



# F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Tuesday 26th November 2024

We are on Week 1 of the lunch menu

Dear Pupils and Parents,

We are delighted to share some wonderful news. Mrs. Homer, class teacher of Lavender Reception Class, is expecting a baby! She will be beginning her maternity leave just before the start of the summer term, and we know you will all join us in wishing her every happiness as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

We are already making plans to ensure a smooth transition for class, and will keep you updated with details of her cover arrangements in the new year. Our priority is to maintain continuity and ensure the children's learning and well-being continue to flourish.

Congratulations to Mrs Homer on this fantastic news—we look forward to celebrating with her as the term progresses!

**Sickness and Illness:** please can we remind parents that there is a 48 hour return to school policy following the last bout of sickness . If in doubt please ring the school.

**Message from the office:** Please remember to inform the office if your address or personal circumstances change, so we can hold the most up to date information for you if we need to reach you.

**Arbor :** Please remember to set up Arbor In-App messaging notifications as at this time of year the teachers and office may use this as a way to communicate with you for example: If the school is closed due to bad weather etc.

**Christmas Shows tickets :** Please remember to collect your tickets from the office this week. Thank you



*As part of our pledge to pupils and families, we strive to enable our pupils to have opportunities to support the local community and for the community to learn from our fabulous pupils. As part of this community outreach work, we have a wonderful link with All Sorts Dementia Group. All Sorts run fun and relaxed groups for people with mild to moderate dementia who want to socialise in an understanding environment whilst their loved ones gain some relief from their caring roles.*

*As a school, we have the opportunity to take groups of children to All Sorts once a month, to work alongside their members completing Arts and Crafts based activities. This is an initiative that we started 2 years ago, and something that very quickly became a highlight of the Year 2 timetable. Once a month, usually on a Thursday afternoon (but timetable dependent), a group of children in Year 2 will attend All Sorts, accompanied by two members of the F&B Team.*

*A communication will be sent out at the start of the week / the week before your child attends so you are aware of the date and any further required information. Two groups have already been and had a great time. The next time we go will be in January and some children will not go until the Summer but everyone who's parents have given permission will go this academic year.*

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## 'Festival of Light'

### Exhibition at Great St Mary's Church



As part of the Sawbridgeworth switching on of the Christmas lights,  
the children have all been busy making Christmas lanterns in school, from the recycled materials you have very kindly donated. When the lanterns are finished they will contribute to create a 'Festival of light' Exhibition at Great St Mary's Church along with many other schools in the area.



The Lanterns will be on display inside the Church for everyone to come and see and enjoy on

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm to 6pm!**

If you are able to, please do come along and see them all in situ.

The children will love spotting their lantern and showing you their collective hard work.

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## Dexter

Hugo loved having Dexter this weekend! We moved in to a new house a few weeks ago and Dexter was great at helping Hugo unpack some of his toys and settle in.

We then took Dexter to an early Christmas party with family friends, but Dexter was feeling a little bit shy so he just stayed close to Hugo and didn't have his picture taken. Dexter was feeling a lot better on Sunday though and enjoyed a blustery trip to the park and to the ice cream shop (despite it being freezing cold).

We ended Sunday evening having a delicious roast dinner at Hugo's grandparents house. He was very well behaved during dinner, despite insisting he sat on the table and not the chair!



## Dates for the rest of term

28th November	Reception Screening
29th November	Flu Spray Immunisations (Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Occasional Day – School closed</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch, Panto & Christmas Jumper Day!
5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Show
6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) Christmas Show
9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Show
10 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Show
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) Christmas Show
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) Christmas Show
16 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Rocksteady & Choir Concert
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Special Festive Visitor – shhhhhh!
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes at 2pm for Christmas break

# Term Dates

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Fawbert and Barnard Infant School  
Term Dates for Academic Year 2024-2025**



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<b>Term Time</b>	<b>School holidays</b>	<b>5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Weekend</b>
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

[2025 to 2026 term dates can be found here](#)

## Poetry

### English Subject Spotlight: Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

Each fortnight in this newsletter, we will include on this page, a poem that I will have shared in assembly on the first Monday of every fortnight with Year 1 and 2 pupils. This will be shared in class for pupils in Nursery and Reception. Please find the poem below.

