6TH NOVEMBER 2026

ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Last term:
Sunshine - Susan,
Rainbow - Theo, 1J - Adaugo,
1C Richard, 2H – Eva,
2I- Leonora, 3A- Jayden,
3S- Laura, 4F - Robbie,
4G - Abdulhameed,
5A- Keziah, 5G - Ranuga,
6TS – Matthew, 6S - Diyenka

This week:
Rainbow - Adam,
Sunshine - Kai, 1J - Roan,
1C – Caleb, 2I- Pinithi,
2H - Layon, 3S - Sonia,
3A – Emmanuel A, 4G - Maya,
4F – Abraham, 5A – Patricia,
5G - Sophia, 6S – Kevin,
6TS - Mason,
Discoverers - Shivon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 10th November
Year 5 Mass at St Peters

Thursday 12th November
Reception & Year 5 - Walking to Streamwoods

Friday 13th November
9am Class 5G
2.40 Class 5A

Monday 16th November
School Photographs - Individuals & Siblings

SPORTS

Thursday 12th November
Girls' Football match vs HCFS (Home game)



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the newsletter is being finished, disco number 2 is in full flow! There is a lot of very excited shrieking coming from the hall! A huge thank you to the Friends, staff and volunteers who have organised tonight. The children are having a wonderful time.

We continue to thank you and the Friends for the events that are organised to raise funds for our school. Your money has recently contributed to:

£10,000 towards the new surfacing for the trim trail to enable it to be used all year round.
£1,300 towards new chairs for the school hall
£500 towards extra musical instruments for classes.

In today's assembly our focus was the saints and the Beatitudes. The children's challenge was to think about how they can be saints in their every day life.
We also gave out our Captains of Learning Certificates. This half term's focus is enthusiasm.

HCL have provided the new Winter menu, which has been uploaded onto the school website, under Parents > School dinners.

Mairéad Waugh
Headteacher

Boys Football – A Fantastic Comeback!

Our school football team took on the Ryde School on Thursday in their latest league fixture and came away with an excellent 4–1 victory! After going 1–0 down, the team showed fantastic togetherness, determination and resilience to turn the game around. It was also great to see the players putting into practice the areas we had worked on following our opening game defeat. Welbeck led the scoring with two goals, alongside strikes from Kevin and Ember. Special mentions must also go to Nikhil for some brilliant saves and Franky for some outstanding defending. A fantastic team performance – well done everyone!

Basketball – A Brilliant 2nd Place!

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, made up of five boys and five girls, walked over to Onslow School to take part in a basketball competition against other schools from across Hatfield. The event was a chance to compete for qualification to the district competition, with the top-performing schools progressing. Our team did brilliantly, finishing in an excellent 2nd place and securing qualification! Everyone played their part and represented the school fantastically. A special mention goes to Michaela, who finished as our top scorer with an impressive four points. Well done to all involved!





We are inviting schools across Hertfordshire to have their say on the proposed Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transit (HERT) scheme.

HERT is an ambitious plan to improve east-west travel across Hertfordshire and into Essex, creating better connections between communities, schools, employment centres, rail stations and key destinations. The HERT aims to make journeys easier, more reliable and more sustainable, with improved public transport, walking and cycling options.

As a school, your perspective is important. The views of pupils, parents, carers and staff will help us understand local transport needs and shape the future development of the programme.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to learn more and share your feedback. You may also wish to promote the consultation within your school community.

The consultation will be open until 4th December 2026.

Find out more and take part at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/HERT

Thank you for helping us shape the future of transport in Hertfordshire.

