

NEWSLETTER

This is a reminder to email the school office at office@cowleyhill.herts.sch.uk if you have any queries and attendance@cowleyhill.herts.sch.uk if you are reporting your child's absence from school.

REMINDER – NO nuts/sesame seed products should be brought into school.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on **Thursday 22nd October 2026**. All general appointments are face to face, in our school hall and children are invited to attend. Each appointment lasts for ten minutes.

The booking system for all sessions is live on ARBOR. Bookings will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. Appointments will be available from the main dashboard on your app.

Hello Yellow – Friday 9th October 2026



On **Friday 9th October 2026**, our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity supporting children and young people's mental health.

Although World Mental Health Day falls on Saturday 10th October this year, we will be marking the occasion on Friday 9th October so that our whole school community can take part together.

Children are invited to wear **one yellow item alongside their normal school uniform**, such as a yellow T-shirt, socks, hair accessory or bracelet, for a £1 donation. Donations can be made via the Arbor app.

Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a #HelloYellow wellbeing challenge, led by our Wellbeing Ambassadors, helping to promote positive mental health and wellbeing across the school. The day is an opportunity to remind

children that it is okay to talk about their feelings and that no one should face mental health challenges alone.

YoungMinds also offers a range of support for parents and carers, including online resources, a parents' helpline and webchat support. Further information can be found at www.youngminds.org.uk/parent.

Thank you for supporting this important cause and helping us raise awareness of children's mental health.

Aylmerton Residential School Journey Information Meeting – September 2027 For children currently in Year 5 and 4

If you were unable to attend last night's information meeting, we have emailed the presentation slides to you.

Parents of children in Year 5 will be able to reserve their child's place on the trip from **6.00 pm this evening**. On **22 October**, any remaining places will be offered to children in Year 4. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served** basis.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Scott.

FSM

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) changed. All parents/carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of the amount received. Applying takes around 5 minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number.

Applications can be made using the following link: [Free school meals and other benefits Hertfordshire County Council](#).

If you require any further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

Year 6 – Secondary Transfer

All children in year 6 will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2027. The online system is now open, the closing date for applications is the 31st October. Parents should apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

If you would like any help please talk to the office staff. The Moving-On booklet sent out to you will inform you of the dates for open evenings at the secondary schools and how to apply.

If you would like another copy please contact the office or download a copy from our school website.

Message to Year 5 Parents



Secondary transfer is now open to all children currently in year 6. As year 5 parents this is an opportunity for you to also go around to their open evenings to have a look at what they have on offer. Further information can be found on individual secondary school websites.

Harvest Festival



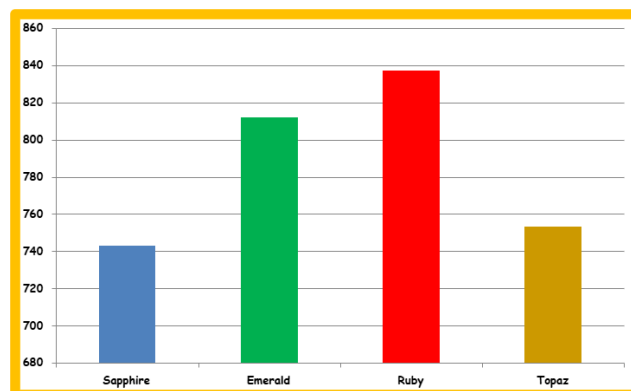
We have started collecting non-perishable foods, toiletries and pet food for Harvest Festival, which we will deliver to The Borehamwood Food Bank. Last year we successfully helped many families in Borehamwood with our donations and would like to do our part to support our community again.

If you would like to make a donation of items for The Food Bank please send these in by **Monday 5th October** with your child.

Thank you for your support.

House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	743
Emerald	812
Ruby	837
Topaz	753

Class Attendance

The class with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is R-Ash with 100.0% attendance and in KS2 it's 6-Mulberry with 98.3%... WELL DONE.

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
Reception Ash	100.0%	100.0%
1 Beech	100.0%	99.6%
Reception Elm	100.0%	99.3%
2 Maple	100.0%	93.5%
1 Holly	100.0%	93.2%
2 Birch	100.0%	91.5%

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
6 Mulberry	100.0%	98.3%
5 Chestnut	100.0%	97.9%

3 Hazel	100.0%	96.8%
4 Cherry	100.0%	96.0%
4 Willow	100.0%	95.9%
6 Hawthorn	100.0%	95.6%
5 Sycamore	100.0%	93.8%
3 Cedar	100.0%	90.8%

Class Assemblies

ALL ASSEMBLIES WILL BEGIN AT 9AM

Date	9am Start
23 rd October	Year 6
6 th November	Year 1
13 th November	Year 2
20 th November	Year 5
27 th November	Year 3
4 th December	Year 4

Please use the dining hall entrance when arriving to watch your child's class assembly. Tea and coffee will be available from 8.30am to 8.45am, costing 50p per cup (**cash only**).

Autumn Term Dates 2026

w/c 19 th Oct	Book Fair out afterschool and during Parents Consultations
Wed 21 st Oct	Flu Vaccination
Thurs 22 nd Oct	1-8pm Parents Consultations
Sat 31 st Oct	Secondary school admissions application for September 2027 close
Mon 2 nd Nov	Primary school admissions application for September 2027 open
Wed 11 th Nov	5.15pm e-Safety Evening / Device party
Mon 30 th Nov	Flu Immunisations Mop Up
Mon 7 th Dec	1.30pm – KS1 Performance

Tues 8 th Dec	2.15pm Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert
Wed 9 th Dec	9.30am – EYFS Carol Concert / Stay and Play
Wed 9 th Dec	5.30pm KS1 Performance
Thurs 10 th Dec	2.15pm Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Fair (3-5pm)
Wed 16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Fri 18 th Dec	School Finishes at 1.15pm
Fri 18 th Dec	Paid After School Club finishes at 3.30pm

Term Dates for 2026 - 2028

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 18th December

Half-Term Week – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

SPRING TERM 2027

Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th March

Half-Term Week – Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

SUMMER TERM 2027

Monday 12th April to Friday 16th July

Half-Term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

No School – 21st June

AUTUMN TERM 2027

Thursday 2nd September to Friday 17th December

Half-Term Week – Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

SPRING TERM 2028

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 31st March

Half-Term Week – Monday 14th to Friday 18th February

SUMMER TERM 2028

Tuesday 18th April to Tuesday 18th July

Half-Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd

June

Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May

No School – 19th June

Louise Thomas

Headteacher