

F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Monday 4th December 2023

This week is week 1 of the dinner menu

Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you to everyone who has supported, attended or contributed to the many events we have held this term so far. From trips, visitors, shows to parent workshops: we strive to ensure our school, curriculum and wider offer is personalised to our pupils. Pupils overall attendance this term has been positive and we thank you for on going communication. Please remember if you have any challenges to let us know so we can offer support or be aware. Our curriculum for all pupils is personalised and individualised, with adaptations made to ensure all pupils are supported to succeed: knowing more and remembering more, preparing them for their next chapter.

[Please click here to explore our updated wider pastoral offer.](#)

Envision:

The school is part of a local 22 school organisation: Envision. Schools challenge, champion and provide peer reviews for each other, developing and enhancing practise across the local area. This provides our school with external challenge, focus and support: further strengthening our commitment to providing an exciting, ambitious and unique early education for all. It also enables staff and subject leaders an opportunity to share best practise and deepen their professional development.

To find out more about our parent workshops@ sharing information to help keep families informed about how the school provides an exciting, ambitious and unique early education for all. [Please click here](#)

Remember to click the icon in the top right of each video to see other videos in that play list.

We are pleased to announce the launch of the **"Support for Dads"** webpage containing a wealth of information and details of where to go for advice, guidance and support aimed at dads, stepdads and male carers. Please promote to your networks and channels using the link and QR code below and by displaying the attached poster in public areas, where applicable.

We would like to keep a log of the communications, so can we ask you to please email teresa.meehan@hertfordshire.gov.uk with brief details of how you will be promoting the page. Live link: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirstdads

Teresa Meehan

Development Officer Children's Services, Hertfordshire County Council

Being part of the local community and offering support to our local community is very important at F&B. We have therefore decided to support Home Instead's **'Be a Santa to a Senior'** initiative. The aim of their annual 'Be a Santa to a Senior' initiative is to spread Christmas cheer to those seniors in the community who might be lonely, vulnerable, suffer physical and emotional ill health or suffer hardship in some way. We emphasise that they do not expect expensive items but gifts like a box of chocolates, a pair of gloves, puzzle books, toiletries, a scarf, anything a senior may like. They don't accept alcohol as they don't want to be responsible for any mishaps.



Gifts can be brought in unwrapped or wrapped (if wrapped please state on tag if they are for female/male/unisex)

Please can your gift(s) be brought into your child's classroom from today. The last morning to send them in will be Friday 8th December, when a member of the Home Instead team will join our assembly to tell the children about the initiative and collect all the gifts brought in to take to their head quarters.

F&B staff will donate gifts too and we'll take a photo of everything brought in to share with you in the newsletter following the 8th of December.

Religious Education & Worldviews

Did you know...

Mrs Jones (INCo) is our Religious Education & Worldviews Subject Leader for this year.

You can find out everything you need to know on the RE section of our website, [here](#).

RE Quality Mark

This year we are working towards the RE Quality Mark, as a way of evaluating our RE curriculum & the opportunities we offer. We hope to have this completed by the Summer Term.

Worldviews

In September 2023 a new syllabus for RE learning was launched across Hertfordshire. This has a much greater focus on the term 'Worldviews' and is something we are introducing across school. This is simply highlighting that in RE learning we do not solely focus on specific religions, but on understanding the views of everyone around the world. These views may be both religious or non religious.

Curriculum

While lots of subjects have schemes of work that you can follow, this is a little trickier for RE. Therefore Mrs Jones has been working with the KS1 teachers and as a result we have developed our very own RE Scheme of work, based on the needs of our F&B Pupils.

Great St Mary's

For Harvest Festival this year, Year 2 visited Great St Mary's Church to take part in a small service. Father Simon organised a scavenger hunt around the church for the children, and the children performed 'Big Red Combine Harvester' using sign language.



Lanterns

Thanks to the wonderful support from Miss Ancient, the whole school contributed lanterns to Great St Mary's as part of the lantern display that took part during the Sawbridge-worth Light Switch On 2023.



Pupil Voice... What we think!

Q: What do you learn about in RE?

We learn about other Religions—they don't all have the same rules (Rose).

Q: How does RE help you to learn about people around the world?

I learnt people go to different places and temples to pray (Summer).

Q: What do you learn about other people's beliefs in RE?

We learn about what others think and see what we feel about this (Lili).

Q: Anything else?

I believe if you treat people right you will be treated right. My mummy said treat people how you want to be treated (Zen).

Geography Week 2023

"Geography teaches us about the world, and people and places in it."

