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26th September 2025

Our Value this half term is Compassion

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Harvest The school gathered together on Monday to celebrate Harvest. Donations were made to The Porch Pantry at our school church, St Andrews and St Georges, which is used by many local families and individuals who need support with food. The children sang songs of praise, read poems and reading from the Bible and shared their thoughts and wishes for harvest.

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations; we really appreciate your generosity. *If you would still like to give something, donations are still welcome.*

Author Visit It was super to be visited by author, Su Murley on Wednesday! She spoke to KS1 and KS2 about writing and she read her rhyming books to our EYFS children.



Mobile phone use For safeguarding reasons and to ensure the safety and privacy of all our pupils, we kindly ask that parents and visitors **do not use mobile phones while on school grounds**. Thank you.

School Photos A reminder that the deadline to order photos for free delivery to school is **2nd October**.

Flu immunisation Please see the poster overleaf for information about the upcoming flu immunisations which will take place in school just before half term. A letter with a link to the form to fill in will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

Clubs School Football and Netball Clubs started again this week for Years 5 and 6. If your child would like to take part, there's still time to sign them up on Arbor.

Achievements

Each week we will be focusing 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 **Curiosity**. Congratulations to:

Y1: Romeo; **Y2:** Freddie; **Y3:** Rebecca & Ugonna; **Y4:** Leo; **Y5:** Alfie & Isaiah; **Y6:** Seth.

Next week we will be focusing on **Concentration**.

Sporting Achievements

The **Y5 and Y6 Cross Country Championships** took place at Fairlands Valley Park on Wednesday. 24 of our children took part and had a really good afternoon. Melody and Myles from Y5 were our top placed Y5 girl and boy and Alexander and Damaris were our top placed Y6 boy and girl. Well done to all the children who took part, we are very proud of all of you.

House points

We are keeping 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 term for each House is:

St Andrew:	214
St Catherine:	197
St Clare:	176
St Francis:	136



Safety Online Simplified 4

Sharing pictures: Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

We recommend reading '[Younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#)' for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Have a great 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." Psalm 52:8

Diary dates

- **Thursday 2nd October** - Year 3 trip to Stevenage Museum (am)
- **Thursday 2nd October** - Year 4 trip to Stevenage Museum (pm)
- **Monday 13th – Friday 17th October** – Y5 Cycle Training (for those who have booked it)
- **Wednesday 22nd October** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 23rd October** - Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 23rd October** – Flu immunisations in school
- **Friday 24th October** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October** – Half Term

- **Week beginning 3rd November** – APDR meetings
- **Wednesday 5th November** – Drumming Workshop in school
- **Tuesday 11th November** – second round of Flu immunisations in school
- **Friday 21st November** – Film night (t.b.c.)

- **Friday 5th December** – Christmas Fete after school (t.b.c.)
- **Monday 8th – Friday 12th December** – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativities (times t.b.c.)
- **Monday 15th December** – Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 17th December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 18th December** – Christingle service in school
- **Thursday 18th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Friday 19th December** – INSET Day – School Closed
- **Monday 5th January 2026** – Back to School



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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