



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

10th October 2025

Our Value this half term is Compassion

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

APDR meetings will take place **next week**; beginning on Monday 13th October; if you need to book one of these appointments you will have had an e-mail from Miss Onur. **Please book your appointment on Arbor if you have not already done so.** Booking closes on Monday 13th October at 10am.

Parent and Carer Consultations will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd October with appointments available from 3:30pm.

Please book your appointment on Arbor if you have not already done so. If you have an APDR Meeting, you do not need to book a Consultation appointment. Booking closes on Monday 20th October at 10am.

Reminder to **bring a coat to school every day**. We know that some children don't like to wear a coat to school, especially if the sun is shining when they leave home but please ensure children bring a coat to school every day with the name in it. The weather is very changeable at the moment and the children play outside whatever the weather.

Free School Meals A reminder to check your eligibility if you think your child might qualify for free school meals using the following link: [Free school meals | Hertfordshire County Council](#)



Safety Online Simplified

Supervise their online activity: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. All the guidance around online safety suggests that Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom. During the pandemic your family's online habits will have changed and you may need to address some bad habits that have developed... better to do it sooner rather than later.

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 **Questioning**. Congratulations to:

Y1: Alex; **Y2:** Darcy & Ewa; **Y3:** Delia & Tanveer; **Y4:** Holly; **Y5:** Milo & Estera; **Y6:** Ollie & Phoenix.

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

Sporting Achievements

Football Tournament Our Y5&Y6 football team took part in a tournament at Round Diamond School yesterday. They played 4 short matches and although they didn't win, Mr Whitchelo was very impressed with how close each game was and with the great sportsmanship displayed by the team. Well done to everyone who took part.

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:	496
St Catherine:	481
St Clare:	457
St Francis:	385

Flu immunisation A reminder to consent or decline for your child(ren) to have the Flu immunisation in school in the week before half term. Details of how to do this were e-mailed home last week.

Request for glass jars! We are starting to plan for our Christmas Fete and would be grateful if you could save any glass jars with lids for us to use for our tombola stalls. Thank you very much.

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

- **Week beginning 13th October** – APDR meetings
- **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** – INSET Day – School Closed
- **Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October** – Half Term
- **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** – Occasional 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