Nursery

Hedgehog class pretended to fly to Norway. They coloured in the Norwegian flag, thinking carefully about the correct colours. They read a familiar story from Norway, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. They had opportunities to retell this story using puppets, as well as make their own trolls.



Reception

Squirrel and Koala class explored life in Canada. They were busy in the craft area, making Canadian woodland creatures and decorating the Canadian flag. They even learnt how maple syrup is made, and enjoyed a special pancake and syrup breakfast! They were

joined by Mrs Smith, who read them a story and talked about her life, growing up in Canada.



Year 1

Otter and Gecko class enjoyed learning about Peru, including facts, popular food and famous landmarks.



Year 2

Kangaroo class used the iPad to research Poland. They created fact files to record what they found. The children from Poland, taught the class some simple Ukrainian phrases.

Panda class were keen to explore different countries linked to children and families in their class. They used iPads and atlases to research different places. These included Netherlands, Chile, China, Madagascar and Romania.



Forest School

This week the forest school made bird nests, worked as a group to make a fishing boat, and explored the ice on the pond.



Keeping Children Safe Online!

NSPCC

We know the importance of keeping children safe online but equally know that pupils can often know more than adults.

We have secured two dates where the NSPCC will be presenting via Zoom an online session to help share some idea, tips and guidance. This is to enhance the summer terms offer of the Two Johns. The Two sessions can be accessed by clicking on the below dates. They shall be sent to everyone the morning of the event so that you can find it easily.

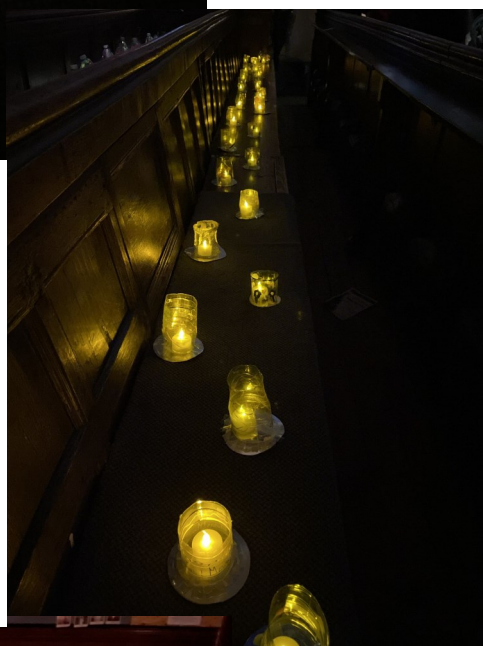
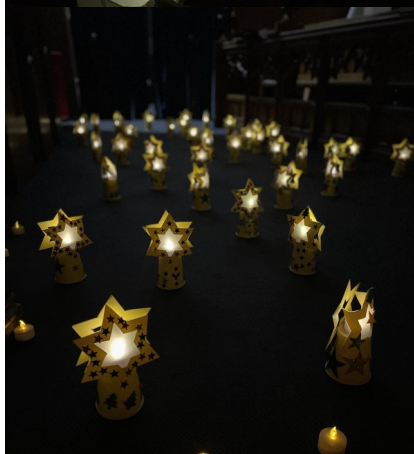
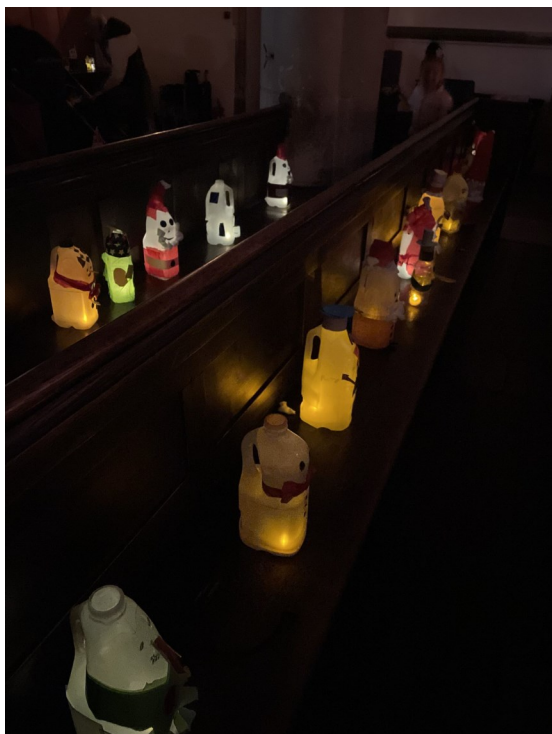
- [Wednesday 6 December 6-7pm](#)

