

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year All and welcome back to the Spring Term, albeit slightly chilly at the moment.

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and could spend quality time with family and friends. The Christmas break in particular, always seems to go so fast, however, it did look like everyone was ready for a return to school this week as the children came back with their usual enthusiasm and have slotted straight back into our routines and learning.

Just a reminder to all families applying for a reception place starting September 2024, the closing date for admissions is Monday 15th January and families looking to start nursery in September 2024, information will be coming out next week on how to apply.

Finally, I'd like to thank you all for the lovely Christmas gifts, cards and kind words I received it was very kind and generous of you all – thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

January 2024

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| Thu 4 | Inset Day |
| Fri 5 | Start of Term |
| Mon 15 | Young Voices at the O2 |
| Mon 22, 7-8:30pm | Governors Resources Mtg |
| Mon 29, 7-8:30pm | Governors TLC Meeting |
| Tue 30 | Reception Fire Brigade visit |
| Tue 30, 6-7:30 pm | PTA meeting |

February 2024

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| Tue 6, 12:30-4pm | Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby |
| Mon 12 – Fri 16 | Feeling Good week |
| Wed 14 | Parent consultations |
| Thu 15 | Parent consultations |
| Mon 19 - Fri 23 | Half Term |
| Tue 27, 3:30-6pm | Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket |
| Wed 28 | Y5 Tudor workshop |
| Thu 29, 7-9pm | Governors FGB Meeting |

March 2024

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| Tue 5, 1:15-3:45pm | Y5/6 Boys Football |
| Thu 7, 7-9pm | In-house Governor Training |
| Thu 14, 9:30-3:30pm | Y5/6 Hockey Competition |
| Wed 20, 1:30-4pm | Y5/6 Netball Rally |
| Tue 26 | Spring Music Festival |
| Thu 28 | Term Ends (1:15pm) |

For a longer term view of key dates please visit our school website at <https://lea-pri.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar>

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Term dates

You will have received an email this week regarding the 2024/25 term dates, please note that there was an error with the February 2025 inset day, the correct inset day is Monday 24th February 2025. A copy is at the bottom of the newsletter.

After school clubs

After school clubs start next week on Monday 15th January, with the exception of Netball which will start on 22nd January.

Lunch orders on Arbor

Please select your child/rens lunch via the Arbor app/parent portal. When selections are not made, this takes up valuable time for staff and interrupts learning.

Cold weather warning

Please provide a (named) warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Milk

For those whose child is 5 or is due to turn 5 soon, please order their milk via

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Supporting Mathematics at Home— Rec to Y6

2024/25 Term dates—Whole school

Miss Weaver announcement—Whole school

Flu vaccination catch up session—Rec—Y6

Our Class Word of the Week

Talk to your child about this word and what it means. Try to

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| <u>Nursery</u> opposite | <u>Reception</u> emergency | <u>Year 1</u> mammal |
| <u>Year 2</u> rigid | <u>Year 3</u> accommodation | <u>Year 4</u> inquisitive |
| <u>Year 5</u> anonymous | <u>Year 6</u> quintessential | |

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PTA

Happy New Year!

Our Christmas wreath making workshop, festive film night and Rainbow raffle raised **£784.16**.

We will keep you updated on what these funds will go towards.

Thank you for your support!

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Junior Wind Band starts Monday, 15 January 2024 from 6 – 6.45pm.

If you would like to join, please sign up online and email a short video of your child playing (so that we know where to position them in the orchestra) to serena@musicale.co.uk

Junior Wind Band will be run by the amazing David Bevan, for woodwind and brass players from beginners (approaching Grade 1) up to Grade 3.
Musicale www.musicale.co.uk

AWARDS



The Lea Superstars

Nursery Albie S, Isla, Gus, Roberta, Ilyana, Joshua
For a great start at the Lea. We have enjoyed welcoming you all into Nursery.

Reception Georgiana and Luna
For working hard at home and sharing your learning.

Year 1 Aaran
Excellent understanding of 10's and 1's in teen numbers.

Joey
For having a super positive attitude to learning.

Year 2 Penelope
For always showing kindness to every member of her class.

Year 3 Gabriella
For remembering all her spellings from last term—well done!

Year 4 Isla
For being generous with her with her time to help and support others.

Year 5 Jihan
For having a great attitude to his work this week.

Trina
For good growth mindset in Maths; trying hard and not giving up until she succeeded.

Year 6 Miles and Theodore
For showing great resilience and perseverance with arithmetic skills .

Sports Josh (Y4)
For a great start to the term in PE, providing a good attitude and demonstrating excellent skills in Tag Rugby and in Rapid Fire Cricket.



Come join the fun, build new skills and make new friends!

Monday or Friday classes for children aged 3 - 11

Singing, dancing, acting!
Learn creative skills, build confidence and have fun!

Spaces still available!

