

Learning for Life!



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year 2025-2026!

It was great to see so many of you at our Macmillan Afternoon Coffee events last week. Thank you for your cake donations, too. We hope that this was a good opportunity for you to meet your child's class and class team, as well as other parents.

Our new class groups and pupils have been settling in well over the past four weeks, and positive relationships and friendships are forming.

As you are aware, we have tried to recruit to fill the vacant teaching positions throughout the last school year. We are pleased to announce that, following recent teacher interviews in September, we have been successful in recruiting Mr Tuck, an enthusiastic and committed teacher, who is ready to start teaching after the October half term. I am sure you would join us in welcoming Mr Tuck to our school community.

In addition to Mr Tuck taking up post and the return of Mrs Rosenberg, we are now able to inform you that the school will be in a position to resume its timetable with a 3pm finish on Fridays before January 2025. Therefore, from the week commencing 3rd November 2025, school will close at **3pm on Friday 7th November** (and at 3pm on Fridays thereafter).

We will share these news with our pupils in school tomorrow. Hertfordshire County Council Transport Team have been informed about the upcoming changes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their support and patience whilst the school has had to deal with the recent recruitment challenges.

The new School Council representatives met last week to discuss various topics brought by classes to the meeting, which included clubs, educational visits, school events, charity work and catering. Representatives will meet the Senior Leadership Team next week to give their feedback.

Our teaching and support staff teams are finalising curriculum and House events, as well as educational visit plans, and we will share the key dates and events for the remainder of the school year with you, before the October half term.

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to the after-school club survey, which was sent out last week. Your views and ideas will help to shape the after-school offer for our pupils.

We value your support and feedback.

Yours sincerely,

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