



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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Sports Week



We have had a wonderful sports week: Sports days, Martial Arts, Athletic events, District Sports, Orienteering and the annual fun run. Huge thanks to all staff for their efforts in making these events run smoothly. Thanks to the staff who volunteered at district sports, thanks to our Year 6 pupils for their help and thanks to all the parents for their support. Thank you to Chris for running martial arts sessions throughout the day. For more information on his classes, please visit www.freestylemartialarts.com. And finally... A BIG thank you to Miss Horton for organising the whole week!



Smart Watches

Children should not wear smart watches or any others in school that link to phones/internet.

SUMMER FETE—SATURDAY 12th JULY, 12-2PM

NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 11th is NON-UNIFORM day, in exchange for bottles and/or sweets, to go towards our SCHOOL FETE on Saturday 12th July, 12 -2pm.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help at the school fete, particularly to set up before and pack away after. If you are able to spare some time, please speak to Ashley or Lorna from FOSC or pop into the school office.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return your raffle ticket stubs and payments to the school office as soon as possible. If you have any unsold tickets, can you please return them to the office as well.

FACE-PAINTING

Is there anyone out there who would be able to support at the Fete, 12 - 2pm, by face-painting? Please let the office know if you are .available!



Holidays during term time

Please try not to take holidays during school time; it has a huge effect on your child. We have re-organised our inset days for the next academic year in order to facilitate parents in booking more affordable holidays. **School will finish on Friday 17th July 2026**—so that families have the option of slightly lower prices.

Y5 parent meeting re PGL

Current Y5 parents are welcome to attend a PGL meeting on Thursday 10/7/25 at 4.30pm.

Ukelele Concert

On Friday 11th July at 2.30pm, our Year 5 and 6 children will be performing a Ukelele Concert—parents are welcome to attend.

Year 4H

Miss Horton is competing in the European Sailing Championships next week. We are excited for her and wish her the very best of luck. Mrs Ashborne and Mr McAdam will be covering the class in her absence.

Benefit related Free School Meals

Do you qualify for free school meals?

If you feel that you might be entitled to benefit related free school meals, please visit <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> to apply.

School can help with uniform, trips, school dinners if you qualify.

Please note that there has been a change to the income threshold so you may be eligible now even if you weren't before.

If you have already qualified, you do not need to re-apply. If you have any questions please contact 0300 123 4048 or email howcan-wehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and are in receipt of Universal Free School meals, if you are in receipt of benefits you may be entitled to extra funding and support with uniform, swimming lessons and school trips. Please apply via the link above. If you need any assistance please ask the school office.

Please can we remind parents that **Year 3 are charged** for their school meals. If you are in receipt of qualifying benefits you should apply for free school meals as soon as possible, as they are not usually backdated and you will need to cover the cost of meals already taken.

Children going to Year 3 from Year 2 MUST apply even if you currently qualify

Tiger Cheer

To book places on cheerleading club for the Autumn term, please visit the following address:

Monday yr 1, 2 and 3:

<https://forms.gle/mHYbYXzJdnjUuQJ7>

Wednesday yr 4, 5 and 6:

<https://forms.gle/LPnDLn9jXvZ7ijmj8>



Family Support Workers

The HWVSP Family Support Team are a local organisation that supports families of school aged children to address social, emotional and health issues that are barriers to learning: they aim to have a positive impact on the lives of young people and their families.

They are able to refer to many outside agencies to ensure you get the help you need. Speak to the school office to be referred to their service.

Visit the HWVSP Instagram page—[hwvsp_family_support_worker](https://www.instagram.com/hwvsp_family_support_worker)



Rosettes

Can we please remind parents that the children need to return their rosettes to class or the school office a week after they have won them. We are missing lots of rosettes and they are expensive to replace. Thank you.

Diary Dates

June

29th Year 6 PGL trip

July

1st New Nursery & Reception parents welcome meeting 2pm and 5pm

7th Year 5 Celtic Harmony trip

8th Rec 5 trip to Harlow Park

9th Year 1 picnic day

10th Move up day

11th Chauncy Community Day

11th Non Uniform Day in return for bottle and/or sweet donations for the summer fete

11th 5/6 Ukelele concert at 2.30pm—parents welcome

12th Summer Fete

14th Church Service—10am—All welcome

14th Year 5/6 performance *

15th Year 4 Cinema trip

16th Year 5/6 performance *

18th Finish at 1.15pm

Summer Term 2024/2025

22nd April—18th July 2025

Autumn Term 2025/2026

3rd September—19th December 2025

Half term 27th—31st October

2nd & 3rd September INSET Day—School closed to pupils

4th September Children return to school

28th November—INSET Day—School closed to pupils

1st December—Occasional Day—School closed

Spring Term 2025/2026

5th January—27th March 2026

5th January—INSET Day—school closed to pupils

Half term 16th—20th February

23rd February—INSET Day—school closed to pupils

Summer Term 2025/2026

13th April—17th July 2026

Half term 25th—29th May

4th May—Bank Holiday—School closed

* Information to follow