Email helenmorfitt@hotmail.co.uk for more info and to book your place!
Free trials and sibling discounts

Batford Memorial Hall

15/19 Jan to 25/29 March 2024
aged 3 - 5 ... 4.30 - 5pm £65
aged 6 - 11 ... 5 - 6pm £104



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- Starlight Express,
London Apollo Victoria



in St Albans, Harpenden and the villages



You can apply to close your road up to 8 times a year to let residents gather and children play together.

- Give children the freedom to be outdoors & active and make friends on the street.
- Give neighbours a space to meet and build a supportive community.



Find out more on our website or a book one of our

Free Information Sessions

Mon 22nd Jan 8pm online + further dates

Book via <http://playingoutsta.eventbrite.com>



www.sustainablestalbans.org/playing-out | playingout@sustainablestalbans.org



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The ADHD and Autism Trust



UNDERSTANDING ADHD & AUTISM IN THE EARLY YEARS

FREE INTRODUCTORY 6-WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

ABOUT THE COURSE

This interactive course is designed for parents & carers of children aged 2 to 5 yrs with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism

TIME AND PLACE

Wednesdays
10th Jan - 14th Feb 2024
9.30 to 11.30 am **ONLINE**

Understanding ADHD and Autism in the Early Years for Dads

Wednesdays - 14th Feb - 27th Mar 2024
(no session half term week)
7 to 9 pm **ONLINE**

☎ 01727 833963

✉ herts@add-vance.org

🌐 <http://www.add-vance.org/>

Book your FREE ticket on <http://add-vance.eventbrite.com/> or visit our website <http://www.add-vance.org/>

These courses are funded by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund and are open to residents of Hertfordshire only



FREE ONLINE SPRING 2024 WORKSHOPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

| Online Workshops funded by HCC | Audience | Day | Date | Time | Location |
|---|----------------|-----|---------|---------------|----------|
| Identifying ADHD and/or Autism | Parents/carers | Mon | 8.1.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Understanding ADHD | Parents/carers | Wed | 10.1.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Understanding Autism | Parents/carers | Thu | 11.1.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Understanding PDA | Parents/carers | Mon | 15.1.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Understanding Autism in Girls | Parents/carers | Wed | 17.1.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Understanding ADHD in Girls | Parents/carers | Thu | 18.1.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Support for Dads | Parents/carers | Mon | 22.1.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Understanding Challenging Behaviour | Parents/carers | Wed | 24.1.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Manage Anger | Parents/carers | Thu | 25.1.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Understanding Sensory Differences | Parents/carers | Mon | 29.1.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Manage Sensory Differences | Parents/carers | Wed | 31.1.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Supporting Siblings | Parents/carers | Mon | 5.2.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Support Learning (Executive Function) | Parents/carers | Wed | 7.2.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Build Self-Esteem | Parents/carers | Thu | 8.2.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Support Social Skills | Parents/carers | Mon | 12.2.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Manage School Avoidance | Parents/carers | Wed | 14.2.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Half Term | | | | | |
| Tips & Tools to Support Emotional Development | Parents/carers | Mon | 26.2.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Support Communication | Parents/carers | Wed | 28.2.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Manage Eating Difficulties | Parents/carers | Thu | 29.2.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Encourage Positive Behaviour | Parents/carers | Mon | 4.3.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Understanding Medication Options | Parents/carers | Wed | 6.3.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Understanding Anxiety | Parents/carers | Mon | 11.3.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Manage Anxiety | Parents/carers | Wed | 13.3.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Changes | Parents/carers | Mon | 18.3.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Understanding Neurodiverse Teens | Parents/carers | Wed | 20.3.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |
| Preparing for Adulthood | Parents/carers | Mon | 25.3.24 | 19:00 - 20:30 | Online |
| Tips & Tools to Support Puberty | Parents/carers | Wed | 27.3.24 | 10:00 - 11:30 | Online |

"What a fantastic workshop - thank you so much! I've taken away a wealth of information"

"That was so amazing, I have done many training sessions about ASD through my work but that was the most honest & informative session I have ever had"

"Absolutely incredible workshop, it has been extremely beneficial to my child"

Hertfordshire County Council funded workshops - Recordings are sent to all registered participants to view for 7 days, even if you don't attend live.

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Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

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| Monday 2 nd September | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 3 rd September | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 4 th September | First day of term |
| 28th October - 1st November | Half Term |
| Friday 20 th December | Term Ends (1.15pm) |
| 23rd December - 3rd January | Christmas Break |

Spring Term 2025

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| Monday 6 th January | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 7 th January | First day of term |
| 17th February - 21st February | Half Term |
| Monday 24 th February | INSET day |
| Friday 4 th April | Term Ends (1.15pm) |
| 7th April - 21st April | Easter Break |

Summer Term 2025

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| Tuesday 22 nd April | First day of term |
| Monday 5 th May | Bank Holiday |
| 26th May - 30th May | Half Term |
| Monday 2 nd June | INSET day |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | Term Ends (1.15pm) |
| Wednesday 23 rd July | OCCASIONAL DAY |