



Weekly Newsletter

28th November 2025

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

It is almost time for Winter Wonderland at Charville and Christmas is coming. This is our annual Christmas event, organised by the PTA and supported by school staff and pupils from Year 6 and will be held straight after school on 3rd December.

Throughout the school day Santa's Grotto will also be in school. If you would like your child to visit Santa on this day please make payment on Parentpay.

We hope you will all be able to join us straight after school on Wednesday 3rd December. In order to purchase any items and refreshments you will need to use our tokens. These are available in advance on ParentPay and can be purchased in bags of £5 up to £30. Each token is worth £1.

We will also be selling raffle tickets and these are £1 each. There will be a wide range of festive stalls including: A Christmas Shop, Chocolate and Bottle tombola's, Sweet cart, Refreshments – hot dogs, hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows, tea, coffee, mince pies, cakes and biscuits,

We also have our 'entrepreneurs' in Year 6 – selling items they have made. I would like to acknowledge Sebastian in Year 6 who has asked to donate the money raised on his stall to Crisis at Christmas.

Please note that we will not be able to allow pushchairs in the building so these will need to be kept outside. If it is raining we ask that you collapse the pushchair/ pram and store it in the bike shed in the staff car park.

Please note the school cannot be responsible for these items.



Mrs Kelly
Headteacher

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VALUE OF

Caring

THE MONTH

Our values ambassadors

RW- Michelle

RS- Asra

1G- Bobby

1T- Elsie-Mae

2G- Ace

2M- Anika

3M- Diona

3R- Nadine

4H- Aaliya

4D- Ethan

4C- Ariba

5M- Shamilan

5N- Harnoor

6B- Maira

6D- Reda

Nursery- Isla



Whatsapp and Tiktok.

As part of our continued work to keep children safe online we need your support. It is important to understand that **the minimum age for using Whatsapp is aged 13**; this was reduced from aged 16 in 2024. This means that no children in primary school should be accessing Whatsapp.

We are very aware that many parents and carers allow their children to access this platform.

It is very important that parents and carers understand that as a result of this staff are spending an increasing amount of time following up on issues and concerns that are raised as a result of what is shared on Whatsapp chats outside of school.

In order to reduce the amount of time staff spent following this up we ask that all parents and carers that allow their child access to Whatsapp take time to ensure that they:

- Check the groups your child is in
- Ensure your child does not add others to groups
- Check your child's Whatsapp throughout the week to monitor their activity.

Another popular platform is Tiktok. **The minimum age for this is also 13**, so again, no primary school aged children should have Tiktok accounts. If your child does have their own Tiktok account, that has been set up using a different date of birth, please be aware that Tiktok videos and content can include adult related content. This adult content could be harmful if accessed and can result in a safeguarding issue.

Again, staff time is being spent on dealing with issues in relation to Tiktok as children are spending time on this site after school.

Thank you in advance for your support as we are all committed to ensuring that children are safe online and are not accessing platforms that are not age appropriate.



Victorian Workshop

The Year 5 children had a fantastic time during their Victorian Day! The children really got into the spirit of the day by dressing up in period costumes, which added a lovely touch to the atmosphere.

Throughout the day, they participated in a variety of activities, including engaging drama workshops that brought the Victorian era to life. They also practised the 3 R's- reading, writing, and arithmetic- just like children did in the past. To top it all off, the children enjoyed playing some games outside, which was a lot of fun. It was a wonderful day filled with learning and laughter, and we are so proud of how well the children embraced the experience.



Year 4 Visit to Hampton Court Palace

Year 4 had an amazing day out at Hampton Court Palace, diving into the fascinating world of Tudor history. One of the highlights was the Royal Kitchens workshop, where they got to roll up their sleeves and get hands-on with history. They learnt all about the foods that were cooked and enjoyed at the palace, discovering the important roles that were needed to make it all happen. The children engaged with the activities, making history come alive in a fun and interactive way. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to connect with the past and understand how people lived during Tudor times.





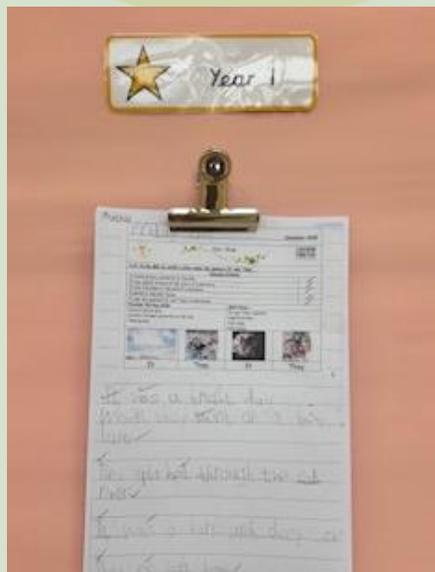
Star Write

As part of our school priority to improve Writing across the school we are now part of the I Am A Clever Writer programme. This programme is designed to support all children to make rapid progress in their writing.

During this week we welcomed one of the founders of the programme who worked alongside us to look at lessons and give feedback to support staff to further develop the children's writing.

The feedback showed that since we introduced the programme in September, children are making good or better progress in using the skills they learn in the lessons, which they are then able to embed in their writing of sentences. There is an emphasis on children being accurate and precise and this starts with letter formation and builds towards the appropriate use of a range of punctuation.

Congratulations to Austin from Y1 who has been chosen this week.





Coming up...

Christmas dates for your diary



3rd Dec – Winter Wonderland (from 3:15pm) and Santa's Grotto throughout the day

8th – 12th Dec – During this week children will take part in the Santa Dash as part of their PE lesson

10th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day for all children

12th Dec – Reception Christmas Show at 9am in the Lower Hall

15th Dec – Year 1 Christmas Show at 9am in the Lower Hall

15th Dec – Year 2 Christmas Show at 2pm in the lower hall

17th Dec - Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long at 10.30am
(am & 30 hr children) in the Lower Hall

17th Dec – Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long at 1.30pm
(pm & 30 hr children) in the Lower Hall

This year we are collecting cash donations at each performance, all donations will go to Bowel Research UK, in memory of Miss Bristow.



Key dates

**These are the current dates for
Autumn term 1**

3rd Dec - Winter Wonderland

9th Dec – Verulamium Museum Trip – Year 3

16th Dec – The Beck Theatre – Reception

19th Dec – End of term, School closes at 1.30pm

Attendance

Whole school Attendance this week is 88.5%

Letters/emails home this week

Piano Performance Letter

Santa Dash Letter – Whole school

Winter Wonderland - Whole school