



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....

Thank you to all staff who supported our Y3/Y4 visit to St Albans Cathedral yesterday. It was an amazing experience for the children, their singing, their engagement, their behaviour was impeccable and everyone on the staff team was incredibly proud, as I'm sure parents were too. It was a one-off opportunity, and we are truly grateful to staff and parents for their support in making this happen.

It was lovely to see so many of you at St Mary's for our church service earlier this week. Y6 presented the Easter Story really well, and the little ones sang beautifully.

We wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 13th April.



Fire of London

The Y1 Fire of London Day was a huge success - thank you to staff for organising this and to parents for helping with costumes! The children had a wonderful day of extra-curricular learning!



Red Nose Day

Thank you for all your contributions towards Red Nose day last week - overall we have raised £300.



Discos

Thank you to Alex and the FOSC team for organising the school discos this week. They were really well run, the DJ was great, and the children had an amazing time.

Sports Updates

A brilliant WELL DONE to our Netballers this week who played in the District Finals at Simon Balle. The 'A' team came 3rd overall, and the 'B' team came 1st in the 'plate' competition. We are delighted with how well they have progressed.

ALSO! Congratulations to our football team, who won their match this week to get through to the District Finals.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to all our Easter Bunnies, who visited today to deliver easter eggs - I'm not sure there will be any evidence of this at the end of today, but the children enjoyed the search!!



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 <https://footballs-future.com/product-category/school-clubs/st-catherines-school-clubs/>

Easter Holiday Club link:

<https://footballs-future.com/product-category/holiday-clubs/>

"A Noise Annoys" - an award winning uplifting hour of witty wordplay, silly songs and joyful nonsense by Jude Simpson - poet, entertainer and three-time national slam winner! Coming to Ware Library on Wednesday 8 April, 10.30-11.30

"Jude Simpson is funny, sharp, and a terrific performer - she needs to be seen and heard wherever possible." - Michael Rosen

Suitable for all ages from 5+, tickets just £7 and bookable at the library or via our website



JUDE SIMPSON
A NOISE ANNOYS
A FAMILY SHOW
FEATURING POETRY,
SONGS, AND SILLINESS

Wednesday 8 April, 10.30-11.30am
Ware Library

Tickets: £7
per person

Free meal planning support for East Herts families

East Herts Council is supporting local families with access to a free meal planning service to help improve health, reduce food waste and lower food shopping costs.

Families can receive personalised weekly meal plans and shopping lists, making it easier to plan meals, save time and avoid unnecessary spending.

This initiative is fully funded by the council, meaning there is no cost to residents, and no payment details are required.

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<https://fivedinners.com/mycommunity> and click on East Herts Council



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HOLIDAY CLUBS



EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

St Albans & Ware

08:30-15:30

Starting at **ONLY £27.50**

FOOTBALL, MULTI-SPORTS, BOTH!
DAILY PRIZES

FOOTBALL GROUPS: REC-Y3 & Y4-Y8

MULTI-SPORT GROUPS: REC-Y3 & Y4-Y8

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

FOOTBALLS-FUTURE.COM

easter at church farm
28th March – 12th April

Visit Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

Easter Farm Day Pass
Includes:
Easter Themed Activity Book
Woodland Play Area
Easter Bunny Riddle Trail
Farm Bingo & spot the Easter Bunny
See the Lambs, Rabbits & Farm animals
Walk around the farm

Additional Activities
Meet the Easter Bunny
Easter Egg Hunt
Lamb Bottle Feeding
Goat Walking
Tractor & Trailer Rides
Fairy Trail

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY
A Free Range Experience

FREE JOIN US AT
WARE PRIORY FOR AN
EASTER FUN DAY
4TH APRIL 1:30-3:15PM

ENJOY A FUN-FILLED SEARCH AND EGG-DECORATING COMPETITION! WINNERS WILL BE JUDGED BY THE MAYOR OF WARE AT 3.30PM ON THE DAY, WITH PRIZES UP FOR GRABS...

Ware Town Council

For more information visit:
www.waretowncouncil.gov.uk/event-category/ware-town-council/



Free Junior Badminton Roadshow!

All Ability Groups Welcome at Wodson Park Leisure Centre Ware on Friday 24th April

Follow On Places available in both our community and new Academy programmes

Register Now:
<https://bookwhen.com/nb-roadshows>



Diary Dates

March

30th—10th April—Easter holidays

April

13th Children return to school

14th NSPCC workshops

15th Hertford & Ware Music Festival

21st NSPCC workshops

May

5th Class and Year 6 photos

11th—15th SATs week

15th Year 2 Castle Day *- NO ASSEMBLY on this day

18th Year 6 K-Nex Challenge

18th Year 1 Maths learning café

20th Year 2 Maths learning café

21st Cricket workshops

22nd Cricket workshops

25th—29th Half term

June

1st-5th Careers week

8th Phonics screening

10th Parent consultations *

11th Parent consultations *

12th The King's birthday family picnic *

14th—17th Year 6 PGL trip

18th Year 6 day off

22nd—26th Sports week

26th Friday—Summer Fete— from 3.15pm

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

10th Year 3 Fitzwilliam Museum trip *

14th Year 5/6 play 6pm

15th Year 5/6 play 6pm

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

FOSC Corner

For more information please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/foscware/>

Facebook—search for FOSC Community Corner

Instagram—FOSWARE