



ST CATHERINE'S NEWS UPDATE

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

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News from the Head....

We were able to celebrate lots of amazing children today, for their out of school achievements, for netball, for football, for their learning, for their dancing and for their poetry writing. Extra thanks to Millierose, Willow, Arija and Eloise for organising the Poetry competition.

Reminder that next Friday is corn on the cob day!!



A REMINDER—VISITORS MUST NOT TAKE PHOTOS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Sports Updates

Netball

Last night our netball team played in the semi finals of the Evans Cup where they met Morgans school. From the start it was an evenly contested match. At the end of the first quarter both teams had scored four goals. The second quarter continued to be a battle where we went down a few goals. We picked up our score to go on to winning the third and fourth quarter, however the final score was 15-17 to Morgans. The girls should be proud of their achievement in the competition.

Football

The first half was evenly matched between the two teams but with more chances from St Catherine's. The second half showed how determined the boys were and the goals started coming more freely. The team were respectful and showed great sportsmanship to the opposition. Despite the unpredictable wind which took the ball in all directions, the boys showed great control and won the match.

FOSC Corner

For more information please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/foscware/>
Facebook—search for FOSC Community Corner
Instagram—FOSCWARE

Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 20th March, is Red Nose Day. If they would like to, the children are welcome to wear something red, or some of the red nose day merchandise for a £1 donation towards Comic Relief.

Year 1 may dress in red on THURSDAY instead, if they wish, due to Fire of London Day.

Menu Changes

Easter Lunch Menu—Wednesday 25th March

Spring Roast Chicken served with Sage & Onion stuffing and gravy

Or Veggie Bangers with gravy

Or Jacket Potato

With

Roasted New Potatoes

Honey Roasted Vegetables

Sweetcorn

Dessert

Carrot Cake or Shortbread



Lunch prices & free school meals

From 1st April 2026, KS2 meals will be priced at £3.60 per day.

Nursery meal prices remain the same. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 meals remain free under the government Universal Free School Meals scheme.

It is vital that families who are entitled, receive Free School Meal Funding - please check your eligibility via the following link [Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

We encourage families with children in Reception through to Year 2 to also apply if you think you may be entitled, as this will help with support at school with things such as trips and uniform. It also supports the school's funding.

Please be aware that Infant free school meals cease at the end of Y2, so do please double check your entitlement.

You may be entitled Free School meals if you **receive any of the following:**

Income Support

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you are unsure, please speak to the school office.

Tiger Cheer

To book places on cheerleading club for the Summer term, please visit:

Years 1,2 and 3:

<https://forms.gle/5m96xKmQfAZwyJvQ8>

Years 4, 5 and 6:

<https://forms.gle/fYp3mdwcTV88XfwTA>



Easter Holiday club

Mr Chivers, Mr Simpson and the team of coaches from Football's Future hope to see Football & Sports thirsty children of St Catherine's during the half term break!

Please visit [Holiday Clubs Archives - Footballs Future](#) for more information and to book



Parent Helpers

As you know reading is a very important part of our curriculum at school and we always aim to hear the children read as much as possible throughout the school week. If any parents/grandparents/carers are able to commit to an hour or more a week to listen to children read it would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help please speak to Miss Hammond in the school office.

Home time

Can we please ask Nursery and Reception parents that collect older children from the back, to keep children away from all play equipment and from classroom windows. The older children are still in lessons and children running around and items being thrown at windows are a big distraction.

No children should be climbing on play equipment without a member of staff present.

Thank you

Spring Discos

FOSC have organised Spring Discos for all of the children.

24th N & R Spring Disco 2.45—3.45pm—Nursery children that finish at 11.45 or 12.45 can be brought back to the school hall for 2.45pm if they would like to attend the disco.

24th Yr3&4 Spring Disco 4—5.15pm

25th Yr1&2 Spring Disco 3.15—4.15pm (children going to the disco will get changed in class and be taken straight to the disco)

25th Yr5&6 Spring Disco 4.45—6pm

For more information and to book your child's place, please visit [Friends of St Catherine's School](#)




What would YOU do with £3 million to promote Ware's heritage, arts & culture?

JOIN the DISCUSSION
Ware Priory Conservatory
Saturday 14 March
11-1
Everyone welcome!




We could be the first UK Town of Culture

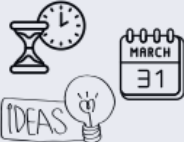
Could Ware be the UK Town of Culture in 2028?




The Ware Town Council and lots of the groups in town are entering a competition.



If Ware wins one of the UK Town of Culture prizes, it could get £60,000, £250,000 or £3 million!




We have to show them our initial ideas by 31 March 2026.



This bid will include ideas from lots of different people in our community.

People like you!



We especially want to hear from people who sometimes are left out, including:

- people who have disabilities or neurodiversity
- those who feel lonely or struggle with mental health
- older people, teens, children
- people who might not have time or enough money to participate.

What do we mean by culture?

CULTURE

Culture is the arts, ideas, and customs of a community.

Culture includes lots of things:

- arts and crafts
- museums and history
- film and photography
- theatre, dancing and music
- poetry and books
- festivals
- food and fashion
- how town and buildings are designed
- clubs and sports
- and more!



Well done to our Hedgehog rescuers!



We want to celebrate Ware's 8000 year history and its future

If we win, we plan to use the arts to help us celebrate

- Ware's tremendous culture
- Our unique history and heritage (what we have learned from our past)
- Our rivers, roads and location
- Our exceptional community spirit
- Our hopes for Ware's future



Diary Dates

March

20th Year 1 Fire of London day *

20th Red Nose Day

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26th KS1 Reading morning—please note change of date

27th FOSC Easter Egg hunt

27th school finishes at 1.15pm

30th—10th April—Easter holidays

April

13th Children return to school

15th Hertford & Ware Music Festival

May

5th Class and Year 6 photos

11th—15th SATs week

15th Year 2 Castle Day *

18th Year 6 K-Nex Challenge

18th Year 1 Maths learning café

20th Year 2 Maths learning café

25th—29th Half term

June

1st-5th Careers week

8th Phonics screening

10th Parent consultations *

11th Parent consultations *

14th—17th Year 6 PGL trip

22nd—26th Sports week

26th Friday—Summer Fete—times to be confirmed

30th Year 5 Celtic Harmony trip *

30th Year 2 Topic learning café

July

2nd Year 1 Topic learning cafe

9th Move Up Day—Year 6s to Secondary schools

9th new Reception taster lunch

17th term finishes at 1.15pm

Summer Term 2025/2026

13th April—17th July 2026

Half term 25th—29th May

4th May—Bank Holiday—School closed

17th July—term ends 1.15pm

School year 2026/27

Autumn Term: 1st September—18th December 2026

INSET Day— Tuesday 1st September—school closed to pupils

Children return to school—Wednesday 2nd September

Half term : 26 October 2026 – 30 October 2026

INSET Day—Friday 27th November—school closed to pupils

Occasional Day—Monday 30th November—school closed

18th December—term ends 1.15pm

Spring Term: 4th January 2027—25th March 2027

INSET day—Monday 4th January—school closed to pupils

INSET day Friday 12th February 2027—school closed to pupils

Half term : 15 February 2027 – 19 February 2027

25th March—term ends 1.15pm

Summer Term: 12th April—22nd July 2027

Bank Holiday—Monday 3rd May—school closed

Half term : 31 May 2027 – 4 June 2027

21st July—term ends 1.15pm

INSET day Thursday 22nd July 2027

* information to follow



For more information visit:

www.waretowncouncil.gov.uk/event-category/ware-town-council/

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