



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

17th May 2024

Our Value this half term is Service

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We are all very proud of the Year 6 pupils who sat six assessments this week. They all conducted themselves in a positive manner, showing 100% effort. Each day started with a lovely breakfast of toast, cereal, fruit and beans on toast. Wednesday was a huge treat – pancakes made by Mrs Coultart! Thank you to Mrs Farrow for joining us each day and to all the staff and governors who came in to support the assessments.

Year 4 Maths Challenge Four of our Y4 children took part in a Maths Challenge against other schools in Stevenage last week. They didn't get through to the final but they did really well, scoring full marks on one round and only one mistake on another. The children really enjoyed working as a team and listening to each other's ideas. Mrs Ruddlesden was very proud of the different ways they approached problems and how they persevered to find solutions. Very well done to Albert, Damaris, Habel and John.

A big thank you to everyone who bought **Charlie Chicks** to help raise money for the Garden House Hospice before Easter. We raised well over £200 and the grand total raised across Hertfordshire was a wonderful £20,250, approximately £2000 more than last year!

Reminder: please send your child to school with a **coat or waterproof every day**, even when it is sunny because the weather can change from hour to hour. Thank you.



Safety Online Simplified

Being kind online: The internet has many positive opportunities for children to learn and play, but it can also be used in negative and unkind ways.

It's really important to speak to your children about being kind online, and how they can get help if they see or hear anything that makes them feel worried, scared or sad. Use these [Home Safety Activities](#) to explore ways of staying safe online together.

Achievements

Each week we focus on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Teamwork**.

Congratulations to: **YR:** Frank & Summer; **Y1:** Hannah & Isabelle; **Y2:** Venice & Cecelia; **Y3:** Maddison & William; **Y4:** Seth & Elijah; **Y5:** Lara, Jasmine, Oscar, Jack, Aiesha, Isabelle, Nathanael, Hunter & Frankie; **Y6:** Alfie & Archie.

Next week we will be focusing on Perseverance.

House points

We continue to keep a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

St Andrew:	2532
St Clare:	2493
St Francis:	2491
St Catherine:	2457

Sports Day is on the morning of Friday 7th June. Parents and Carers are welcome to come and watch. Approximate timings are as follows: **Nursery & Reception from 9:10 – 9:45am;**
KS1 & KS2 from 9:50am – 12pm.

Diary Dates

- **Friday 24th May** – Skipping Day! All children to come to school in PE kit
- **Sunday 26th May** – deadline for ordering class photos
- **Monday 27th-Friday 31st May** – Half Term
- **Monday 3rd June** – INSET Day
- **Friday 7th June** – am Sports Day. Parents and Carers are welcome to come and watch.
- **Thursday 11th July** - Moving up day
- **Monday 15th July** – Year 6 Production
- **Tuesday 16th July** – Year 6 Production
- **Thursday 18th July** – pm Leavers' Service in church
- **Friday 19th July** – Last day of term - Early finish 1:30pm - No After School Club
- **Wednesday 4th September** – Back to school!

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Collins

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever.

Psalms 52:8

Sporting Achievements

Our **Mixed Football Team** played their last match at home against Bedwell last Friday. They won a fantastic 6-0 and as a result have won the league! Huge congratulations to you all on this wonderful achievement.



The **Y5 Netball Team** had a really busy week this week! They had two home games vs Almond Hill on Tuesday which they won 6-1 and Ashtree yesterday. They have another match this afternoon against Shephalbury Park at home.



The **Y6 Netball Team** is also playing Shephalbury Park at home this afternoon and they have two more matches scheduled for next week and we look forward to hearing how they get on.

Some of our **Y3 and Y4** children are playing in a **Football Tournament** at Bedwell School this afternoon. We are sure that they will have a great time and look forward to hearing all about it.