Reception Visits

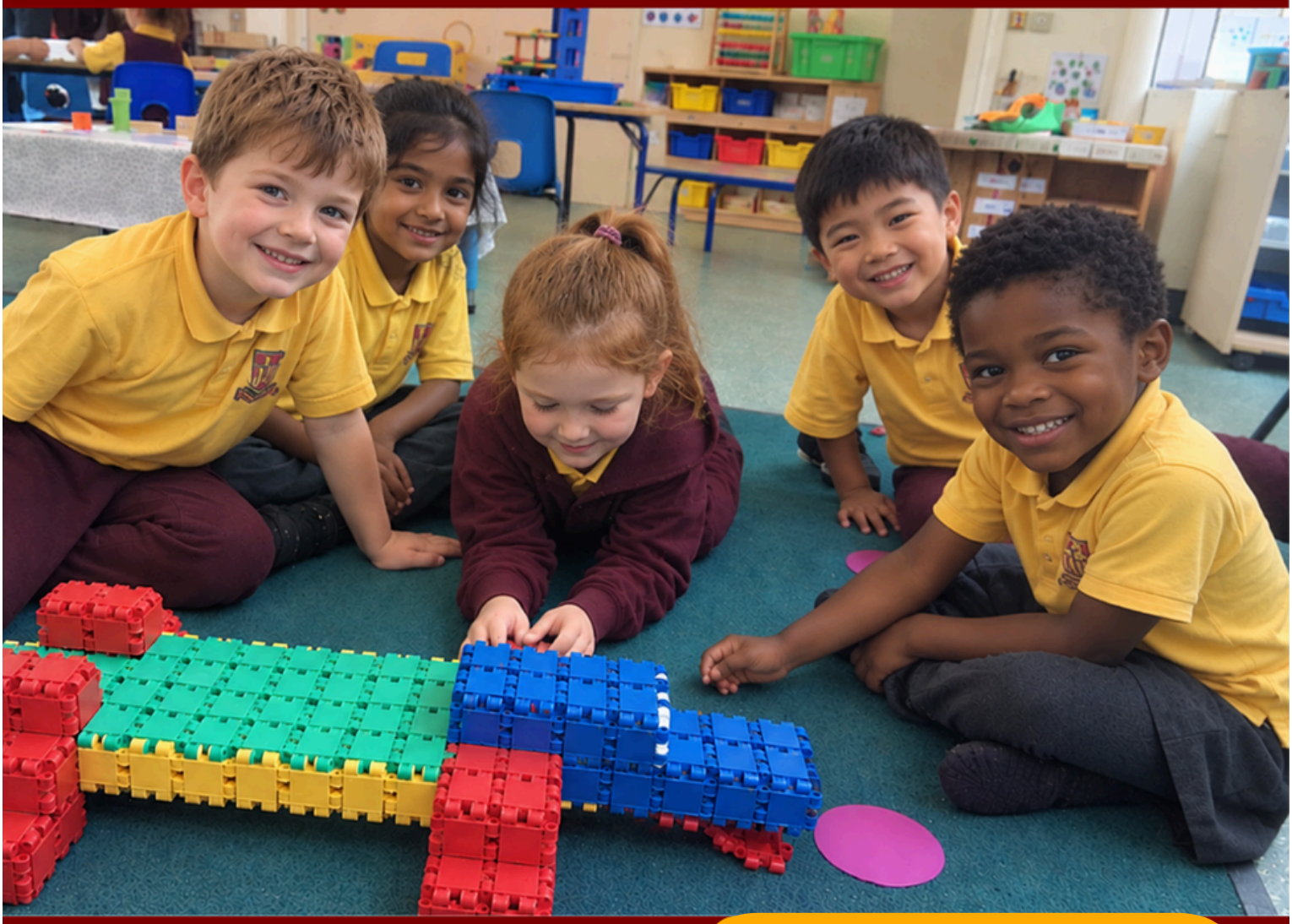
on the following dates and times: 9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 8th October

Thursday 5th November

Thursday 10th December

Thursday 7th January



Child's birth date between 01/09/22 & 31/08/23

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SAVE THE DATE - St Philip Howard Christmas Fayre



Family Support

We are pleased to inform you that we have been updating our school website and have transferred all posters, advertising Family Support Services, Family Events and Activities onto our Parent's Page.

To access additional information, please use the links available within the thumbprint posters below, or alternatively directly through our School website.



















HATFIELD PARENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Struggling withyour child's behaviourat home? Feeling stressed, tired or isolated?

Come along to one of our parent support sessions for guidance and connection. You'll have a chance to talk with a Nessie therapist, a family support worker, and other parents facing similar challenges. Together, we'll provide support, discuss concerns, problem solve, and explore strategies or resources to meet your family's needs.

Autumn Term

Hatfield Community Free School, Hatfield, AL10 8ES
Thurs 22nd October
10:00am - 12:00pm
BOOK HERE

Green Lanes Primary, Hatfield, AL10 9JY
Wed 2nd December
10:00am - 12:00pm
BOOK HERE

Spring Term

Birchwood Avenue Primary, Hatfield, AL10 0PS
Wed 3rd February '27
10:00am - 12:00pm
BOOK HERE

Hatfield Community Free School, Hatfield, AL10 8ES
Thus18 th March
10:00am - 12:00pm
BOOK HERE

Summer Term

Green Lanes Primary, Hatfield, AL10 9JY
Wed 26th May '27
10:00am - 12:00pm
BOOK HERE

Birchwood Avenue Primary, Hatfield, AL10 0PS
Thurs 1st July '27
10:00am - 12:00pm
BOOK HERE