



Value of the month - Endurance

Message from Headteacher

Newsletter

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you enjoyed your Christmas break. We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Jumper Day raised £169.40 for 'Save the Children' and the children looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed their Christmas dinner. Thank you for all your donations. In addition to this, we have raised £212 in commission from the Christmas card sales, so a huge thank you for this.

Nursery Applications - Applications open on Monday 13th January and close on Friday 7th March for children born between 1/9/21 and 31/8/22. Please apply online through our school website. We offer 15 and 30 hour provision. Visits to the school are available - see page 2.

Staffing - We say goodbye to Mrs Forsyth and Mrs Reid today, who are leaving for personal reasons. We wish them all the best.

InVentry and Lates - Just to remind you that we have a new signing in system which means if you are late (after the gates closes) you will need to bring your child into school and sign them in and include their dinner choice. This will then register your child. Please do not just drop your child off as they won't be able to sign in.

Stay and Play - Rise and Shine - Junior Adventure Group (JAG) started this week. They offer the wrap around care for our school - Rise and shine (before school) and Stay and Play (after school). Lots of children have had fun this week exploring new activities. See some picture on pages 3 & 4. If you have any questions about our wrap around care please contact JAG.

PE - Please ensure children's PE kits are in school everyday as we often have to move our PE lessons around especially when other sporting events are on or there are other school activities or trips.

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



The Headteacher's Award was presented to pupils in Nursery class this week. These children have settled in well and are enthusiastic to learn, polite and are a credit to our school. Well done. They will join me on Monday for a 'Hot Chocolate with the Head'.



Upcoming Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ATTENDANCE

Year Group	Attendance % for the Academic Year so Far
Reception	93.32%
Orange Class (1)	93.91%
Yellow Class (2)	94.51%
Green Class (3)	93.56%
Violet Class (4)	93.17%
Blue Class (5)	96.19%
Indigo Class (6)	92.88
Whole School Attendance – 94%	
National Attendance – 94.5%	
Whole School Target – 96%	

Nursery Visits



If you are interested in joining our Nursery and would like some information and a tour of our setting, then we have the following dates available:

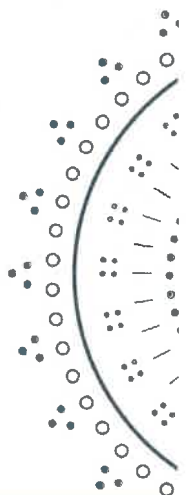
27th January at 9.30 am

7th February at 9.30 am

To book, just contact our office - 01274 722104
or email - admin@highwych.herts.sch.uk

