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3rd October 2025

Our Value this half term is Compassion

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Museum Trip Years 3 and 4 walked to Stevenage Museum yesterday and enjoyed an Egyptian workshop. The children loved dressing up as Pharaohs and exploring a mummy, bandaging and organising the organs in canopic jars. They also made bookmarks, writing their names in hieroglyphics!

BEBRAS Challenge 2025 This year we will once again be entering the international BEBRAS Challenge to encourage our children to develop those important Computational Thinking skills that are valuable in life. If you would like to support your child in this venture, then the PDFs sent with this newsletter explain how they can join the BEBRAS Google Classroom and then get practising the puzzles and challenges before the actual event in November. It runs for two weeks (10-21st) and will happen during school time. Any questions about this can be directed to Mrs Coultart via the office.

Care Bears The underpass closest to school has had a makeover this week. A group of wonderful artists have painted it with Care Bears and slogans including "Dare to Care"! Do go and have a look if you haven't seen it already. Here are a couple of photos from earlier in the week to give you a taste of what is there:



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 **Concentration**. Congratulations to:

Y1: Scarlett & Eliam; **Y2:** Nicholas; **Y3:** Faith & Myra; **Y4:** Raylen; **Y5:** Molly & Ebbany; **Y6:** Logan & Damaris.

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

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:	296
St Catherine:	283
St Clare:	262
St Francis:	216



Safety Online Simplified 5

Watching videos: Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. [YouTube Kids](#) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on [YouTube Kids: what parents need to know](#) and you can set filters on YouTube following [these instructions](#).

Flu immunisation A letter was e-mailed home yesterday about how to consent or decline the flu immunisation for your child(ren). Flu immunisations will take place in school in the week before half term.

A reminder that **children go out in all weathers** so please ensure they bring a coat to school every day.

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

- **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