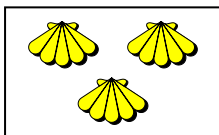


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High Wych CE Primary  
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# SIAMS Report

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We are very pleased with our SIAMS Church school inspection report which is attached to this newsletter.

### **The Inspector recognised our strengths:**

- Strong effective partnership with the local church community
- Christian values are deeply embedded
- Behaviour is excellent
- Sporting provision is extensive and varied
- Opportunities to play an instrument and join the orchestra
- Excellent teaching and learning opportunities
- Exciting first hand visits
- Pupils feel comfortable in and have a strong sense of identity with St James' church
- Bible stories are well known and pupils recall these easily
- Leaders have worked hard to develop a vision and set of values to promote and enrich the Christian ethos
- All stakeholders can articulate the impact of the Christian values on the pupils and on the whole life of the school
- Leaders' commitment results in high expectations for all pupils
- Foundation governors know the school well
- Strategic development and planning has led to significant improvements

### **Our areas to improve are:**

- Clarify the school's vision and communicate this to parents
- Improve the quality of worship further by providing training for Foundation governors
- Ensure Christian distinctiveness is a standing item on the Governing body agendas

### Mrs Hundley

We wish Mrs Hundley well as she goes on maternity leave and look forward to welcoming her back in due course. We are looking forward to her visiting with her new baby which is due at the beginning of March.

### Year 3/4 Gymnastics Level 2 competition

Congratulations to our team of Gracie Cimini, Issy Cimini, Charleigh-Faye Clark, Phoebe Forrest, Verity Hills, Amy Martin and Sebastian Nyamambi who came first in all disciplines at today's competition and therefore came first overall. Six of them will now go on to represent the Bishop's Stortford area at the Level 3 competition in the summer. Well done to Amy and Jenny for their hard work and fantastic training.

If anyone is interested in their children joining the gym or dance clubs please ask for contact details from the office.

### World Book Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

As part of World Book day we will be running a Book Fair on the 28<sup>th</sup> February where the children will be able to spend their £1 vouchers which will be given to them on the morning of the fair.

They will receive an envelope after half term which they can use to bring money in for books if you wish. Parents will be able to look at the books after school as well.

The children will also be enjoying book related activities during that week and will be able to dress up as a book character, more information to follow after half term. For classes taking part in the book challenge they should dress up as a character from one of these books.

### Year 2

After half term we will be joined by Mr Craig, a BEd final year student with the University of Hertfordshire. We look forward to welcoming him to our team until May.

### Street Dance - KS2

The children who went to Young Voices at the O2 were very excited to watch Street Dancing by Urban Strides. They will be pleased to know that we will be having Andy at our school to work with our KS2 classes on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### Acceptable Use Policy

Please return the yellow forms as soon as possible. Well done to those who have already returned them - there is still time to help your class come first as the winning class will be announced tomorrow.

### Dates for the term

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half term</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 1/2 gym competition
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Street Dance for KS2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 Rhodes music festival
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt
Mon/Tues 27/28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultations
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 9.30
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term - finish 2pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter School Year 6
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs M. J. West  
Headteacher