



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### *Our Value this half term is Thankfulness*

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

**Visit from Bishop Jane** We are really excited that Bishop Jane, the Bishop of Hertford will be coming to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December to help us celebrate The Feast of St Nicholas. The children will all have a chance to see her and chat to her as she leads worship and tours the school.

**Christmas Fete** Our Christmas Fete is next Friday in the hall, straight after school. The Choir will be singing festive songs, and there will be plenty to do and see including games to play and a Christmas corner where you can meet some elves and receive a present. Have you seen these elves in the office? You can guess their names at the Fete and may win one to take home! Please do join us after school for lots of festive fun.



**Tokens to use on stalls** at the Fete (50p per token) and **Raffle Tickets** for Christmas Hampers, a Coffee Maker (see photo above) are available now in the School Shop on Arbor. *Please buy tokens and tickets in advance.*

We are planning to have a table with **Christmas Jumper donations** at the Christmas Fete on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December for anyone to help themselves to. Donations of jumpers or cardigans that your children have outgrown will be gratefully received and we hope that you may be able to find one for your child to wear this year. Please drop any donations into the office. Many thanks.

**Nativity costumes** In addition, if your children have outgrown any nativity costumes and you feel able to, we would be delighted if you could donate them to school for the younger children to use in their upcoming nativity plays. Any costumes can be dropped off at the Office and we will pass them on. Thank you very much.

### **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:** Belicia & Grayson; **Y2:** Aurelia; **Y3:** Keegan; **Y4:** Matteo & Bushra; **Y5:** Resul; **Y6:** Alexander & Emliy.

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

### **Sporting Achievements**

The **Mixed Football Team** braved the cold and played a great match away against Featherstone Wood on Tuesday. They did brilliantly and they won 3-1. Congratulations to everyone who took part! The team has two more matches before Christmas so we look forward to hearing how they get on.

### **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:	1579
St Clare:	1375
St Francis:	1371
St Catherine:	1370

**Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 17th December** Lunch bookings are now open on Arbor until 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please see the Christmas Newsletter sent on 21<sup>st</sup> November for further details. We are asking for donations for Save The Children. Donations can be made via Arbor. Thank you.

*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*

**Keeping personal information safe:** Personal information is any information that can be used to identify your child. Sharing personal information online is easy and sometimes children, like adults, might share more online than they would offline, which can be risky.

Read [Personal Information: a guide for parents and carers](#) for information and advice.

### ***HCC Admissions Consultation***

HCC Admissions Consultation Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2027/28 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are: Retain the remainder of the county council's existing admission arrangements for 2027/28, including PANs, Relevant Areas and schemes of coordination.

The consultation period runs until the 7th December 2025.

Please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2027](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2027) for more information and to respond online. If you have any queries, please email [admissions.consultation@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.consultation@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

### ***Diary dates***

- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 2 Christmas Journey at St Hugh and St John Church (please see e-mail reminder for details)
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Bishop Jane, Bishop of Hertford visiting the school
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fete after school
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – 9:30am Nursery and Reception Nativity – parents and carers welcome
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – 2:15pm Years 1 and 2 Nativity – parents and carers welcome
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – 9:30am Years 1 & 2 Nativity – parents and carers welcome
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – 1:45pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service in church – parents and carers welcome
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day – Donations for Save the Children to be made on Arbor
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle service in school
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Back to School



Once you have had fun at the School Christmas Fete you could enjoy  
Tea with Santa at the church!





**£5 per child including Tea and a Gift**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 5pm**

**St Andrew & St George Church  
St George's Way, Stevenage SG1 1XX**

**For more information and to book email:  
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