

GCA NEWS

15th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. It has certainly been a busy week here at school, filled with celebrations and significant achievements across all year groups!

Firstly, our "Break the Rules Day" was a fantastic way to celebrate our attendance, and we hope your children enjoyed it as much as we did. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. Mark your calendars as we are already looking forward to our next attendance event - more details will follow soon.

Our Year 6 girls' netball team had a brilliant first match! They displayed exceptional teamwork and resilience, working together throughout the game. Their determination to improve was clear, and I couldn't be prouder of them. It's always inspiring to witness our children grow and strengthen as individuals and as a team.

Nursery and Reception also had a brilliant time on Nursery Rhyme Day. The effort that went into their costumes was impressive. Thank you to all the parents for your support in making this day so special.

Lastly, our Children in Need day was a resounding success, with everyone donning their pyjamas to show our support. It was heart-warming to see the school come together for such a worthy cause, and your contributions will undoubtedly make a difference. As we continue through this busy term, we appreciate your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss your child's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you, and enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Ruck

Attendance

Please keep up the good work of being at school on time everyday and watch out for the next attendance challenge.





Seven of our Year 6 children travelled to St Francis on Thursday after school to take part in a Netball event. We played three games and although the competition was tough, I could see how much they enjoyed playing together and trying their best. It truly was a pleasure to watch them in action. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication. Participating in such events not only enhances their sporting skills but also builds confidence. Moments like this help shape their character and resilience.



Police & Crime Commissioner's Christmas Card Competition!

With just weeks to go until Christmas, Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner Jonathan Ash-Edwards is launching a competition for the county's children to design his Christmas card.

The winning card will be sent to some of the most important figures in policing and community safety nationally as well as communities across Hertfordshire.

Children aged 11 and under are invited to put pen or pencil to A4 paper and submit their creative Christmas designs by **Thursday 28th November**. The only rules are no paint or glitter please!

The theme for the Commissioner's first competition is **'helping people at Christmas'**

If you wish to take part in this competition, please bring your designs to the school office!



Dates for your diary.

18th –22nd November Y5&6 Level 2 Bikeability Course (for those who have signed up)

22nd November – Year 1 local walk

25th November – Flu Vaccination – second session

26th November – Y5&6 Brecks foundation presentation

28th November – Non uniform for chocolate tombola donations

29th November – School closed for occasional day

2nd December – Y3 Lego league workshop – more information to follow

3rd December – Year 1 Christmas journey

5th December – Year 2 Christmas journey

6th December – Christmas Fair

8th December (Sunday) – St Pauls community celebration

12th December – Christingle service

17th December – Imajica Christmas Panto

18th December – Christmas Lunch

Uniform

We have a school-colour based uniform. The school colours are Jade and black.

It helps the younger children to settle into school more quickly and to acquire independence if they wear clothes that they can easily manage for themselves. Suitable clothing could be chosen from:

Sweatshirt or Cardigan, preferably with the school logo
Black skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts
White shirt/polo shirt
Checked or striped dresses in green and white
White socks

Please note: Joggers and leggings are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

P.E.

(PE days will be communicated to you by the end of next week)

School PE T-shirt and black shorts and trainers. Plain black, non-branded tracksuits can be worn in the colder weather.

Alternatively your child can wear plain black jogging bottoms and their normal jade school cardigan/ jumper over their PE kit. We ask that children come into school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

Footwear

Black school shoes only please. Trainers are only to be worn for PE.

NEW – Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Birthdays this week



Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Ruck