



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 so much for your generous donations towards the MacMillan Cancer Support Charity. We had a lovely coffee morning today—we have raised approximately £300 and still counting!

Many thanks to those parents who came to the smart phone meeting on Wednesday—we very much appreciate your contributions. Further information will be coming out next week.



Foundation Stage open day

We are holding an open day on Saturday 15th November between 10.00am and 1.30pm for children looking to start in Nursery and Reception in September 2026. Please let your local friends and neighbours know.

Foundation Stage Tours

If there are families looking for Nursery/Reception places for September 2026 (ie born between 01.09.22 and 31.08.23 for Nursery and between 01.09.21 and 31.08.22 for Reception), the school is running tours for prospective parents.

Moving on in 2026

Parents of Year 6 children should have received an email with a 'Moving on 2026' leaflet. This leaflet provides the dates and times when all Hertfordshire schools are holding their open evenings for you to visit before applying for your child's secondary school place.

Can we please remind parents that these tours and open evenings are for children in Year 6 only.

Online applications are now open and close on 31st October 2025. For more information please visit

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Holiday Club

The Footballs Future holiday club is running this half term - Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday (28th—30th).

For more information please visit: <https://footballs-future.com/product-category/holiday-clubs/>

Bookings will be available shortly

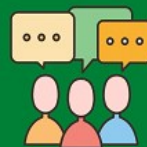
FOSC AGM

Our AGM (annual general meeting) is very basically a chit chat about what we are planning throughout the year to help raise money for our school. It's a chance to catch up on last year's events and money raised and listen to new ideas and things we can do to make it another exciting year for our children & school. We offer refreshments and if nothing else it's a little social at the start of term. We would love to see as many of you there as possible

FRIENDS OF ST CATHERINE'S

AGM

MEETING



Friday 26th September
9.20am After Assembly
AT SCHOOL

Tea/Coffee and Biscuits provided



Harvest week

October 20th is our harvest festival week. Anyone wishing to make donations to our local foodbanks, please send in non-perishable goods on Wednesday—Friday that week. This year we will be supporting Herts Young Homeless Foodbank.

Please see the below list of suggested items. Many thanks.



Harvest Festival Collections for Herts Young Homeless



Please note, we can only accept non-perishable food items that are still within their best-before date, are sealed and are not homemade.

This list isn't exhaustive, but we hope it helps with gathering some ideas.

Most useful food items:

- Pasta / spaghetti / macaroni etc.
- Rice
- Baked beans / tinned spaghetti
- Basic tinned vegetables e.g. potatoes, carrots, peas, sweetcorn
- Tinned tomatoes
- Soup (tinned & packet)
- Pot noodles / instant pasta or rice meals – always very popular!
- Sandwich spreads e.g. paste, marmite, jam, marmalade
- Rice pudding / custard / tinned fruit / instant desserts
- Breakfast cereal
- Canned ready meals e.g. hotdogs, meatballs, stews, curry, bolognese, tinned sausages, corned beef, tinned ham etc. – another favourite!
- Pasta and meal sauces
- Easy to prepare foods (i.e. add hot water / microwavable)
- 'Treat' food e.g. biscuits, chocolate, crisps, cakes

Most useful drink items:

- Tea, coffee, drinking chocolate, sugar
- UHT milk

Most useful toiletries:

- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Hand soap
- Deodorant

Please do not include:

- Anything out of date or very near to out of date (we cannot give it out and have to throw it away)
- Anything perishable / fresh
- Anything homemade
- Mixed pulses e.g. lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans, cannellini beans, haricot beans
- Luxury items e.g. tinned asparagus
- Alcohol
- Anything that your average teenager would not eat! (We end up with surpluses that either go out of date or have to be given away to other places)

Also, the young people these items are distributed to often have very few cooking skills and sometimes limited cooking facilities, meaning some items are just not suitable for them.

So while we are always extremely grateful for everything, please bear this in mind when making your harvest donations.

Menu Change—Burger Day—Thursday 2nd October

Burger Day!

Thursday 2nd October 2025

Beef Burger

Or

Quorn Pattie Burger (V)

Or

Jacket Potato with various toppings

Baked Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn and Coleslaw

Chocolate Sponge with
Chocolate Custard

Diary Dates

September

26th FOSC AGM—after assembly—ALL welcome

29th 3C Development day at Sele school

October

2nd Burger Day

16th Flu Vaccinations *

20-24th Harvest Festival week

21st Parent consultations*

22nd Parent consultations*

27th—31st Half term

November

11th Flu vaccinations catch-up*

15th Foundation Stage Open Day—10am-1.30pm

25th Yr4-6 'Christmas Explored' at Christchurch

28th INSET Day—School closed to children

December

1st Occasional Day—school closed

9th AM—Nursery & Reception Nativity *

9th PM—KS1 Nativity—1B & 2G parents to watch *

10th AM—Nursery & Reception Nativity *

10th PM—KS1 Nativity—1C & 2F parents to watch *

15th Church visit 10am—Parents welcome

16th KS1 Christmas craft day *

17th Christmas Lunch

* information to follow

Autumn Term 2025/2026

3rd September—19th December 2025

Half term 27th—31st October

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

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

