

Newsletter – Autumn No.1

11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope that you've all had lovely summer holidays and are ready for another action-packed term! On behalf of myself and my staff, I would like to thank you all for our lovely presents and cards we received at the end of term – we all felt the love!

STAFF CHANGES – This term we welcome three new teachers: Miss Ellie Davis, Mrs. Katie Robson and our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Samantha Smith. They will be teaching Beech, Ash and Oak classes respectively and they are already feeling very welcome and part of the furniture and fixings.

PE KIT – Last summer's heatwave meant that we relaxed the uniform and allowed the children to come to school in their PE kits. There were unexpected benefits to this, so this year we are trialling 'Wear PE kit all day on PE days'. Consequently, the children can come to school, on the days that they have PE, in their PE kit. Please don't worry if this is a logistical nightmare, your children can still keep their PE kit in school and get changed during the day; it's a trial to see if it works or not and the jury is out!

'MOVING ON' – Year Six Secondary Transfer - Just a reminder to Year 6 parents that the online application system for secondary school places is now open. See www.hertsdirect.org for more details. Look up the dates for Open Evenings you want to attend – they start this week. Applications need to be in before 31st October 2026. **Please ensure your application is in on time.** If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the office and make an appointment to see me.

FRIDAY "SHARE & TELL" ASSEMBLIES – All parents are invited to attend these assemblies that begin again this week with the Juniors on **Friday 11th September** at 2.45pm. Next week, on **Friday 18th September** it's the turn of the Infants.

YEAR 2 SPORTS DEVELOPMENT – Monday 21st September – Beech class will be taking part in a morning of sports and fun at SELE school.

MACMILLAN TEA PARTY IN THE AFTERNOON – Friday 25th September 2:30pm – Rather than having the usual coffee morning, we are supporting Macmillans with an afternoon Tea Party. Cedar class are again donning their aprons and smiles to wait on the masses of children, parents and carers who we hope will turn out in their masses to support this excellent charity. Please help us by joining us in the afternoon and sending in cakes and biscuits for us to sell.

Also, please do go and say hello to our fabulous FRIENDS on their special table!

'MEET THE TEACHER' – Wednesday 14th October and Wednesday 21st October – This is an opportunity to see how your child has settled into their class. Excitingly, with our children being taught in single year groups, you'll be able to choose either date! Appointment times to be sent out nearer the time. These are set dates, and due to high numbers of children, teachers will be unable to make alternative appointments.

EYFS AND KS1 HARVEST ASSEMBLY — Tuesday 20th October – 9.00 to 9.30am

KS2 HARVEST ASSEMBLY — Thursday 22nd October – 9.00 to 9.30am

Once again, our Harvest Assemblies are supporting 'The Trussel Trust' local Foodbank in Harlow. In a world dominated by international crises it's easy to forget the crisis occurring on our doorstep and it's so easy to help! Please could you send any tinned or dried food that you can spare in with your child on the morning of their Harvest Assembly and we'll deliver it to the Foodbank. For more details about the types of food they so desperately need please see their website:

<http://mrct.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,



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