



Our Remembrance Day service took place this morning and we are exceptionally proud of our wonderful children who stood together respectfully listening to their friend's poems and remaining in solemn silence from 11am for one minute. Thank you to those parents who joined us during this very special and thoughtful occasion.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Mark	Being very creative
Arya	Blending her words so beautifully during phonic sessions
Nyla	Showing a wonderful understanding when learning to write a letter to Bill, as part of our core text, Owl Babies
Shaan	Great efforts during phonic lessons
Leela	Achieving well when creating a lovely family tree
Suleman	For being a kind friend during play times
Stella	Fabulous use of subordinate clauses
Isla	Excellent work rounding 4 digit numbers
Tiam	Learning how to do a forward roll in PE
Avelyn	Being a great team player in science
Yugo T	Showing fantastic progress in all his lessons
Sarah	Consistent achievement during English lessons
Avi	Independent inference work
Yunqing	Knowing how to prioritise tasks ensuring success

Two **Head Teacher's Awards** have been given this week! Congratulations to **Claudia** and **Chloe** for excellent writing in phonics! Your teachers are very proud of you both!

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children to show Mrs Wilson the work they have completed that week of which they are most proud, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits together. The following children will meet with Mrs Wilson during break-time on Monday

Beau

Abir

Alayna

Zack H

Your children are always excited as we run up to Christmas. The Christmas tree and decorations will be up next week and we know they will add some sparkle and festive cheer. Your children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards to post in our Christmas box and they will be delivered to their friends and children by our busy little elves each break time. Thursday 8th Dec is our Christmas Celebration Day. Children are encouraged to wear their own clothes with a Christmas jumper. A special Christmas lunch will be served and then all children will enjoy our visiting theatre company who will be performing a pantomime.

Friday 9th Dec is party day. All can wear their own clothes, perhaps bring in some treats for a class party (no nuts or fizzy drinks please!) before we walk your children to Hartley Hall for the fantastic silent disco – please see the attached flyer and return your booking form as soon as possible! Thank you

Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Return to School: Wed 7th Sept 2022
Half Term Break: Mon 17th Oct - Fri 28th Oct 2022
Term Ends: Friday 9th Dec 2022

Spring Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 4th Jan 2023
Half Term Break: Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb
Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

Return to School: Tue 25th April 2023
Half Term Break: Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June
Term Ends: Friday 14th July 2023

Autumn Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 6th September 2023

Diary Dates

Tues 15th Nov: Upper School St Alban's Cathedral Trip

Please remember a packed lunch and winter coat

Wed 16th Nov: EYFS / F1 Postal Museum Trip

Please remember a packed lunch and winter coat

Mon 21st Nov: Music Exams

Wed 22nd Nov: Form 3 / 5 National History Museum trip

Please remember a packed lunch and winter coat

Tues 6th Dec: All invited to The St Martin's winter show 2pm at St Michaels Church, Flower Lane, NW7 2JA (every child will participate)

Thus 8th Dec: Christmas Celebration Day – see above

Friday 9th Dec: FoSMS Silent Disco – please see flyer with details attached

**** Sun 26th March 3-5pm – Family Bingo Afternoon – More details to come ****

This week the children have been learning about remembrance and why it is so important not to forget the sacrifices made by others. They have read stories, poems and information texts about remembrance and the meaning of each colour poppy then created their own work around the topic. Form 4 presented their wonderful assembly about their residential and it was lovely to see so many parents in attendance to both this and the Form 4 meeting with Mr Musetti.

Next Week is Anti-bullying and Inter-faith week, please allow your child to wear **odd socks on Monday** to raise awareness of Anti-bullying and celebrate difference. An extended Monday assembly has been planned including the school council's anti-bullying PowerPoint and visitors from different faiths who will talk about the importance of their faith to them and the importance of tolerating and respecting all other faiths. Upper school (Forms 3,4,5,and 6) will be going to St Albans Cathedral on Tuesday as part of our events marking interfaith week and the children will be asking questions to an 'expert child' about their faith to foster interest in other peoples beliefs and develop understanding. Please remember to bring a packed lunch in your child's trip bag and winter coat.

On Wednesday, EYFS are visiting the postal museum as part of their Transport topic. Please provide a packed lunch for this day.

We will be finalising the programme for the winter show – this will mainly consist of whole class and small group work submitted by teachers with some individual performances put forward by peripatetic teachers. These places are very limited; high level and older children's performances will be prioritised, please reassure your child that there will be plenty of other opportunities in assemblies if they are keen to perform.

We invite your children to make suggestions for songs to be included for our FoSMS Christmas silent disco! Do they have a favourite song? Favourite artist? Please let Mrs Wilson know who will add it to the play list!