Some facts to share which shows that if devices are not protected and adults aware of how they are being used allows the potential of risk to seep into the child's life:

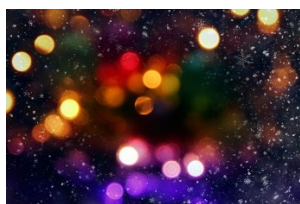
- 17% per 3-4 year olds have their own or free access to a mobile. Of them a quarter of three-to-four-year-olds who have their own mobile phone use WhatsApp
- Children aged three to seven typically use WhatsApp and FaceTime for sending messages or making calls
- The majority of eight-to-eleven-year-olds have profiles on TikTok, followed by WhatsApp, YouTube and Snapchat. All of which are apps with user age ratings of 13 or 16 in the case of WhatsApp.
- By 11 to 12 years old, 97 per cent of children have their own social media profile, with almost universal rates of mobile phone ownership as children transition to secondary school.

Lanterns

We are so proud of the pupils contributions to the beautiful 'Turning on of the lights.'. We would like to say many thanks for your support again this year with the lanterns - they looked absolutely spectacular in the church and people were queuing out the door to see them! It was wonderful to hear the children so excited to find their creations!



Donations



Foodbank Christmas 2023 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, hand wipes, 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

If you can donate any of the items below please take to Fawbert and Barnard school (Sawbridgeworth)

reception and place in the donations box. I (Laura Todd) will then deliver donations to Michael King of Greater Anglia, so please hand in by 10th December 2023.

Alternatively you can 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.

Thank you so much

**Christmas
Food Bank
Collection.**

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

We will be accepting donations from 9 October until 10 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.



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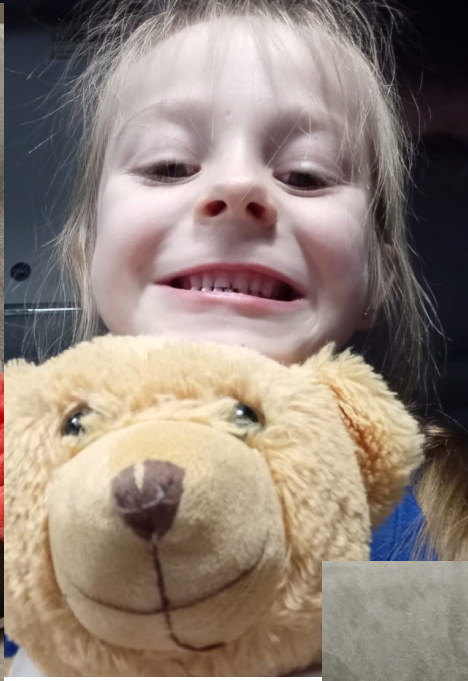
Dexter the Bear

It was lovely to have Dexter Bear stay with us for the weekend.

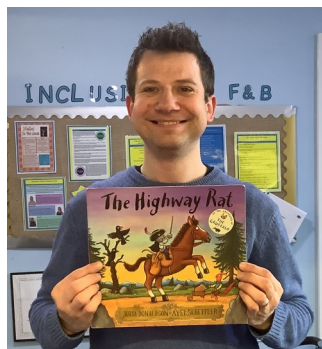
Dexter helped Erica draw some lovely pictures, then settled down to have a cuddle with Erica's puppy 'Ozzy'. Lots of snuggles.

Then Dexter helped Erica make some yummy jam tarts. Dexter enjoyed them lots, yummy!!!

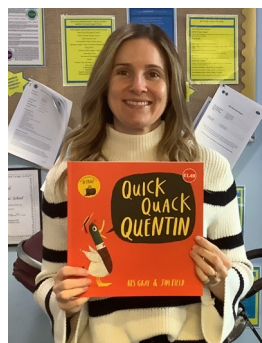
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Secret Reader

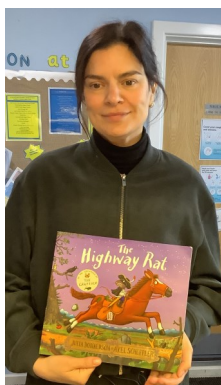


"Hedgehog class were very well behaved listening to The Highway Rat. Lots of smiling faces and a story they clearly loved. Such a great initiative to involve us with our children's classes"
Bruce N



"I was very lucky to read to both Panda and Kangaroo class today! They all joined in with the book; I think it was enjoyed by all!"

Caroline S



"What a lovely experience! The children were very quiet and listened well. Thank you for having me"

Lucy P



"It was so lovely to read to Hedgehog class today. They were so well behaved and listened intently".