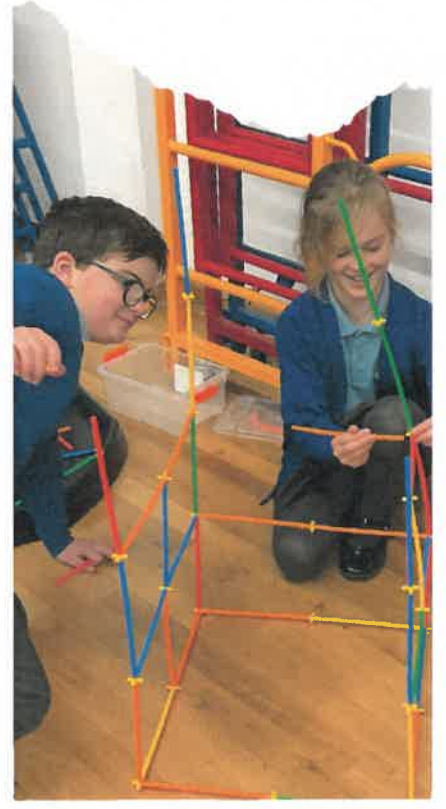
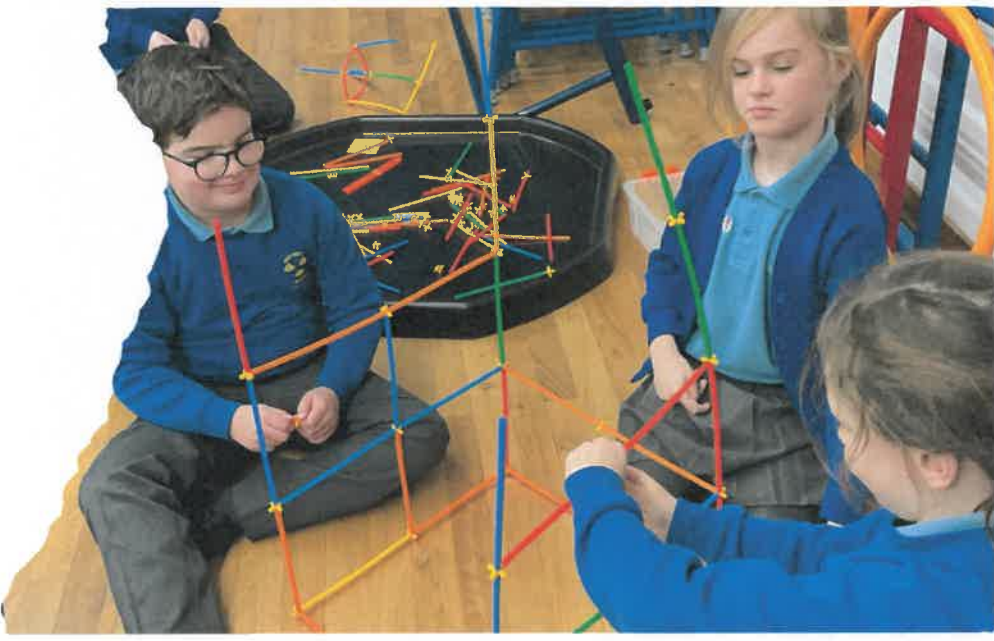
Dates for your Diary	
6 th January	Inset Day
7 th January	First Day of Term
16 th January	OPP Meetings
27 th January	Nursery Visit – 9.30
31 st January	Perform Workshop – N – Year 2
5 th February	Young Voices (for Choir)
7 th February	Nursery Visit – 9.30
5 th -7 th March	Book Fair
7 th March	Nursery Applications Close
17 th -21 st February	February Half Term
12 th March	Knex Day for Year 5 & 6
19 th March	Year 2 Great Fire of London Trip
26 th March	PTA – Mother's Day pop up shop
28 th March	PTA – Mother's Day pop up shop
31 st March	Parent Consultations
2 nd April	Parent Consultations
3 rd April	Easter Service 10am
4 th April	Term Ends – Easter holidays
22 nd April	Term Begins
30 th April	Class Photos
5 th May	Bank Holiday

Lost Property – there is a large amount of lost property – please ensure your child's uniform is named so that it can find its way back to the correct class and child.
Many thanks for your co-operation.



Stay and Play





Parent / Carer Motor Development Information Sessions

Places are now available to book on our Spring Term 2025
information sessions for parents and carers

Supporting your child's motor skills development

When do children develop particular motor skills, such as riding a bicycle or using a pen? How can you help your child to develop these skills? What can you do if your child is struggling with a skill?

This session is for parents or carers of children aged between 4-8 years old who would like to understand more about their child's motor development and how to support this. The session will share information about the typical ages when children develop different motor skills. It will explain how to breakdown an activity such as pulling on a jumper into simple steps to help your child complete this independently. You will also get advice on activities and simple things you can do at home to support your child's motor development.

BOOK YOUR PLACE:

Wednesday 22nd January 10:00 – 11:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076430044239>

Wednesday 5th February 10:00 – 11:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076446944789>

Thursday 13th March 10:00 – 11:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076454868489>

Tuesday 22nd April 11:00 – 12:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076459572559>

Tuesday 13th May 10:00 – 11:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076463865399>

Tuesday 3rd June 11:00 – 12:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076469422019>

We are also offering parent information sessions on understanding sensory preferences and supporting self-regulation. To find out dates of these and other training opportunities please visit our CYP Therapies – Occupational Therapy Service webpage

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-occupational-therapy//>



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Starting in January 2025, St James church will be holding a monthly Messy Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

This is a free all age, family friendly event focused on having fun and creating time for us to come together and hear the stories of Jesus, plus other bible stories, and growing as a community.

We will do crafting, singing, listen to a story and then eat some yummy food together, what could be better!

- 19th January – In the Memorial Hall (4pm-6pm)
- 16th February – In the Memorial Hall (4pm-6pm)
- 16th March – In the Church (4pm-6pm)
- 18th April (Good Friday) – In the Church (10am-12am)
- 18th May – In the Church (4pm-6pm)
- 15th June – In the Church (4pm-6pm)
- 20th July – In the Church (4pm-6pm)

This is a free event, no need to book, just turn up!