We would like to encourage you to share the poems at home too. If your child is particularly keen, they may want to practise and recite it to me in school! Any pupil who chooses to do this will receive a special sticker.

Helpful tip: We teach the children to recite the poem by stating the title of the poem and its author before they start.

Mrs Brooker (English Subject Lead)

### **'Cats' by Eleanor Farjeon**

Cats sleep, anywhere,  
Any table, any chair  
Top of piano, window-ledge,  
In the middle, on the edge,  
Open drawer, empty shoe,  
Anybody's lap will do,  
Fitted in a cardboard box,  
In the cupboard, with your frocks-  
Anywhere! They don't care!  
Cats sleep anywhere.

# Secret Reader



"Amazing! It was such a privilege to share my favourite book with Snowdrop class. They listened so well".

**Kit P**



"I really enjoyed reading to Laverder class today – such a great experience!"

**Gianni C**



"Wonderful – all the children listened beautifully and even joined in with the chorus!"

**Leanna P**



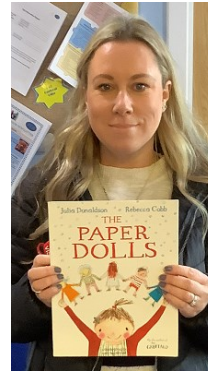
"It was lovely reading to Dandelion class today. They were very attentive and joined in nicely. Sienna looked very surprised to see me and it was a very enjoyable experience. Thank you for having me. "

**Ria D**



"It was lovely, they all listened well and I got a huge hug at the end. It was lovely to see them so surprised."

**Eloise W**



"I loved reading to Snapdragon class today and especially loved seeing my daughter's face! Thank you for having me Snapdragons! "

**Nicola C**



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# *Christmas* KIDZFAIR

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# Toy appeal 2024



We believe every child deserves a present to open at Christmas.

Please bring a toy to donate by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Our Toy Collection Van will be visiting this store on:

Wednesday 20th November at 1pm

Central Coop, London Road, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9JS

All contributions will be gratefully received. (No used items)





## Foodbank

**Christmas 2024 donations required.**

### **Baby/ Self-care items**

- Baby supplies i.e., nappies, baby wipes, baby food
- Toiletries i.e., deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/ toothpaste, handwipes
- Feminine products i.e., sanitary towels, tampons

### **Food items**

- Biscuits
- Baked beans/ tinned spaghetti
- Cereal
- Chocolate treats
- Crisps
- Fruit squash
- Jams/spreads
- Long life juices/milk
- Pasta/rice
- Pasta sauce
- Soups
- Sponge Puddings
- Tea/coffee/sugar
- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned vegetables/ fruit

**Essex County Council Goodman house staff- If you can donate any of the above items there will be a Foodbank donation labelled box in the Children and Young People with Disabilities service Team area East Wing and I (Laura Todd) will deliver donations to Michael King of Greater Anglia so please leave any items there before 15th December 2024.**

**Alternatively, please either take directly to Harlow Town or Sawbridgeworth train station (opening times for Sawbridgeworth Station- Mon to Sat 06.00 to 14.00, Sun 08.00 to 17.00) or Bishops Stortford station.**

**Thanks so much x**



# *Christmas food bank collection.*

*Our stations will be collecting donations for two local food banks.*

We will be accepting donations from 28 October until 15 December. The following stations will be accepting donations: Bishop's Stortford, Harlow Town, Harlow Mill, Sawbridgeworth and Stansted Mountfitchet.

A list of items needed for the charities will be available at the ticket office.

We would like to say a huge thank you in advance for any donations given to help local people.