Juliet G

English Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

'The Eagle' by Alfred Lord Tennyson

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

We are going to carry our poems on for two weeks to allow the children time to practice reciting it. This fortnight's poem was chosen by our English Link Governor, Zoe Russell. We would like to encourage you to share this 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.

Mrs Brooker (English Subject Lead)

October Half Term – 23th – 27th October	
30th October	Year 1 Special Event: Planetarium
1st November	New Reception and Year 3 parent County Council applications open
2nd November	School Council: Houses of Parliament Trip.
2nd November	Reception Screening for pupils born September to March
3rd November	PTA: Break the Rules Day
8th November	Inclusion Workshop: Q&A with a Speech and Language Therapist @ 10:45
10th November	Joint Readings and F&B Memorial Event for Year 2. Year 1 and R to be held at F&B
13th November	Lantern Material Request to parents for Church
13th November	Joint Event: Readings and F&B Friendship week
14th November	Reception Special Visitors: Owl Visit
15th November	Optional Flu Jabs – PM
15th November	Set 1 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
16th November	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
17th November	Children In Need and Cake sale: Email to follow
20th November	Geography week
24th November	Lanterns to be displayed at St Mary's church or taken home
27th November	Parent Workshop 2: Speech, Language & Communication bookable on ARBOR
1st December	Non-Pupil Day—school closed
4th December	External Panto coming to F&B
7th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS Tots allowed at 09:30
7th December	Year 2: to visit Readings to see Christmas Show
7th December	Inclusion Drop Ins & Parent / Governor Social 14:00 to 15:00– Hall in use.
8th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 Tots allowed at 09:30
11th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 09:30
11th December	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
12th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 14:00
13th December	Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day
13th December	Set 2 and 3 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
14th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
15th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
18th December	RockSteady and School Choir Concert – Year 1 and 2
19th December	Special Christmas Visitor!
20th December	Christmas Donkey Visit for all pupils
20th December	School ends at 14:00
Christmas Holidays 21nd to 3rd January	

CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS

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Great St Mary's
Sawbridgeworth

Passion for Christ - Compassion for all

Christmas

TREE FESTIVAL

SAT 9th DEC - 9am-5pm

SUN 10th DEC - 11am-5pm

ALSO

Sat 9th Dec 10am-12pm & 1-3pm

❖ **MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS**

❖ **SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS**

❖ **TOMBOLA**

❖ **CAROLS at 10am, 12pm & 2pm**

Sun 10th Dec 3pm

❖ **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

*Come, wander,
and experience
some of the
magic of Christmas
with all the family*



Advent and Christmas at Great St Mary's

Sat 2nd Dec 12.30-2pm - Advent Lunch and Raffle

Enjoy a light lunch in Church House of homemade soup, cheeses, fruit, and treats, all in aid of The Children's Society

Sun 3rd Dec 5pm - Advent Carol Service

A candlelit service of Advent hymns and readings marking the beginning of our preparations for Christmas

Sat 9th Dec onwards - Decorate the Community Christmas Tree

Bring your own decoration or use ours, perhaps to remember a loved one

Sat 9th & Sun 10th Dec - Great St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Wander around the church and experience some of the magic of Christmas as we host an array of Christmas trees decorated by the town's many organisations

Sun 10th Dec 3pm - Christingle Service

A fun all-age service with oranges, candles, Christmas carols and sweets!

Sun 17th Dec 5pm - Christmas Carol Service

The traditional carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Sun 24th Dec 3pm - Crib Service

A shorter, fun, all-age service, particularly suitable for young children

Sun 24th Dec 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

The first eucharist of Christmas with traditional carols

Mon 25th Dec 9.30am - Christmas Morning Eucharist

Dress as your favourite Bethlehem character for a scratch nativity and traditional carols





Supporting you to be the best father

Being a father is extremely rewarding and wonderful, but at the same time it comes with many challenges and can be a big learning curve, particularly for new dads.



With so many resources being aimed at mums, Hertfordshire County Council have collated a collection of places to go for advice, guidance and support especially aimed at dads and male carers to support you to become the best father you can be.

View the page at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirstdads or by scanning the QR code above.



Term Dates 2023/2024

[Please click the link here: to find this years academic dates](#)



Fawbert and Barnard Infants School Academic Year 2023-2024

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School days	School holidays	5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day	Bank Holiday	Weekend
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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.

Autumn Term:	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i> <i>School Occasional Day 01/12/2023</i>
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May</i> <i>May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>