"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE." JOHN 14: 6

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Around the school!

As I write this to you, I am enjoying listening to Christmas Carols being sung in the hall as children embark on practising for their Christmas Concerts. On Monday, we were delighted to welcome our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner this week to carry out a learning walk across the school, alongside representatives of our Governing Body. Feedback was how calm and purposeful the classrooms felt. There were also lots of great examples seen of how staff are using key pedagogical features such as securing children's attention, using gesture and repetition and checking on new learning to avoid misconceptions.

Looking ahead, please see details below of how our Christmas Concerts will work in December as well as a special invite we have received to attend a Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church in December. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

MIA. Woods

Have your say!

Following our consultations, we are delighted to share our first parent/carer survey of the academic year. Please click on the link below to complete it and share your views with us.

Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HG8KD32

Your feedback enables us to keep moving forward in everything that we do. Please remember, that if there is anything you ever wish to discuss in depth, you are always welcome to make an appointment to see Mrs Woods.

Christmas Concerts

We are fast approaching our fabulous Christmas Concerts. A reminder that these will take place on the following days:

Monday 1st December: KS2 (Years 3 and 4)

Tuesday 2nd December: EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Wednesday 3rd December: KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Each performance starts at 5pm and will take place at St. Mary's Church. Children should arrive, in their costumes and outfits at 4.45pm. Further information will be sent out from your child's class teacher.

Information for Parents and Carers: Our concerts are a family event and we are delighted to welcome parents, siblings and wider family. However, priority seating in the main body of the church will be given to parents, carers and siblings. We ask that other family members sit towards the sides of the church. Please support us in making this happen or we may need to issue a ticketing system or limit who is invited.

Christmas Service - Thursday 18th December: Children from Reception to Year 4 are invited to a Christmas Service organised by St. Mary's Church on Thursday 18th December. We will meet at the the Church from 8.40am, with the service starting at 9am. Parents and Carers are welcome to stay. The children will be singing and some will be participating in the service itself.

Next week at a glance MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

MONDAY: WORSHIP FOCUS: REVEREND TAYO

MINI-MAKERS LUNCHTIME CLUB - REC

HOCKEY LUNCHTIME CLUB - ALL HOMEWORK CLUB 3.30-4.30PM

NINJA WARRIOR CLUB* 3.30-4.30PM

TUESDAY: PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

TIGER CHEER LUNCHTIME CLUBS MULTI-SPORTS LUNCH CLUB - ALL

VOLLEYBALL CLUB* 3.30-4.30PM

WEDNESDAY: MINI-MAKERS LUNCHTIME CLUB - Y1-4

TAG RUGBY LUNCH CLUB - ALL GYMNASTICS CLUB* 3.30-4.30PM

THURSDAY: ATHLETICS LUNCH CLUB - ALL

LEGO CONSTRUCTION CLUB* - 3.30-4.30PM

FRIDAY. FUNKY FRIDAY - LUNCHTIME DISCO - ALL

*THESE CLUBS ARE FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-4.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

<u>Superstar Sports</u> now run all extra-curricular sport activities, as well as Construction Club. Club details and booking links for next half term can be found here:

Monday: Ninja Warrior Tuesday: Volleyball Club Wednesday: Gymnastics Thursday: Lego Club

(Ninja Warrior): https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-east-london-essex-herts-roger-de-clare-ninja-warrior-ware-e2907042-9988-41d5-a21f-9e3c603d5436

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<u>Homework Club runs</u> every Monday. Please email the office to let us know if your child wishes to attend. <u>Mini -Makers</u> information has been emailed home.

Please find links to clubs run by <u>Tiger Cheer</u> for Reception, Y1 and Y2:

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Yr 3 and 4:

https://forms.gle/K6At4KwrTwegpve68

Dates for the term.

Monday 1st December: Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert - 5pm

Tuesday 2nd December: EYFS Christmas Concert -5pm

Wednesday 3rd December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert - 5pm

Thursday 4th December: Decorations Day

Friday 5th December: School Closed - Occasional Day

Monday 8th December: Christmas Craft Stay and Play for prospective Nursery and Reception.

Saturday 13th December: PTFFA Christmas Fair Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Dinner

Thursday 18th December: St. Mary's Christmas Service for Roger de Clare at 9am

Friday 19th December: School closes at 1.15pm

Monday 5th January 2026: Whole School INSET

Tuesday 6th January: School re-opens to Years 1-4 only (EYFS INSET)

Wednesday 7th January: EYFS children return

Community News

HAPpy Camps return for the winter school holidays!

If your child gets benefits-related free school meals, we are contacting you today with great news about HAPPY Camp holiday provision. Fully funded HAPPY Camps will be running during the winter/ Christmas school holidays!

You will need a new Unique HAPpy Code to book your child's winter holiday camp place.

Key dates for your diary:

- · From Tuesday 11 November look out for the HAPpy booking code email
- Thursday 27 November HAPPy Bookings go live from 10:00am note earlier Go Live time than recent holidays.
- · Monday 22 December HAPpy winter activities start!

About HAPpy Camps

Children and teens living in Hertfordshire who get benefits-related free school meals can attend government funded HAPpy Camps for no cost. Camps offer physical activity, fun, and a free hot meal all in safe surroundings. SEND provision is also available. HAPpy Camps are a fantastic way to keep kids active and curious during the holidays, so they are ready to learn again in the next school term.

Want to know more about what to expect at HAPpy Camps, then watch the short video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lnj&4auf3AU

The HAPpy winter programme runs from Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026. Full details of Winter HAPpy activities and venues will be available when bookings open on Thursday 27 November. Sorry, but we are unable to share details of activities before this date!

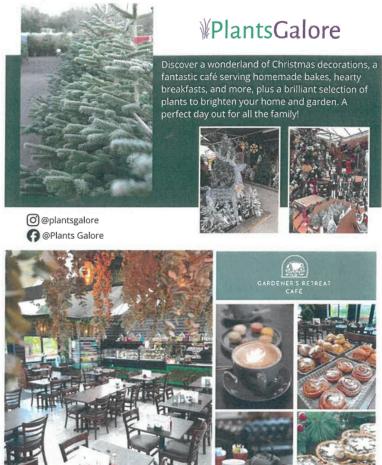
We will be back in touch soon with your Unique HAPpy Booking Code. For now, please make a note of the dates in your calendar.

Holiday vouchers

If your child is entitled to benefit free school meals, there will be holiday vouchers for the Christmas period. These were issued on Monday 17th November and will have been emailed to you. If you have not received them, please contact the school office.







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