a well-deserved rest in the week ahead, and we hope you all have a fantastic, relaxing half-term break.

School photos

School Photographs - On Wednesday 4th November the photographer is in school taking individual and sibling group photos. You can also come into school early (from 8.30am) if you would like a photo taken with siblings who are younger and not yet in our setting. Please come in through the usual pedestrian gate and the door to the hall will be open for you.

Staff update

We want to let you know that after half term Andi Yoxall is stepping back from her teaching assistant role. We are delighted that she will still be working in school in her IT, Data and Project Manager role. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and the support she has given the children and her colleagues over the last nine years.

We are very pleased to welcome two new members of staff to the team next half-term. Ginosko Badudu and Ana Pereira Puri will be coming to join us as Teaching Assistants working in Phase 2. We really look forward to having them on the team.

We also wanted to let you know that Sharon Barton will be going off for a planned operation at the start of next term and will be away for a little while recovering. While Sharon is getting better, Rachel Rowe will be stepping into the headteacher role full-time. This means there will always be someone in school to lead the team, answer your questions, and keep things running smoothly.

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Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who already act as class representatives on the parent forum. It has been so useful to have your feedback and reflections on what's working well and how we can improve things at Camp.

At the moment our numbers for this group are feeling a little low - might you be interested in joining the group? If so, please let us know by email to the school office on admin@camp.herts.sch.uk.

The commitment is just one meeting on a half-termly to termly basis and being happy to reach out to other parents from your child's class to ask for their views and ideas. If you'd like to find out a bit more please do come and talk to us.

Year 2 - The Great Fire of London

Parent Governor Vacancy

One of our parent governors, Hollie Rendall, is finishing her term of office and we want to thank her for all her hard work and commitment in the role.

We are now seeking parents from Nursery to Year 6 who would like to nominate themselves for election - please see the letter coming home separately via email.

We welcome all applications, and someone with an HR/Personnel background would be particularly useful on the Governing Body.

Nursery Admissions Tours

For parents applying for a nursery place in September 2027, applications will open on Friday 6th November and close on Friday 19th February 2027.

We are finalising dates for Nursery admissions tours/open mornings, which will be published on the school website after half term.

Year 2 Great Fire of London

In Year 2 we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. As part of our learning we worked in teams to build 17th Century houses. On Thursday we took our houses out onto the playground and Mrs Rahman helped us to reenact the Great Fire by burning them.

Oli - When it went onto Pudding Lane it made a very big fire from all the wind. I liked it when it went on my house and there was lots of fire.

Rey - When the wind blew it made the fire bigger. I liked when all of the houses turned to ash and Mrs Rahman put it out with water.

Chico - I liked it when the fire was spreading through the houses and when mine was the last one standing and the fire went SOOO big.

Miss Charnock

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Year 5 - 'It's All Greek to Me'

SEND Coffee Morning

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the next SEND coffee morning in school on Monday 16th November, 9-10am. This is a chance to talk with other parents and our SENCO Alison Fragher.

Class Flags Assembly

Every week we have a Sharing Assembly, where classes from Year 1 to Year 6 come together to share some of their learning with everyone. In assembly on Thursday, Years 1-6 shared the class flags they had spent time designing and creating as part of their PSHCE learning. Our year begins with the 'Settling in to Learn' theme with the children thinking about what unites them as a class and what their class values and shared interests are.

Harvest Collection Thanks

We want to say thank you to all of our families for your generous donations for Harvest Assembly and all those who volunteered to help.

Special thanks go to Julia Shelley and Jo & Matthew Taylor for taking the donations to the food bank.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Year 5 performed their class assembly on Wednesday this week "It's All Greek to Me". They shared their learning about the Ancient Greeks through songs, a poem, sharing facts and acting in different roles. They all spoke clearly and performed their songs with much enthusiasm. Well done Year 5!

"I enjoyed performing the olympian song, especially pretending to be a wrestler!" Kaine

"My favourite song was the Olympian song" Serena

"We enjoyed learning the Greek dance routine to It's All Greek to Me" Rose and Maggie

"It was really fun performing the Hare and the Tortoise poem with the actions" Rhian

Miss Rowlatt

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

Mon 26th-Fri 30th - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Wed 4th - Individual & sibling photos

Mon 16th - SEND coffee morning 9-10am

DECEMBER

Wed 2nd – Year 2 Performance PM

Thurs 3rd – Year 2 Performance AM

Thurs 10th & Fri 11th – EYFS Performance

Thurs 17th – Christmas Lunch

Thurs 17th – Nursery term ends

Fri 18th – School term ends 1:30pm

Kind regards,
Sharon Barton & Rachel Rowe
Head Teachers