



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe I have already completed my first year of Headship and survived! I can honestly say that we have an amazing whole school community. This year, we have achieved so much and that is down to everyone's faith, hard work, support and dedication. Thank you!

What a year!

The school has worked hard to ensure our curriculum is broad, balanced, exciting and engaging for all our children, including cooking, art, DT and music. We have ensured that the learning has been inspiring and sort opportunities to widen our children's experiences through a whole range of extra-curricular clubs, trips and visits. We have provided workshops in Science, History and Drama and worked in local industry and centres of excellence to create further learning opportunities for our children.

I was keen to develop our sense of community and strengthen the link between home and school. We have been overwhelmed with the support that the parents and relatives have shown. Class assemblies, class curriculum meetings, information sessions, parent volunteers for tips and workshops in school have been so well supported. Parents have offered their services as secret readers, supported whole school projects and attended working party meetings. The list just goes on!

I can't forget the visit from Ofsted at the start of the year. We received wonderful feedback, and they could see where the school is heading. I truly believe we have made a great start on our journey. However, all of this could not have been achieved without the help and support of each and ever member of the school community.

As you know all Catholic schools are required to convert to an academy over the next few years. We have therefore been consulting with DoWAT (Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust) and have received our Academy Order from DfE. We will give you more news as we move closer to conversion.

Sports

The school has participated in a whole host of games, tournaments and competitions this year, with amazing successes in cross country, bench-ball and basketball.

Athletics -Stevenage Champions

Netball – league winners and Annual Tournament winners

Boys' Football – Leaders of League one division one. Represented Stevenage in the county competition.

Girls' Football- Winners of the division one league. (3 leagues)



We have also had several students playing for professional junior football teams, speed skating, tennis and dancers representing their county, towns and country. Well done!

Due to the quality of teaching and sports provision of the school we have been awarded the PLATINUM Sports Award - a fantastic accolade for our school.

Music

The children have all enjoyed working with the Choral Director from Westminster. This is something that we will continue with next year. The quality of singing is truly phenomenal and celebrated in assemblies, the Year 6 end of year play and church. The choir has performed in Westminster Cathedral, in assemblies and in church.

We have extended our Music provision to offer wind, brass and violin. The whole of Year 5 took part in half a term of African drumming.

PSA

This year the PSA have raised a staggering £14,186.22. They have not only raised money for resources and projects such as our beautiful KS1 library but they provided opportunities for the community to come together. I would like to thank Laura, her team and all the volunteers that have given up their time over the past year. They have organised some great events and wonderful memories for us all.

Results

I wanted to share the results from this academic year. As you are aware there are a certain number of statutory tests that the school is required to complete. These will be made available on our website once I have the verified Herts and National data.

(Provisional data 2024)

End of EYFS

Good Level of Development	2024	2023	2022
School	71.4%	67.8%	50.8%
Herts	tbc	68.2%	64.7%
National	67%	67%	65.2%

Phonics (End of Y1)

Phonics Standard	2024	2023	2022
School	87%	78.3%	64.4%
Herts	tbc	79.8%	75.9%
National	79%	76%	75%



End of Y1 (exp – expected GDS – Greater Depth)

		Reading Exp+	Reading GDS	Writing Exp+	Writing GDS	Maths Exp+	Maths GDS	RWM Exp+
2024	School	73%	30%	70%	17%	78%	23%	tbc
	Herts	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
	National	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
2023	School	69.5%	35.6%	54.2%	6.8%	62.7%	16.9%	49.2%
	Herts	69.9%	23.5%	61.1%	10.5%	71%	18.7%	56.7%
	National	68%	18%	60%	8%	70%	15%	TBC
2022	School	77.8%	32.8%	56.9%	1.7%	72.4%	19%	51.7%
	Herts	67.9%	23.1%	58.3%	10.2%	67.6%	18%	53.9%
	National	66.9%	18%	57.6%	8%	67.6%	15.1%	53.4%

End of Y6 Writing

		Expected standard	Beyond expected standard
2024	School	85%	15%
	Herts	tbc	tbc
	National	tbc	tbc
2023	School	64.4%	3.4%
	Herts	69.6%	15.7%
	National	71%	TBC
2022	School	75%	23.3%
	Herts	68.5%	16.4%
	National	69.4%	12.8%

End of Year 6 Reading, Writing and Maths

		Reading Exp+	Reading GDS (110+)	Gram Punct & Spelling Exp+	Gram Punct & Spelling GDS (110+)	Maths Exp+	Maths GDS (110+)
2024	School	92%	33%	92%	47%	85%	45%
	Herts	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
	National	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
2023	School	69.5%	27%	78%	27.1%	69.5%	27.1%
	Herts	75.6%	33.9%	75.3%	34.3%	74.5%	28.2%
	National	73%	TBC	72%	TBC	73%	TBC
2022	School	81.7%	43.3%	78.3%	38.3%	81.7%	23.3%
	Herts	77.9%	32.8%	75.9%	32.5%	73.7%	26.4%
	National	74.5%	27.8%	72.4%	28.2%	71.4%	22.4%



Good luck to all our Year 6 as they take their next exciting steps into their new schools. We wish them all the best and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work this year. They have worked tirelessly to provide a wonderful learning environment for all. They have given up their own time to support events, clubs and certainly gone over and above in all that they do for the school.

Thank you to all the families and children of the school. You are amazing to work with and I am certainly excited about what the future of the school holds.

Of course, thank you to my Deputy Mrs Curry, Mrs Batty, Mrs Hargrave and Mrs Lorimer for all their hard work and great support.

Wishing you all a wonderful, relaxing summer. Hopefully the sun shines!



Alexandra Whitty
Headteacher

*"Lord, As we come to the end of this school year,
we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done, and we praise you for all
who have shared in the work of this school. We ask you to bless them in your love
and give them refreshment and peace
Amen"*

